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### ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, April 6.

Copy of a letter from Commodore Sir SAMUEL HOOD, K.B. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at the Leeward Islands, to WILLIAM MARSDEN, Esq. dated in Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes, February 16. 1805.

SIR,  
I have the honour to transmit to you the copy of a letter from Captain Bettesworth, commander of his Majesty's sloop Curieux, detailing an account of the capture of the Madame Ernouf privateer, after a very sharp action, in which the Captain of the privateer displayed an extraordinary degree of obstinacy, and by it lost the lives of many men. The coolness and bravery of Captain Bettesworth, his officers and men, early manifested its superiority. Indeed I want words to express the gallantry and spirit of this officer, who so lately received three wounds in capturing the sloop he now commands; has again a severe wound by a musket ball in the head; and, I trust, will merit the notice of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, as an emulative and promising officer, that has gained every step by his zeal and courage.

I am, &c. SAM. HOOD.

SIR,  
Curieux, at sea, February 8. 1805.  
I have to inform you, that this morning, at break of day, Barbadoes bearing west about twenty leagues, I perceived a large brig on our lee bow, who immediately bore up and made all sail away, and after a chase of twelve hours, during which time she tried every point of sailing to escape us, we arrived within point-blank shot of her, when she took in her studding sails, and brought to on the starboard tack, hoisted French colours, and commenced a very brisk and heavy fire of great guns and small arms; on our arriving within pistol-shot, and ranging upon her weather quarter, we discharged our guns, and the

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action continued with great obstinacy on both sides, for about forty minutes, when the enemy getting on our weather quarter, I conceived, from their having in great measure left their guns, and giving three cheers, that they intended to board us; she was then steering for our leeward quarter, when we put our helm to starboard, and caught his jib-boom between our after fore-shroud and fore-mast. In this situation she remained until her decks were completely cleared, when, at the moment we were going to take possession, the vessels parted, and her foretop-mast went overboard; she continued a short time firing musketry, and then hauled down her colours, and proved to be La Dame Ernouf, of sixteen long French sixes, and one hundred and twenty men, out twenty days from Guadaloupe, and had taken one merchant ship (since retaken by his Majesty's sloop Nimrod); sails very fast, coppered, and remarkably well found; but although she carries the same number of guns, and of the same calibre as the Curieux, she is not near so large.

I can attribute her fighting so long and obstinately to nothing but the Captain being part owner, her having run, since the commencement of the war, with so much success, and her being so well manned.

His Majesty's brig had five killed, and three wounded, besides myself; of the former I have to regret the loss of a valuable officer, Mr Maddocks, the purser, who (on account of Mr Bofs, First Lieutenant, having been left behind, on leave, from the hurry of our sailing) volunteered his services, and was killed gallantly fighting at the head of the small arm men. I cannot help stating, as a tribute to the memory of so worthy a young man, that to the service, he is the loss of a very good officer, and to every body that knew him, a valuable friend and companion.

Lieutenant Bofs having been left behind, deprived me of the services of an able and gallant officer, but Lieutenant Donaldson so well supplied his place, not only by exertion at the guns, but putting the orders that were given in execution, although the only officer I had on board, but Mr Caddy master's mate, and Mr Templeton boatswain, that I did not, by their great assistance, feel the want of an individual.

The enemy had thirty killed, and forty-one wounded; and in justice to his gallantry, I must say, he never struck whilst there was a man on his decks. I have the honour to be, &c.  
G. E. B. BETTESWORTH.  
Commodore Sir Samuel Hood, K. B. &c.

### QUEEN'S HOUSE, April 5.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Mr Andrew Mathias to be Surgeon Extraordinary to her Majesty's household.

**THE AVERAGE PRICE OF SUGAR,**  
Computed from the Returns made for the week ending the 3d day of April,  
is Forty-nine Shillings and Eight Pence Farthing  
per Hundred Weight,

Exclusive of the duty of Customs paid or payable thereon on the importation thereof into Great Britain.

### TO THE CREDITORS OF

**JOHN SILVER, Merchant, Stonehaven.**  
Notice is hereby given, that the said John Silver has, with the requisite concurrence, made an application to the Court of Session for approving the composition offered by him to his creditors.  
6th April 1805.

### TO THE CREDITORS OF

**WILLIAM RAIT, Shipmaster in Stonehaven.**  
A state of the affairs of the bankrupt is now prepared, and lies in the hands of the trustee, Charles Monro, writer in Stonehaven, for the inspection of the creditors; who, on application to him, will receive payment of their dividends.

