

SIR, *His Majesty's Sloop Ferret, Oct. 27, 1808.*  
 I HAVE the Honour to acquaint you, that Yesterday His Majesty's Sloop under my Command, after a Chace of Four Hours, came up with and captured La Becune, French Privateer Schooner, mounting One long Nine-Pounder amidships, and Two Carronades, small Arms, &c. with a Complement of Thirty-eight Men. She is coppered, and sails very fast; out Ten Days from Martinique on a Three Months' Cruize, and has made one Capture.  
 I have the Honour to be, &c.

R. WALES.

To the Right Hon. Sir J. B. Warren, Bart. K. B.  
*Vice-Admiral of the White, and Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

Admiralty-Office, March 14, 1809.

Copy of another Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir J. B. Warren, Bart. and K. B. to the Hon. W. W. Pole, dated Bermuda, the 2d of February last.

SIR,

I HAVE inclosed a Letter for their Lordships' Information from Captain Hawker, of His Majesty's Ship Melampus, who, with his usual Activity and Zeal, has captured, after some Resistance, the French Corvette Colibri, of Fourteen Twent-four-Pounder Carronades and Two long Eight-Pounders, with a Complement of Ninety-two Men, commanded by Lieutenant de Vaisseau des Landes, and having on board Five Hundred and Seventy Barrels of Flour, and a great Quantity of Gunpowder, for the Relief of the Enemy's Islands. The above Vessel is new off the Stocks, and of a superior Class of Workmanship; coppered and fastened, and appears well calculated for His Majesty's Service.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. B. WARREN.

*His Majesty's Ship Melampus, at Sea,  
 29th January 1809.*

SIR,  
 HAVING seen the Transports in Safety to Barbadoes agreeably to your Orders, and being on my Return to the Northward on the 16th Instant, in Latitude 19° 30', Longitude 59° 39', the Melampus captured the French National Brig Le Colibri, Monf. Deslandes, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, Commander, of Sixteen Twenty-four-Pounder Carronades and Ninety-two Men, Three of which were killed, a Lieutenant with Eleven wounded, through the persevering Endeavours of her Commander to escape, who had the Temerity to return our Fire for a short Time when fairly alongside. She is quite new; from Cherbourg bound with a Cargo of Flour and Gunpowder for the Relief of St. Domingo; had taken and sunk Two English Brigs from Newfoundland to Lisbon, (the Hannibal and Priscilla of Dartmouth).

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) E. HAWKER.

*Vice-Admiral Sir John Borlase Warren, Bart.  
 &c. &c. &c.*

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Berwick.*

*Berwickshire Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry.*  
 John Pringle, jun. Esq; to be Captain. Dated January 25, 1809.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Kent.*

*Ashford Vo'unteers.*

Curteis Norwood, Gent. to be Ensign, vice John Norwood, promoted. Dated February 15, 1809.

*Commissions in the Shropshire Regular Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

Joseph Loxdale, jun. Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated January 25, 1809.

Ensign Richards to be ditto. Dated February 14, 1809.

Ensign Stokes to be ditto. Dated as above.

Edward Haslewood, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated as above.

George Cadwell, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.

Thomas Lacon, Gent. to be ditto, vice Easty, resigned. Dated as above.

*Commission in the Dorset Volunteer Infantry, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

William Bower, Esq; to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Pleydell, who has transferred his Services into the Local Militia. Dated February 27, 1809.

*Commissions in the 1st Regiment of Hereford Local Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

John Matthews, Esq; to be Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant. Dated September 24, 1808.

Thomas Cooke, Esq; to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated as above.

Thomas Downes, Esq; to be Major. Dated as above.

Charles Holloway, Esq; to be Captain. Dated as above.

John Jones, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.

William Ravenhill, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.

John Gwillim, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.

Isaac Lee, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.

Thomas Baylis, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.

William Milton, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.

Edwin Goode Wright, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.

Timothy Ravenhill, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.

John Griffiths, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.

Edmund Philips Stock, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated as above.

William Symonds, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.

Philip Cox, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.

Richard Pritchard, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.

Thomas Elliott, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.

Robert Jones, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.

Francis Gritton, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.

Charles James Dare, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.

William Barroll, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.