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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Jan. 31.

Copy of a letter from Rear-Admiral Sir JOHN THOMAS DUCKWORTH, K. B. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Jamaica, to Sir EVAN NEPEAN, Bart. dated at Port Royal, the 26th of October 1803.

SIR,

I herewith transmit, for the information of the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty, two letters from Captain Ross, of his Majesty's ship *Desiree*, relative to vessels captured and destroyed.

I am, &c.

J. T. DUCKWORTH.

SIR, *Desiree*, Mancinelle, 19th Aug. 1803.

Having fetched into this anchorage last evening, and seeing from the mast-head, over the land, several vessels at anchor in Monte Christe roads, I dispatched the boats armed, under Lieutenant Canning, of his Majesty's ship under my command, to bring them out, which service he performed with credit, under a heavy fire from the batteries, and returned at day-light this morning, with five schooners and a sloop.

I have the honour to be, &c.

C. B. H. ROSS.

To Captain Bligh, &c.

SIR, *Desiree*, Mancinelle Bay, Sept. 4.

I have pleasure in informing you, that your boats, accompanied by those of his Majesty's ship I command, returned early this morning, having brought out of MounteChriste all the vessels at that anchorage, to the amount of six sail of schooners, under a smart fire from the batteries without loss.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES B. H. ROSS.

Captain Bligh.

[Here follows a list of vessels captured, detained, and destroyed by the Squadron under the command of Sir JOHN THOMAS DUCKWORTH, amounting to 44 French, Dutch, &c.]

[Price 6d.]

Copy of a letter from Captain WILLIAM SELBY, Commander of his Majesty's ship *the Cerberus*, to Rear-Admiral Sir JAMES SAUMAREZ, dated on board his Majesty's ship *the Cerberus*, off Cape La Hague, 26th January 1804.

SIR,

In pursuance of your orders, I yesterday at one P. M. weighed in his Majesty's ship *Cerberus*, under my command, from Guernsey Roads, and having passed through the Little Ruffel, I shaped a course for Cape La Hague; in order, if possible, to look into Cherbourg before dark; in our approach to the above Cape, we discovered a convoy of the enemy, consisting of four armed vessels, steering to the eastward. We had the good fortune to cut them off before they reached the Cape, which obliged them to anchor. The strength of the tide prevented our reaching them.

I therefore hauled the wind to the southward, under a press of sail, until after dark, when we bore up for Cape La Hague, and at midnight saw them coming round the Cape, but so close to the land that it was considered dangerous to take the ship near them. However, a heavy squall of wind driving them a little further from the shore, we succeeded in capturing the national gun-vessel *Le Chameau*, and driving one on the rocks; the rest effected their escape, owing to the vicinity of the rocks, which at that time was not more than a cable's length from us.

The above gun-vessel is three hundred tons burden; is quite new; carrying four long six-pounders and two swivels, and commanded by Francis Galliare Ensigne de vaisseau, having on board at the time of capture fifty-eight men, twenty-one of which are soldiers, fully accoutred. She is calculated to carry between two and three hundred troops, and appears to be a gun-vessel fit for his Majesty's service.

I have the honour to be, &c.

WILLIAM SELBY.

WHITEHALL, Jan. 31.

The King has been pleased to appoint Mr Robert Jameson to the office of Regius Professor of Natural History, and Keeper of the Museum, or Repository of Natural Curiosities in the University of Edinburgh, vacant by the death of Dr John Walker.

ORDNANCE OFFICE, Jan. 26.

Royal Artillery.

Captain-Lieutenant Joseph Brome to be Adjutant, vice Tulloh; dated November 1. 1803.

WAR-OFFICE, Jan. 28.

18th Light Dragoons—Cornet F. W. Macdougall to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Wyborn, who retires. Edward Berry to be Cornet, vice Macdougall.

1st Foot Guards—Alexander Higgenon to be Ensign, without purchase.

1st Bat. 1st Foot—Ensign James Menzies Clayhills, from the 2d battalion, to be Lieutenant, vice M'Crae, deceased. Ensign L. R. Arguinbeau, from the 2d battalion, vice Grant, deceased.

7th Foot—Alexander Jaffray Hautenville to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Broadhurst, promoted in the 27th foot.

10th Ditto—Ensign Richard Burke to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Stuart, who resigns.

11th Ditto. To be Lieutenants without purchase—Ensign Robert Wren, from the 64th foot, vice Campbell, promoted. Ensign William Dunlop, from ditto, vice Mœcklet, deceased. Ensign John D. Gumbes, from the 1st battalion Royals. Ensign Robert Macdonald, from the 2d battalion Royals. Ensign John Ellis.

To be Ensign—Serjeant-Major John Danger, vice Ellis.

30th Ditto—Licut. T. B. Bamford, from half-pay of the 29th foot, to be Lieutenant.

34th Ditto—Henry Athorpe to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Baker, promoted.

39th Ditto—Ensign John Wilson Brown to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Burchier, promoted.

53d Ditto—Quarter-Master Alexander Thompson, from half-pay of the late 1st fencible cavalry, to be Ensign, vice Bannerman, whose appointment does not take place.

60th Ditto—Ensign James Barwick, from the 4th West India regiment, to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Lord Mansfield, promoted in the 44th foot.

