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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, June 22.

Copy of a letter from Rear-Admiral DRURY to WILLIAM MARSDEN, Esq. dated on board the Trent, in Cork harbour, the 13th instant.

SIR,

You will please to acquaint the Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty of the arrival, this day, of his Majesty's ship Loire, and three privateers, two Spanish and one French.

I herewith transmit Captain Maitland's letter, inclosing one from Lieutenant Yeo, First Lieutenant of the Loire, giving an account of the capture of the above vessels, as well as of his most judicious and prompt decision in entering the bay of Muros; and by the most active and daring gallantry on the part of Captain Maitland and Lieutenant Yeo, and the officers and ships company of the Loire, taking the forts which defended the bay; the particulars of which are therein detailed; also another letter from Captain Mairland, describing the very gallant attack made by Lieutenant Yeo, in the boats of the Loire, on a Spanish felucca and small privateer, under the enemy's batteries, accompanied with lifts of the killed and wounded, and a list of vessels captured and destroyed.

I have the honour to be, &c.
W. B. DRURY.

SIR, His Majesty's ship Loire, off Cape Finisterre, June 2.

I have to inform you, that, after delivering the dispatches Lord Gardner charged me with to Sir Robert Calder, in stretching to the westward to regain my station, a small vessel was discovered standing into the bay of Camarinas, to the eastward of Cape Finisterre. Being quite calm after dark, I sent the launch and two cutters, under Mr Yeo, First Lieutenant, assisted by Lieutenant Mallock of the marines, and Messrs

Clinch, Herbert, and Mildridge, Midshipmen, to endeavour to bring her out. From the intricacy of the passage, the boats did not get up till break of day, when they found two small privateers, moored under a battery of ten guns; undaunted, however, by a circumstance so little expected, Mr Yeo ordered the launch, commanded by Mr Clinch, to board the smallest, while he, with the two cutters, most gallantly attacked and carried the largest, a felucca armed with three eighteen-pounders, four four-pounder brass swivels and fifty men.

The launch had the same success in her attack, the fort immediately opened a fire, so ill directed, however, as to do little damage. Being still perfectly calm close under the guns of the battery, and no possibility of receiving assistance from the ship; Mr Yeo was under the painful necessity of abandoning the smallest vessel, a lugger of two six-pounders, and thirty-two men, to secure the felucca, which, I happy to add, was effected with only three men, William Turner, James Gardner, Quarter-master, and John Maynes, marine, slightly wounded.

The loss on board the lugger cannot be ascertained. When the crew of the felucca was mustered, nineteen out of fifty were missing, some of whom had jumped overboard, but the greatest part were killed by the pike, there being no weapons used but the pike and sabre.

When we call to mind the inequality of force, officers included, there being not more than thirty-five of the Loire's opposed to eighty Spaniards, with their vessels moored to the walls of a heavy battery, it must be allowed to confer the greatest credit on the officers and men employed on the service.

Mr Yeo, in coming out, took possession of three small merchant vessels, but finding their cargoes consisted only of small wine for the enemy's

squadron at Ferrol, I have destroyed them. The name of the privateer captured is the Esperanza alias San Pedra of Corunna. She is quite new, only out four days, and was victualled and stored for a cruize of one month.

Mr Yeo assures me, that he was assisted by Mr Mallock, with the greatest bravery, and gives the highest praise to Mr Clinch for the gallantry and promptness with which he carried his orders into execution in the launch. He also speaks in the warmest terms of the officers and other men under his command.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) FRED. MAITLAND.

Rear-Admiral Drury, &c. Cork.

SIR, His Majesty's ship Loire at anchor, Muros Road, Spain, June 4. 1805.

Being informed that there was a French privateer, of twenty-six guns, sitting out at Muros, and nearly ready for sea, it struck me, from my recollection of the bay (having been in it formerly, when Lieutenant of the Kingsfisher), as being practicable either to bring her out or destroy her, with the ship I have the honour to command; I accordingly prepared yesterday evening for engaging at anchor, and appointed Mr Yeo, First Lieutenant, with Lieuts. Mallock and Douglas of the Marines, and Mr Clinch, Master's Mate, to head the boarders and marines, amounting, officers included, to 50 men (being all that could be spared from anchoring the ship and working the guns), in landing and storming the fort, though I then had no idea its strength was so great as it has proved. At nine this morning, on the sea-breeze setting in, I stood for the bay in the ship, the men previously prepared being in the boats ready to shove off. On hauling close round the point of the road, a small battery of two guns opened a fire on the ship; a few shot were returned, but per-

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