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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE—March 27.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Dacres, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Jamaica, to William Mariden, Esq. dated at Port Royal, the 15th of January 1806.

SIR,
It is with pleasure I transmit, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the copy of a letter which I have received from Captain Hall, of the Malabar, inclosing one from Captain M'Kenzie, of the Wolfe, whose conduct on this occasion I feel highly meritorious. Their Lordships, always ready to reward merit, will, I am sure, shew their approbation of Captain M'Kenzie's zeal and activity.

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

His Majesty's ship Malabar, off Port Azarades, Island of Cuba, Jan. 2. 1806.

SIR,
I have the greatest satisfaction in having it in my power to acquaint you, that his Majesty's ship under my command, and his Majesty's sloop Wolfe, have this day captured Le Regulateur and Le Napoleon, two of the largest French schooner privateers out of St Jago, protected by a double reef of rocks. Captain M'Kenzie, whose vigilance deserves every praise, saw one of them go in this morning. On coming off the port I sent the Master to sound for anchorage, who found a passage on the reef, through which the Wolfe was successfully conducted, and most ably anchored within musket-shot of the enemy, attended by the boats of both ships manned and armed. Le Regulateur was armed with a brass eighteen-pounder, four six-pounders, and manned with eighty men. Le Napoleon was armed with one long nine-pounder, two twelve-pounder carronades, and two four-pounders, and manned with sixty-six men; and it is but justice to say, they were well defended, the action continuing without intermission an hour and three quarters, when the survivors of the crews abandoned them, and landed in the woods, four only being made prisoners, one of whom is mortally wounded. They were then towed without the reefs, when the Regulateur (a remarkable fine schooner) sunk, and I am sorry to say Thomas Smith, a marine belonging to his Majesty's ship under my command, went down in her; except this man I have not sustained any loss. The officers, seamen, and marines of the Malabar discharged their duty most perfectly to my sa-

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tisfaction. Mr Thomas Fotheringham, the Master, deserves particular praise for having, in the shortest time; examined the passage, so that the Wolfe could be taken in, a circumstance the enemy had not the least idea could be attempted, and without which the conquest, had it been effected, must have been attended with very ferocious loss; it is therefore attributable to the gallant, cool, and able manner in which the Wolfe was conducted and fought, and which, I beg leave to offer my opinion, merits the fullest acknowledgements to Captain M'Kenzie, and likewise to his officers and ship's company.

I beg leave to inclose a copy of Captain M'Kenzie's letter to me on the occasion, with his report of killed and wounded on board the Wolfe.

I have the honour to be, &c.

ROBERT HALL.

To James Richard Dacres, Esq. Rear-Admiral of the Red, Commander in Chief.

His Majesty's sloop Wolfe, Port Azarades, January 2. 1806.

SIR,
I have the honour to acquaint you, in compliance with your orders I proceeded with his Majesty's ship under my command to cover the boats destined for the attack of the two French privateers in this port; but, on approaching, I found them moored in so advantageous a situation, and so well prepared, I thought it would be imprudent to allow them to proceed. I therefore stood in six fathoms water, within a quarter of a mile of the enemy, and opened my fire, which was continued for one hour and three quarters, when I perceived the enemy were quitting the vessels; the boats were then ordered to proceed and take possession. They proved to be Le Regulateur and Napoleon schooners; the former a most beautiful vessel, mounting one long eighteen and four six-pounders, brass, with 80 men; the other, a very fine vessel, also with one long nine, two twelve-pound carronades, two fours, and sixty-six men. It gives me infinite satisfaction to bear testimony to the cool and determined bravery displayed by every officer and man. I had the honour to command; nor can I omit expressing my warmest thanks to Mr T. Fotheringham (Master of the Malabar), for the very judicious manner in which he conducted the ship to anchor; and also the officers and crew of the Malabar's launch and jolly-boat, who volunteered their services at the guns.

I have a most heartfelt satisfaction in having so small a list of killed and wounded to subjoin. The loss of the enemy could not be ascertained; but, from the appearance of the decks, it must have been great. I am sorry to add, the Regulateur sunk a short time after being in our possession, by which two unfortunate wounded Frenchmen were lost.

I have the honour to remain, &c.

G. C. MACKENZIE.

Robert Hall, Esq. Captain of his Majesty's ship Malabar.

Killed and Wounded on board his Majesty's sloop Wolfe, January 2. 1806.

Killed—Joseph Taylor and Samuel M'Mackin, seamen.

Wounded—Alexander M'Dowal and Frederick Rankin, seamen; Robert Sallinger, marine; Benito Blanche, (prisoner) dangerously.

Total—2 killed and 4 wounded.

WHITEHALL, MARCH 29. 1806.

The King has been pleased to grant the dignity of a Baronet of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to Sir Thomas Louis, of Chelston, in the county of Devon, Knight, Commander of the Sicilian Order of St Ferdinand and of Merit, and Rear-Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's fleet, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

The King has been pleased to nominate and appoint the Honourable Alexander Cochran, Rear-Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's fleet, to be one of the Knights Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

QUEEN'S PALACE, DEC. 26. 1805.

The King was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on Doctor William Chambers, Bagshaw, High-Sheriff for the county of Derby.

