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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, APRIL 23.

Copy of a letter from Admiral Young, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Plymouth, to William Marfden, Esq. dated on board his Majesty's ship *Salvador del Mundo*, Hamoaze, April 21, 1806.

SIR—I transmit you herewith, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter which I have received from the Commander of the *Hind* revenue cutter, giving an account of his having captured the French privateer brig *L'Intrepide*, of fourteen guns, and which he brought in this morning.

I have the satisfaction to add, that the *John*, one of the brigs taken by this privateer, has been recaptured by the *Confiance*, and is arrived here.

I have the honour to be, &c. W. YOUNG.

Hind Revenue Cutter, *Catwater*, Port of Plymouth, 21st April, 1806.

SIR,—I beg you will be pleased to acquaint my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that, on Wednesday the 16th inst. having received information at Scilly, that a vessel had been captured off that island by a French brig privateer of 14 guns, I immediately got under weigh, and proceeded to sea; and on Friday the 18th, had the satisfaction of falling in with her, Scilly bearing N. N. E. three leagues; she hoisted American colours, and allowed us to approach; fired a broadside into us, and a volley of musketry; then, with a crowd of sail she attempted to get off, depending on her superior sailing; but, after a chase from nine A. M. till twelve, and a running fight from twelve to three, she struck to the *Hind* Revenue cutter under my command, and proves to be *L'Intrepide* of St Maloes, of 14 guns, eight of which had been previously put into the hold, Joseph Bourfin, commander, who, with two of the enemy, were killed, and two were dangerously wounded. She has been out twenty days, and has captured four vessels.

I have every reason to hope, that neither of them can, as yet, have got into any French port, by what I can learn from those who belonged to them, and who were taken in the *Intrepide*. She is a new vessel, and was returning from her second cruise; she has, and would have been, a great annoyance to our trade, being a very fast sailing vessel.

[Price Sixpence.]

On board of the *Hind* we have none killed or wounded; nor any damage, other than the rigging and sails being cut. I cannot do sufficient justice to the zeal and steady conduct of Mr Pitt, Chief Mate, and the Officers and men under my command. I have the honour to be, &c.

THO. MURRAY ALLAN.

Brig *Mary*, M^r Arthur, master, from Ireland, a light transport, retaken and sent into Scilly.

Admiral Young, &c. &c. &c.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, APRIL 26.

Copy of a letter from Rear-Admiral the Hon. Sir Alexander Cochrane, K. B. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at the Leeward Islands, to William Marfden, Esq. dated on board the *Northumberland*, Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes, 7th March, 1806.

SIR—I enclose, for the information of the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty, the copy of a letter from Captain Smith, of his Majesty's ship *Wolverine*, giving an account of the capture of a privateer; also the copy of a letter from Mr. Barker, commanding the *Grenada*, acquainting me of his capturing a French letter of marque.

Captain Younghusband, of his Majesty's ship *Heureux*, has also sent in here two schooner privateers which he has lately captured; but I have not yet received his official account thereof.

I have the honour to be, &c.

ALEX. COCHRANE.

His Majesty's ship *Wolverine* 60 leagues to windward of Barbadoes, Jan. 31.

SIR—I have the honour to inform you, that this morning I captured the French schooner privateer *Petite Confiance*, after a long chase. She had one large gun mounted (her two others having been thrown overboard in chase) and fifty men; a month out from Guadaloupe, and has taken nothing.

I have the honour to be, &c. J. SMYTH.

Rear-Admiral Cochrane, &c. &c.

His Majesty's Brig *Grenada*, St George's Bay, Grenada, Feb. 18, 1806.

SIR—I have the satisfaction to acquaint you, that on the 15th inst. the *Pearl Rock*, Martinique,

bearing east, distant four or five leagues, at four A. M. I discovered a suspicious vessel to the southward, to which I immediately gave chase; at seven o'clock I fired a shot at her, which she returned, and hoisted French colours, and a close action ensued. In consequence of light winds, and my being to leeward of the enemy, I dropt after several times, which prolonged the action considerably, the smoke from the guns taking the wind out of our sails. At 30 minutes past eleven, the enemy struck his colours, and found her to be the French schooner letter of marque *Prince's Murat*, having on board two 42-pounders, one 9-pounder, with several swivels and blunderbusses, and 52 men; out from Martinique 12 hours, and bound to St Domingo, laden with dry goods, negroes, &c.

I am sorry to add, Mr Atkins, the Master, a brave and good officer, who has served several years with me, is severely wounded, but, I trust, will speedily recover; and one boy, who died a few hours after the action.

The enemy had three men killed, and seven wounded.—I beg leave to observe, that the enemy's guns were mounted in such a manner, as to enable them all to bear, at the same time, in any direction, which made them very superior in weight of metal.

The enemy's masts and rigging were so much crippled, that, on the night of the 15th, both masts went by the board. The *Grenada* has suffered much in rigging: both topmasts being quite disabled, main boom shot away; both lower masts damaged, and sails cut to pieces, with the heavy showers of grape and cannon from the forty-two pounders.

The conduct of Mr Milnes, Sub-Lieutenant, Mr Atkins the Master, Mr Briggs, midshipman, (who has just served his time,) the petty officers, seamen, and a party of the 60th regiment, serving as marines, I cannot sufficiently extol their coolness, and strict attention to my directions during the action, being such as are so truly characteristic of British seamen.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JOHN BARKER.

The Hon. A. Cochrane, Rear-Admiral of the White, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c. Leeward Islands.

