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His Majesty's sloop Stork, off Mona, March 25, 1805.

SIR,

I have the honour to acquaint you, that the pinnacé and cutter of the *Stork*, with eighteen men, under command of Lieutenant Robertson, assisted by Lieutenant Murray, on the night of the 23d inst. cut out of the harbour of Cape Roxo, in Porto Rico, the Dutch schooner privateer *Antelope*, of five guns and fifty-four men, forty of which only were on board, and the remainder out fifteen were made prisoners, the rest making their escape by jumping into the water.

As the *Antelope* was prepared to heave down on the following day, her guns, &c. were on board a brig alongside of which she was lashed, and from the circumstance of her crew being divided between the two vessels, and prepared to defend themselves, it became necessary to board them both at once, which was effected in a very gallant manner, without any other accident on our part than that of Lieutenant Murray, and one seaman being slightly wounded.

Lieutenant Robertson, whom I have always found an active and valuable officer, appears to have conducted himself upon the present occasion with great steadiness, and I have much pleasure in acknowledging the sense I entertain of his merit, as well as that of Lieutenant Murray, and the seamen employed.

The *Antelope* is a fine vessel and a remarkably fast sailer.

I have the honour to be, &c.
(Signed) G. LE GETTE.

To Rear-Admiral Daeres, Commander in Chief.

Copy of a letter from Captain DASHWOOD, of his Majesty's ship *Bacchante*, to WILLIAM MARSDEN, Esq. dated on board the said ship at New Providence, 13th of April 1805.

SIR,

I avail myself of the opportunity of a packet sailing for England to inclose you a copy of a letter which I have this day transmitted to Rear-Admiral Daeres, Com-

mander in Chief at Jamaica, giving an account of my having captured his Catholic Majesty's schooner, *La Elizabeth*, commanded by Don Josef Fer Fexegron, of ten guns, and forty-seven men. Also of a most gallant exploit performed by Lieutenant Oliver, in storming and taking a fort, in order to effect the capture of three French privateers, supposed to be lying in the harbour of Mariel, on the island of Cuba; and who, from their piratical depredations, had much injured the trade of his Majesty's subjects, as well as the commerce of neutral nations; and although the object of the expedition was not fully obtained, in consequence of their having failed the evening previous to the attack, yet still, I trust, the bold and manly conduct displayed by Lieutenant Oliver will be honoured with the approbation of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty; and although Lieutenant Campbell had not the good fortune to share in the glory of this well intended enterprise, yet great credit is due to his intentions and exertions. Lieutenant Oliver speaks in the highest terms of commendation of the spirit and alacrity of the Honourable Almeida De Courcy, as well as the whole of his intrepid crew.

I have the honour to be, &c.

C. DASHWOOD.

Bacchante, New Providence, April 13, 1805.

SIR,

I have the honour to acquaint you, that, on the 3d instant, his Majesty's ship under my direction captured, off the Havannah, his Catholic Majesty's schooner *La Elizabeth*, of ten guns and forty-seven men, commanded by Don Josef Fer Fexegron. She was charged with dispatches from the Governor of Pensacola, which were thrown overboard previous to her surrendering.

Having received information that there were three French privateers in the harbour of Mariel (a small convenient port a little to the westward of the Havannah), which had annoyed most considerably the trade of his Majesty's subjects, transiently passing through the Gulph, I determined, if possible, to rout this band of pirates; for,

from their plundering and ill treating the crew of every vessel they met with, most particularly the Americans, they were nothing better; and Lieutenants Oliver and Campbell having, in the most handsome manner, volunteered their service on this hazardous occasion, I dispatched these excellent officers, accompanied by the Honourable Almeida de Courcy, midshipman, on the evening of the 5th instant, in two boats, and as it was absolutely necessary to gain possession of a round tower near forty feet high, on the top of which were planted three long twenty-four pounders, with loop holes round its circumference for musketry, and manned with a Captain and thirty soldiers, I gave directions to attack and carry the fort previous to their entering the harbour, so as to enable them to secure a safe retreat. Lieutenant Oliver, the senior officer, being in the headmost boat, finding himself discovered, and as not a moment was to be lost at such a critical period, most nobly advanced, without waiting for his friend, landed in the face, and in opposition to a most tremendous fire, without condescending to return the salutation, mounted the fort by a ladder which he had previously provided, and fairly carried it by a coup de main with thirteen men, leaving Mr De Courcy, with three others, to guard the boat, with an accident to only one brave man (George Allison) wounded, who was unfortunately shot through the body before the boat touched the ground, but I am happy to say, from the care and attention of Mr Williams, the surgeon, he is already rapidly recovering. The enemy had two killed and three wounded.

Lieutenant Oliver, leaving Serjeant Denflow, of the marines (who, from his bravery and good conduct, deserves great praise), with six men to guard the fort, and having been rejoined by Lieutenant Campbell, dashed on to attack the privateers, but to their great mortification found they had failed the day previous on a cruise; he was therefore obliged to be contented with taking possession of two schooners, laden with sugar, which he most gallantly brought away from alongside a wharf, in spite of repeated discharges of musketry from the troops

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