

and read from the Pulpits immediately after Divine Service.

Given at Our Court at the Queen's Palace, this Twenty-fifth Day of January One thousand eight hundred and ten, in the Fiftieth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, February 1, 1810.

NOTICE is hereby given, that there will be a Drawing-Room at St. James's, on Thursday next the 8th Instant.

Admiralty-Office, February 5, 1810.

THE following are Copies of Dispatches which have been received at this Office, from Vice-Admiral the Honourable Sir Alexander Cochrane, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the Leeward Islands, addressed to John Willon Croker, Esq.

Pompee, Fort Royal Bay, Martinique,  
SIR, December 11, 1809

I SEND herewith, the Copy of a Letter from Captain Ballard, of the Blonde, detailing the Particulars of an Attack on an Enemy's Privateer.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

ALEX. COCHRANE.

His Majesty's Ship Blonde, Saints,  
SIR, September 25, 1809.

THE Signal for an Enemy's Vessel was made from the Hill, standing for Basse Terre; the Boats of the Vessels named in the Margin\*, were sent in pursuit of her, under the Orders of Lieutenant Richardson, of this Ship. On their Approach she ran on Shore in a Bay between Two Batteries, which kept up a very heavy cross Fire at the Boats; but that was not an Obstacle to prevent their getting Possession of her, and attempting to tow her out, although a very large Body of Men with small Arms were firing at them out of Bushes; she was bilged, and they left her.

I beg Leave to recommend to your Notice Lieutenant Richardson, for his brave Conduct; he speaks highly of the cool and determined Valour of every Individual employed on this Service.

Mr. Thompson, Master, and one Sailor of the Blonde, were most severely wounded; the latter soon after died; Mr. Thompson's right Arm has been amputated; I hope he will do well. I beg to recommend him to your particular Notice.

I have, &c.

(Signed) V. V. BALLARD.

To the Honourable Sir A. Cochrane, K. B.  
Rear-Admiral of the Red, &c. &c. &c.

Pompee, Fort-Royal Bay, Martinique,  
SIR, 12th Dec. 1809.

THE enclosed Copy of a Letter from Captain Cameron, of His Majesty's Sloop Hazard, addressed to Commodore Fabie, in my Absence, I request you to lay before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty; the total Destruction of the Schooner Privateer mentioned therein, and the Silencing of the

\* Blonde, Facon, Scorpion.

Battery under which she was moored, was accomplished, under Circumstances of considerable Difficulty, in the Face of a formidable Force, and is highly honourable to the Parties employed.

Our Loss in this little Dash has, I am sorry to say, been severe. I have, &c.

(Signed) ALEX. COCHRANE.

His Majesty's Sloop Hazard, off St. Mary's,  
SIR, Guadaloupe, Dec. 17, 1809.

CRUISING on my Station blockading Point-a-Petre, Pelorus in Company, at Day-light this Morning I observed a Privateer Schooner, moored under the Battery of St. Mary. I immediately determined on the Capture or Destruction of her. Both Ships stood in sufficiently close to silence the Battery effectually, and cover our Boats, which were dispatched under the Orders of Lieutenants Robertson and Flinn, First of their respective Ships; and I am happy to say they succeeded in boarding her; but as she was moored to the Shore with a Chain from the Malt-head and each Quarter, finding it impossible to bring her out, they shortly after blew her up.

In justice to the Officers and Men employed on this Service, I cannot omit particularizing the very gallant Manner in which they approached the Schooner, under a very heavy Fire of Grape from the Battery, until it was silenced by the Ships, and of Grape and Musquetry from the Privateer, until they were nearly alongside, when the Enemy quitted her, and joined at long Line of Musquetry on the Beach, and Two Field Pieces, to the Fire of which they were exposed during the whole Time they were preparing to blow her up, at a Distance of not more than Ten Yards.

The Privateer had One long Eighteen-Pounder on a circular Carriage, and Two Swivels, about One Hundred Tons, and appeared to have from Eighty to One Hundred Men; she was coppered and appeared new, and left Point-a-Petre Yesterday on a Cruise. Our joint Loss has been Fifteen killed and wounded, Lists of which are enclosed; that of the Enemy must have been very considerable, as the Shore was completely lined with Musquetry, exposed to a heavy Cannonade from both Ships, as well as from the small Arms in the Boats.

I should be very deficient in my Duty was I not to mention the very gallant Style Captain Huskisson of the Pelorus supported me in totally destroying the Enemy's Battery by a joint Fire.

It is impossible for me to express my Ideas of the very gallant Manner in which Lieutenants Robertson and Flinn conducted themselves on this Occasion; and they speak in the highest Terms of Messrs. Brisbane and Hunter, Midshipmen of this Ship, Mr. Ferguson, Boatswain, and Mr. Scott, Mate of the Pelorus, who as well as every Individual employed were Volunteers on the Service.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

HUGH CAMERON.

To Commodore Fabie.

Report of Killed and Wounded on board His Majesty's Sloop Pelorus, on the Morning of the 17th October 1809.

Lieutenant Edward Flin; much hurt by blowing up the Enemy's Schooner.