



# Edinburgh Gazette.

Published by Authority.

FROM TUESDAY, APRIL 22, TO FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1806.

### ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, APRIL 12.

Copy of a Letter from the Earl of St Vincent, K. B. Admiral and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Fleet employed in the Channel, Soundings, &c. to Wm. Marsden, Esq. dated on board his Majesty's ship the Hibernia, off Ushant, 14th April 1806.

SIR—I yesterday received from Vice-Admiral Thornborough the letter, with its inclosure, from Capt. Lord Cochrane, of which copies are herewith transmitted, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. The gallant and successful exertions of the Pallas, therein detailed, reflect very high honour on her Captain, Officers, and Crew, and call for my warmest admiration. I am, &c.

St VINCENT.  
Prince of Wales, off Rochefort,  
9th April 1806.

My LORD—I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship a copy of a letter I have this day received from Captain Lord Cochrane, of his Majesty's ship Pallas, under my orders. It will not be necessary for me, my Lord, to comment on the intrepidity and good conduct displayed by Lord Cochrane, his officers, and men, in the execution of a very hazardous enterprise in the Garonne; a river the most difficult, perhaps, in its navigation of any on this coast; the complete success that attended it, as well as the destruction of the vessels of war mentioned in the said letter, on the coast of Arcafore, bespeaks their merits more fully than is in my power to do; to which may be fairly added, that nothing can evince more clearly the high state of discipline of the crew of the Pallas, than the humanity shewn by them to the enemy in the conflict. I have the honour to be, &c.

EDW. THORNBROUGH.

The Earl of St Vincent, &c. &c. &c.

His Majesty's Ship Pallas, off Chafaton, 8th April, 1806.

SIR—Having received information, which proved correct, of the situation of the corvettes in the river of Bourdeaux; a little after dark on the evening of the 5th, the Pallas was anchored close to the shoal of Cordovan; and it gives me satisfac-

tion to relate, that, about three o'clock, the National corvette La Tapageuse, of 14 long 12-pounders and 95 men, which had the guard, was boarded, carried, and cut out, about 22 miles above the shoals, within two heavy batteries, in spite of all resistance, by the first Lieutenant Mr Haswell, Mr Sutherland the master, Messrs Perkyns, Crawford, and Thompson, together with the quarter-masters, and such of the seamen, the serjeant, and marines, as were fortunate enough to find place in the boats.

The tide of flood ran strong at daylight; La Tapageuse made sail; a general alarm was given; a sloop of war followed; and an action continued often within hail, till, by the same bravery by which the Tapageuse was carried, the sloop of war, which had been before saved, by the rapidity of the current alone, after about an hour's firing, was compelled to steer off, having suffered as much in the hull as the Tapageuse in the rigging.

The conduct of the officers and men will be justly appreciated. With confidence I shall now beg leave to recommend them to the notice of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

It is necessary to add, that the same morning, when at anchor, waiting for the boats, (which, by the bye, did not return till next morning.) Three ships were observed bearing down towards the Pallas, making many signals; they were soon perceived to be enemies. In a few minutes the anchor was weighed, and, with the remainder of the crew, we chased, drove on shore, and wrecked, one national 24 gun ship; one of 22 guns, and La Malicieuse, a beautiful corvette of 18 guns; their masts went by the board, and they were involved in a sheet of spray.

All in this ship shewed good zeal for his Majesty's service. The warrant officers, and Mr Fattual, midshipman, supplied the place of those commissioned. The abien céof Lieut. Mappleton is to be regretted; he would have gloried in the expedition with the boats. The assistance rendered by Mr Drummond of the Royal Marines, was such as might have been expected.

Subjoined is a list of the wounded, together with the vessels captured and destroyed since the 26th ultime.

I am, Sir, &c.

(Signed) COCHRANE.

Killed.—None.  
Wounded.—Michael Molley, both arms off; Henry Crookman, in the arm; John McDonald, in the back.

Vessels taken or destroyed.—Le Defaix, Chasse Maree—Taken; L'Isle Daix, ditto—Taken; La Pomone, brig—Taken; A large brig—Burnt; A Chasse Maree—Wrecked.

National Ships.—La Tapageuse, of 14 guns and 95 men—Taken; La Malicieuse, of 18 guns—Wrecked; Imperial Ship, of 24 guns—Wrecked; Imperial Ship, of 22 guns—Wrecked.

(Signed) COCHRANE.

### ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, APRIL 22.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Lord Gardner, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Cork, to Wm. Marsden, Esq. dated on board the Trent, Cork Harbour, April 16, 1806.

SIR—Inclosed I have the honour of transmitting, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter from Capt. Bruce, of his Majesty's ship Virginie, giving an account of his having on the 9th instant, in lat. 46 deg. 49 min. N. long. 10 deg. 25 min. W. captured the Spanish schooner privateer Vengador, mounting fourteen guns, and having a complement of eighty-two men.

I understand from Lieut. Powell, who is arrived in charge of the above privateer, that she is out twelve days from Bourdeaux, and had not made any captures during that period.

I have the honour to be, &c.

GARDNER.

His Majesty's ship Virginie, at sea, 9th April, 1806, lat. 46 deg. 49 min. N. long. 10 deg. 25 min. W.

My LORD—I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship, that at six P. M. I captured a fast sailing Spanish schooner privateer, called the Vengador, mounting fourteen guns, with a crew of eighty-two men.—I have the honour to be, &c.

C. BRUCE.

To the Right Honourable Lord Gardner, Admiral of the White, Commander in Chief, &c.

