

teenth of March last, and being on my way to carry into effect the latter part of it, I have the honour to acquaint you, that at eleven A. M. or Friday the twentieth ult. being in latitude twenty-one deg. fourteen min. N. and longitude seventy-one deg. thirty min. west, a ship was seen to leeward standing (under easy sail) to the north west; all sail was instantly made in chase, and the stranger soon discovered to be an enemy, who, upon our approach, shortened sail, evidently with an intention to engage us; at twenty minutes past two P. M. having reduced our sail, I closed with the enemy, who opened his fire upon us, but not a gun was fired from this ship until within pistol shot, at which distance she was placed on the enemy's weather-bow, when a fire commenced that reflects infinite praise on the officers who directed it, for at the short period of thirty-five minutes, the enemy was discovered to be on fire, and in ten minutes after blew up with a dreadful explosion. Every possible exertion was now made to get the only boat that could swim to the relief of the few brave but unfortunate survivors, who had just before so gallantly defended themselves, and who were now seen all around us, on the scattered remnants of the wreck, in a mangled and truly distressing state; but it is with pleasure I add, that of the few who escaped the flames, not a man was drowned, amounting to fifty-five.

The ship proved to be the General Erneuf, a privateer, late his Majesty's sloop Lilly, commanded by Monsieur Paul Gerard Pointe, seven days from Basseterre, Guadaloupe, carrying eighteen twelve-pounder carronades, and two long guns (four more than when in his Majesty's service), with a complement of one hundred and sixty men (thirty-one of whom were soldiers), going to cruise for the homeward bound Jamaica fleet.

The enemy's loss was great before the melancholy scene that put an end to the action, having between twenty and thirty men killed and wounded; and I am singularly happy to acquaint you that mine is inconsiderable, nine men only being wounded, some slightly, I hope none dangerously. The steady, cool, and determined conduct of the officers and men serving under my orders, was truly meritorious, and gives them just claims on every commendation that is in the power of their Commander to bestow. Our sails, running, and standing rigging have suffered much, the enemy's fire being principally directed against them. The second Captain and one Lieutenant are the only surviving officers. This ship cruized with great success against the trade of his Majesty's subjects, having made six valuable captures on her former cruise.

I have the honour to be, &c.

JEREMIAH COGHLAN.

To James Richard Dacres, Esq. Rear-Admiral of the Red, &c.

Copy of another letter from Rear-Admiral Dacres to WILLIAM MARSDEN, Esq. dated on board L'Hercule, at sea, the 9th May 1805.

SIR,

I have the honour to inclose you the copy of a letter I have received from Captain Hardy-

man, of the Unicorn, acquainting me of the boats of that ship having captured the Tape-a-bord, cutter privateer.

I am, &c. J. R. DACRES.

His Majesty's ship Unicorn, at sea, May 6, 1805.

SIR,
I beg leave to inform you of the capture of the French national privateer Le Tape-a-bord, mounting four six-pounders, well armed, and carrying forty-six men, commanded by Citizen Hemiguelth, by the boats of his Majesty's ship under my command, on the north side of St Domingo, Cape Francois bearing S. W. by S. distance eight or nine leagues. On the morning of the 6th inst. a strange sail was seen on the larboard bow, distance seven or eight miles; having then light airs, and inclinable to calm, and perceiving the stranger was using every effort with his sweeps to escape, and apparently full of men, and no hopes of my closing with his Majesty's ship, I directed Henry Smith Wilson, first Lieutenant, with four boats, assisted by James Tait and Henry Bouchier, second and third Lieutenants backed by the volunteer services of Thomas Tud, or Tucker, a passenger belonging to his Majesty's ship Northumberland, Walter Powell, Lieutenant of marines, and Charles Rundle, purser of his Majesty's ship under my command, to proceed with the boats, and endeavour to come up with the chase. The cool and determined manner in which this service was performed, after a pull of many hours, and the strong opposition they met with from the well directed fire of the guns and musketry, kept up by the privateer, induces me thus publicly to express my approbation of every officer, seaman, and marine engaged on this service; and I am happy to add, that no lives were lost upon the occasion.

This privateer was from Samana, on a cruise, out ten days, without taking any thing.

I am, &c. L. T. HARDYMAN.
Co Rear-Admiral Dacres, &c. Jamaica.

NOTICE.

WE, JOHN LAIDLAW, Builder, residing at Bonnington Mills, and WILLIAM MINNES, Builder, residing on Leith Walk, having carried on business in the BUILDING LINE in Company from the 17th February 1804 to May 24th 1805, do hereby intimate, That our said Copartnership was Dissolved by mutual consent, upon the year and day of May aforesaid. Mr Laidlaw has full power to receive and discharge all debts due the Company, and he will pay those due by it.

Signed JOHN LAIDLAW.
WM. MINNES.

EDINR. 19th June 1805.

NOTICE.

THE Business carried on here, under the firm of FETTES & MILL, has been Dissolved for some time.—It will in future be continued as formerly, by Mr Mill, on his own account. He is authorized to receive and discharge all debts due to the Company, and by whom payment will be made of all claims on them.

WM. FETTES.
JOHN MILL.

EDINBURGH, 22d June 1805.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

DANIEL WRIGHT, Slater in Canon-gate, Edinburgh.

A state of the bankrupt's affairs may be seen at the house of Patrick Russell, W. S. the trustee, No. 43. George Street, Edinburgh; but the funds will not afford any dividend at this time, as directed to be made by the statute.

TO THE CREDITORS OF SAMUEL M'CAULL, late Merchant in Kirkcudbright.

Robert Macmillan, writer in Edinburgh, the trustee, hereby gives notice, that states of the bankrupt's affairs lie in his hands for the inspection of the creditors, preparatory to a second dividend, in terms of the act of Parliament; but that no dividend can be declared at this time, owing to the involved situation of the bankrupt's concerns.—The trustee hopes, however, to be able to make a second dividend soon, of which due notice will be given.
EDINR. 25th June 1805.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

JOHN BURNTHWAITE, late Cotton Spinner in Glasgow.

John Gillies, trustee on the sequestrated estate of the said John Burnthwaite, hereby intimates, that he has made up a second scheme of ranking amongst the creditors who have lodged their claims; and that the same will lie open at his counting-house, Wilson-street, until Wednesday the 10th day of July next, for the inspection of the creditors, upon which day he requests a meeting of the creditors, at 12 o'clock noon, in his counting-house, when they will receive a final dividend.

GLASGOW,

Wilson-street, 22d June 1805.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

WILLIAM M'KENNAY, Wood Merchant in Maybole.

By appointment of the Lords of Council and Session, Ebenezer Donaldson, the interim factor on the sequestrated estate of the said William M'Kennay, again intimates to all concerned, that another meeting of the said creditors is to be held, upon Saturday the 6th day of July next, within the house of Miss Pyper, vintner in Maybole, at 12 noon, for the purpose of again electing a trustee or trustees in succession upon the said sequestrated estate—the election on the 15th June curt. having been found to be irregular.
EDINBURGH, 24th June 1805.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

WILLIAM MORISON, Writer and House Builder in Edinburgh.

That the said William Morison, with concurrence of the trustee upon his sequestrated estates and of his whole creditors, has made application to the Court of Session for a discharge of all debts contracted by him previous to the dates of the sequestrations, on the 19th December 1789 and 30th December 1794, in terms of the statute, and to get the sequestrations recalled, and his estates restored to him, as he formerly held and enjoyed the same: Of which this public notice is given by order of Court.
EDINR. 25th June 1805.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

WILLIAM IRVINE, Merchant in Edinburgh.

William Cooper, merchant in Edinburgh, trustee on the sequestrated estate of the said William Irvine, hereby intimates, that states of the bankrupt's affairs lie for the inspection of the creditors at his ware-room, Drummond-street, until the 21st July next, but no dividend can take place at this time.
EDINBURGH, 20th June 1805.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

ALEXANDER PATERSON, Merchant in Thurso.

The trustee hereby intimates, that a general meeting of the creditors is to be held, within the house of Robert Rylie, vintner in Thurso, upon Wednesday the 24th July next, at 12 o'clock noon, when states of the affairs will be laid before the meeting, in order to receive their instructions as to the period for the first dividend, and on other matters of importance.
25th June 1805.

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