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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE—July 27. 1805.

Copies of the following letters, addressed to Rear-Admiral Dacres, Commander in Chief at Jamaica, have been transmitted by him to William Marsden, Esq.

SIR, Surveillante, May 3. 1805.

I beg leave to inform you, that his Majesty's ship under my command has this day, in lat. 20 deg. 37 min. N. long. 82 deg. 36 min. W. captured the Spanish schooner privateer El Refusco, mounting 3 guns, and having on board 53 men. She has been out 15 days, and taken nothing.

I have the honour to be, &c.

JOHN BLIGH.

His Majesty's sloop Peterel, May 13. 1805, off St Jago de Cuba.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you, his Majesty's sloop under my command captured this day, at four A. M. after a chase of two hours, a remarkable fine Spanish privateer schooner, carrying a long eighteen pounder and four sixes, and had on board 106 men. She failed from St Jago 24 hours previous to her falling into our hands, and had taken nothing.

I have the honour to be, &c.

J. LAMBORN.

His Majesty's ship Racoon, off Lucca, May 13. 1805.

SIR,

I beg leave to acquaint you, on the 11th instant, being at the anchorage of Montego Bay, observed an enemy's schooner boarding a droger. I immediately slipped and gave chase; but, from her superiority in rowing and sailing in light winds, she effected her escape with her prize into Cape Cruz. On my return to this station, I had the good fortune to fall in with, and capture the Spanish Felucca privateer San Felix El Socoro, had 40 men on board, and one six-pounder thrown

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overboard in chase, out from St Jago 11 days, and had taken but one droger.

I have the honour to be, &c.

EDWARD CROFTON.

SIR, His Majesty's ship Seine, off Heniaga, April 30. 1805.

This afternoon, I captured La Perseverante French schooner privateer, after a chase of three hours. She is a remarkable fast sailing fine vessel, three years old, new coppered and fastened with composition bolts, of large dimensions, has 4 four-pounders, and 1 long twelve, her complement 90 men, and had 84 on board when taken. She has been out 12 days from Guadaloupe, and captured an English sloop the Apollo of Bermudas. I have the honour to be, &c.

DAVID ATKINS.

N. B. The Packet was in company with me at the capture of the privateer, and rendered essential service.

SIR, Seine, off Aguadilla, Porto Rico, May 27. 1805.

This morning, Lieutenant Bland of marines, commanding the Seine's barge, captured the Spanish schooner Conception of 2 guns long six-pounders and 10 men. She had many passengers on board, who assisted in making some resistance, but they could not withstand the gallant attack of the barge. The passengers escaped in a small boat. The Conception is from Santa Maxta Martha, laden with logwood, a new schooner, and sails very fast. The prisoners, nine in number, appear sickly, and I shall land them immediately to prevent the introduction of disease into the Seine, which I trust will meet your approbation.

I have the honour to be, &c.

DAVID ATKINS.

His Majesty's ship Heureux, Port Royal, Jamaica, June 3. 1805.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you, that, on the 31st ult. off Cape Nichola Mole, I fell in with and captured the French Felucca privateer La Desiree, of 1 carriage gun and 40 men.

I have the honour to be, &c.

G. YOUNGHUSBAND.

His Majesty's ship Blanche, off Point Nevea, St Domingo, June 10. 1805.

SIR,

I beg leave to acquaint you of my having this morning captured L'Amitie French national schooner, Monsieur Francis Dupuis, Lieutenant de Vaisseau commander, pierced for 14 guns and 85 men, with dispatches from General Ferrand to St Jago de Cuba, after a chase of 11 hours.

L'Amitie is a remarkable fine vessel, coppered and fastened; and in every respect fit for his Majesty's service. During the chase she threw overboard 1 long brass eighteen and 6 six-pounders.

I am, &c.

ZACHARY MUDGE.

To Rear Admiral Dacres, Commander in Chief. [Rear-Admiral Dacres also transmits to William Marsden, Esq. a list of vessels captured, recaptured, and destroyed, between 1st March and 1st June 1805, amounting to thirty-three.]

Copy of a letter from Captain Poyntz, Commander of his Majesty's ship the Melampus, to William Marsden, Esq. dated in Plymouth Sound the 22d inst.

SIR,

I beg you will be pleased to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty of my arrival at this port with the Hydra, prize to the Melampus; for the particulars of which I beg to refer you to a copy of my letter to Admiral Cornwallis, herewith inclosed.

I am, &c.

STEPHEN POYNTZ.

Melampus, Plymouth-Sound, July 22, 1805.

SIR,

I have the honour to acquaint you, that, in execution of Admiral Lord Gardner's order

