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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE—April 15. 1806.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir J. T. Duckworth, K. B. to William Marfden, Esq. dated Superb, Port Royal, Jamaica, Feb. 16. 1806.

SIR,

Captain Henry, of the French ship Diomede, which ran on shore, and I afterwards ordered to be burnt, being, with his officers, among the prisoners refused the afternoon of the 9th. before that event took place, he approached to offer Captain Keats, which he, from the report which had been made to me by Sir Edward Berry, and except in the act of hailing, confirmed by Captain Dunn, that the ship had struck before she run on shore, it was disdainfully refused. This of course made explanation necessary on my side; and I acquainted Captain Henry that I had marked his dishonourable conduct in my public letter; when feeling, as he appeared to do, like a man of honour, and referring to his officers and ship's company, they gave the strongest testimony that the pendant was always flying, though the ensign was shot away; and this, from strict investigation since my arrival here, appears to be the case; and as Sir Edward Berry is not present to refer to, and the Commodore in the Brave allows he hailed the Agamemnon, and what has been recited passed between them, I have no doubt that the Diomede has been mistaken for the Brave, by her ensign being down. I therefore, Sir, feeling that character is much more valuable than life, am to beg the heavy charge on Captain Henry may be done away, in such a manner as in their Lordships judgment may appear most proper.

I am, &c.

J. T. DUCKWORTH.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Dacres, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Jamaica, to William Marfden, Esq. dated on board his Majesty's ship Shark, Port Royal, Feb. 9. 1806.

SIR,

I have the pleasure to inclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the copy of a letter received from Captain Dashwood, of his Majesty's ship Franchise, giving an account of the behaviour of Lieutenants Fleming and Douglas, and Lieutenant

Price 6d.

Mends, of the marines, of that ship, with the boats crews, who in so determined a manner cut out of the Bay of Campeachy his Catholic Majesty's brig Raposa, against such superior force and opposition. I trust their Lordships will think their conduct worthy of their approbation.

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

His Majesty's ship Franchise, at anchor, off Campeachy, January 7. 1806.

SIR,

Having received information from a neutral, that several Spanish vessels had very lately arrived in the Bay of Campeachy, and conceiving it practicable, from the local knowledge I had of that place, that they might be cut out without running much risk; I have presumed in consequence to extend the limits of the orders with which you honoured me, and proceeded to this anchorage; and although I am well aware of the great responsibility, yet, as it was undertaken solely with a view of forwarding the King's service, by distressing his enemies, so I have the vanity to hope it will be sanctioned with your high approbation.

I have therefore the honour to report that I last evening anchored the Franchise in quarterless four fathoms, a-breast the town of Campeachy, and as it was impossible, from the shallowness of the water, to approach nearer to the shore than five leagues, I dispatched the senior Officer, Lieutenant John Fleming, accompanied by Lieutenant P. J. Douglas, the third, Lieut. Mends of the marines, and Messrs Daly, Lamb, Chalmers, and Hamilton, Midshipmen, in three boats, with orders to scour the Bay, and bring off such of the enemy's vessels as they might fall in with. But from the distance they had to row, joined to the darkness of the night, and the uncertainty of their position, it was four o'clock in the morning before they could possibly arrive, long after the rising of the moon, which unfortunately gave the enemy warning of their approach, and ample time for preparation, even to the tricing up of their boarding nettings, and projecting sweeps to prevent the boats from coming alongside; and although the alarm was thus given from one end of the bay to the other, and instantly communicated to the Castle on shore, yet nothing could damp the ardour and

gallantry of the officers and crew who had volunteered on this (as it ultimately proved) hazardous service, for that instant two of his Catholic Majesty's brigs, one of 20 guns and 180 men, the other of 12 guns and 90 men, accompanied by an armed schooner of eight, and supported by seven gun boats of two guns each, slipped their cables, and commenced a most severe and heavy cannonading on the three boats, which must soon have annihilated them, had not Lieutenant Fleming, with great presence of mind and unchecked ardour, most boldly dashed on, and instantly laid the nearest brig on board. He was so quickly supported by his friend, Lieutenant Douglas, in the barge, and Mr Lamb, in the pinnace, that they carried her in ten minutes, notwithstanding the very powerful resistance they met with. The whole of this little flotilla pursued them for some distance, keeping up a constant fire of guns and musketry, which was so smartly returned both by the brig and boats, that they soon retired to their former position, leaving Lieutenant Fleming in quiet possession of his prize, which proved to be the Spanish Monarch's brig Raposa, pierced for 16, but only 12 guns mounted, exclusive of cohorn, swivels, and numerous small arms, with a complement of 90 men, but only 75 actually on board; the Captain John Joaquin de la Cheva, with the senior Lieutenant, the civil officers, and a boat's crew being absent on shore. She appears to be an almost new vessel, coppered, sails well, and, in my humble judgment, admirably calculated for his Majesty's service. It is with the most heartfelt satisfaction I have to announce, that this service was performed without the loss of a single man, and only seven slightly wounded. But I lament to say that that pleasure is in a great measure damped by the great effusion of blood on the part of the enemy, they having had an officer and four men killed, many jumped overboard and drowned, and the Commanding Officer and twenty-five wounded, many of whom, I am sorry to add, are, in the Surgeon's opinion, mortally. I have therefore, from motives of humanity, sent the whole of them on shore with a flag of truce, where the brave but unfortunate wounded can be better taken care of, which, I trust, you will approve. Lieutenant



Fleming speaks in the highest terms of approbation of the prompt and gallant support he met with from Lieutenants Douglas and Mends, as well as the other officers and crew under his orders. Indeed there was not a man on board but was anxious to be of the party; and I am sorry I could not indulge Lieutenant T. J. Pefchell, the Second, but his presence was absolutely necessary on board.

To an Officer of your discriminating judgement, I trust I shall stand excused if I take the liberty of recommending Lieutenant Fleming to your notice for his meritorious conduct on this occasion. He appears to me to be an Officer of distinguished merit and bravery, and I understood he was highly respected by his late Captain, the good, the amiable, and my gallant predecessor, the Hon. John Murray

I have the honour to be, &c.

C. DASHWOOD.

James Richard Dacres, Esq. Commander in Chief, &c.

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 on board his Majesty's sloop Shark, Port-Royal, Feb. 9. 1806.

SIR,

His Majesty's ship Magicienne (Penguin in company) having captured the Spanish packet El Carmen, I enclose you a copy of Captain Mackenzie's letter for their Lordships information. I am, &c.

JAMES R. DACRES.

His Majesty's ship Magicienne, Mona Passage, Feb. 4. 1806.

SIR,

On the 25th ult. his Majesty's ship under my command captured, after a chase of twelve hours, El Carmen Spanish packet, commanded by an Officer of the same rank as a Commander in the British navy; she is pierced for 14 guns, but had only two mounted, and 18men. The Penguin sloop was in company.

I have the honour to be, &c.

ADAM MACKENZIE.

James Richard Dacres, Esq. Commander in Chief, &c.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

ROBERT BROWN, late Merchant in Greenock.

MALCOM JOHNSTON, grocer in Greenock, trustee on the sequestrated estate of the said Robert Brown, hereby intimates, That he has made up a state of the bankrupt's affairs, in terms of the statute, which will lie in his hands, for the inspection of all concerned, till the 18th day of May next;—but no dividend can take place at present.

Greenock, April 17. 1806.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

HAMILTON YOUNG, in Barfloan, Grazier and Dealer in Cattle.

LORD POLKEMMET, Ordinary on the bills, by interlocutor, of this date, sequestrated the whole real and personal estate of the said Hamilton Young, and appointed his creditors to meet at Ayr, within the house of Wm. Stirling, vintner there, upon Friday the 25th day of April inst. at two o'clock afternoon, to name an interim factor; and at same place and hour, on Friday the 16th day of May next, for the purpose of naming a trustee—of all which intimation is hereby given.

Edinburgh, April 17. 1806.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

ALEXANDER MANSON, late Brewer in Thurso.

WILSON, merchant in Thurso, the trustee for these creditors, hereby intimates, that a general meeting is to be held, within the Sheriff-court Room of Thurso, upon Wednesday the 14th day of May next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of fixing the upset price of the brewerie, the sale of which is advertised for the day following. The trustee also intimates to the said creditors, that upon the 2d day of July next a dividend will be paid to such of the creditors as have proved their debts, on or before the first day of June next, with certification to such of said creditors as have not proved their debts, that upon said first day of June, they will be cut off from all share of said dividend.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

JOHN HAY, Merchant and Dealer in Wine, Spirits, and other Liquors, upon Leith Walk, in the county of Edinburgh.

UPON the application of the said John Hay, with concurrence of a creditor to the extent required by law, the Lord Polkemmet, Ordinary, of this date, sequestrated the whole estate of the said John Hay, and appointed his creditors to meet in the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 25th day of April current, at one o'clock afternoon, in order to name an interim factor; and again, at same place and hour, on Friday the 23d day of May next, to chuse a trustee.

April 15. 1806.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

WATSON & EWING, Manufacturers in Glasgow; and JOHN WATSON, as a Partner of said Company, and as an Individual.

THE said John Watson having, on the first day of April inst. applied to the Lord Glenlee, Ordinary on the bills, with the concurrence of James Handyside, merchant in Glasgow, the trustee, and four-fifths of the creditors in number and value, for a discharge of all debts contracted prior to the date of the said sequestration, his Lordship pronounced the following interlocutor: "Edinburgh, 1st April, 1806. The Lord Glenlee, Ordinary officiating on the bills, having heard the forefaid petition, appoints the same to be intimated upon the Walls of the Inner and Outer House, and Bill Chamber, in common form, and in the Minute Book; and likewise to be advertised in the Edinburgh Gazette, that all parties having interest may object thereto, if they think fit. (Signed) WILLIAM MILLER.

Of which this notice is given to all concerned.

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