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Copy of a letter from Captain MUNDAY, to Vice-Admiral Lord COLLINGWOOD.

My LORD, His Majesty's ship Hydra, at sea, 28th April 1806.

I have the honour to inform you, his Catholic Majesty's schooner Argonauta, commanded by Lieutenant Don Josef de Mendivil, and destined for Buenos Ayres, with dispatches, was captured this morning by his Majesty's ship under my command, after a chase of two hundred and thirty miles, in lat. 34. deg. 9 min. N. and long. 9 deg. 29 min. W.

She is a remarkably fine vessel of her kind, having originally carried 10 six-pounders and 2 eights, all of which, however, were taken out previous to her proceeding across the Atlantic, on the above service; at the time of capture having only 4 sixes mounted on stocks, and a complement of 20 officers and men. She is coppered, and well found in every sort of store, and appears perfectly adapted for his Majesty's service. I have the honour to be, &c.

G. MUNDAY.

Copy of a letter from Captain WALLER, to Vice-Admiral DACHES.

SIR, His Majesty's sloop Serpent, Port Royal Harbour, Jamaica, March 6, 1806.

I have the honour to inform you, that, on the 28th of November last, being off the island of Bonece, at five P. M. two sail appeared in the N. E. quarter. As they were far to windward, and night approaching, I judged, by commencing a chase at that time, there was but little prospect of keeping sight of them after close of day, I therefore continued with the ship in the same situation as when first seen till dusk, and then bore up; made all sail for Truxillo Bay, the entrance of which we reached before eleven o'clock the same night. I was induced to believe, by the direction they were steering, added to other circumstances, this was their destina-

tion. At two in the morning of the 29th, these vessels were seen rounding the east point forming Truxillo Bay, but hauling so close to the land that they were scarcely to be discerned. Experiencing a strong current, at the same time setting the ship out, and the wind also in that direction, which they avoided in shore, I found, under these great disadvantages, there was no probability of acting against them with effect without the boats, so they were instantly dispatched under the orders of Mr William Patfull, the Second Lieutenant, and Mr Charles Trace, Master's Mate, in the launch, and the cutter with Mr Samuel Nisbet, midshipman, and Mr Thomas Scriven, the purser, all of whom came forward in a very handsome manner, offering their services, as well as every man employed on this occasion. We had made them out before night; one to be a felucca, the other felucca rigged forward, but having a schooner sail aft, which convinced me they were enemy's armed vessels; I therefore directed the boats to act together, and attempt the largest first. On approaching her they received a heavy discharge from great guns and small arms, but their exertions soon caused them to board and carry their object; which proved to be a schooner built vessel and guarda costa, called the St Christóvil Pano, bearing the colours and belonging to his Catholic Majesty, from the Havannah, mounting one long traversing eighteen-pounder, two four-pounders, four brass three pounders, small arms, &c. and forty men, commanded by Don Juan Christófel Tierro, who, and twenty-five others escaped by jumping overboard and swimming on shore; Lieutenant Patfull, with the launch alone lost no time in pursuing the other, but I am sorry to say, she eluded his vigilance under cover of the night, by lowering her sails, then sweeping round the opposite side of the bay close to Lakes Keys; and at daylight was nearly under the Fort Truxillo; a Spanish

felucca privateer mounting one four-pounder and forty men; she had accidentally joined the captured vessel off Cape Antonio five days before.— I feel much pleasure in saying this service was performed without the loss of a man, and great credit is due to Lieutenant Patfull, not only for his judgement in laying the boats on board, the gallant manner he led them on, but for his active exertion respecting the pursuit; the other officers and men employed under his orders, highly merit my warmest acknowledgements, all of whom I take the liberty of recommending to your notice.

I have the honour to be, &c.

J. WALLER.

Copy of a letter from Captain BERRY, to Rear-Admiral COCHRANE.

SIR, His Majesty's ship Agmemnon, at sea, March 24, 1806.

I have the honour to acquaint you, that this morning at day-light (Martinique bearing S. 81 degrees, W. distance 170 miles), two sail were seen to windward, evidently a frigate in chase of a brig, steering large under a press of sail.— Capt. M^rKenzie of the Carysfort, soon made himself known to me by signal, and that the chase was an enemy; the Carysfort having been in chase thirty hours, and by the greatest perseverance and attention kept sight of her the whole night, the enemy manœuvring in a matterly stile the whole time. At half-past seven, finding she could not cross us, she surrendered, and proved to be the French national brig La Lutine, Monsieur Crocquet Dechauteurs commander, from L'Orient, bound to Martinique, out thirty-three days, and had not made any capture; she is a remarkably fine vessel, quite new, mounts eighteen guns, two of which were thrown overboard in the chase, is well appointed in every respect; sails uncommonly fast, and is, in my opinion, well calculated for his Majesty's service. I have, &c. E. BERRY, Captain.

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