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**ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, June 2.**

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 WILLIAM MARSDEN, Esq. dated on board the *Hibernia*, off Ushant, the 27th of last month.

SIR,

I inclose copies of letters from Captain Lord Cochrane, which were addressed to Vice-Admiral Thornbrough, and by him transmitted to me.

I am, &c.

ST VINCENT.

SIR,

His Majesty's ship *Pallas*, St Martin's road, Isle Rec, May 10, 1806.

The French trade having been kept in port of late, in a great measure by their knowledge of the exact situation of his Majesty's cruisers, constantly announced at the signal posts, it appeared to me to be some object, as there was nothing better in view, to endeavour to stop this practice. Accordingly the two posts at La Pointe de la Roche were demolished; next that of Caliola; then two in L'Ance de Repos, one of which Lieutenant Haswell and Mr Hillier, the gunner, took in a neat style from upwards of one hundred militia.

The marines and boats crews behaved exceedingly well; all the flags have been brought off, and the houses built by Government burnt to the ground.

Yesterday too, the zeal of Lieutenant Norton, of the *Friske* cutter, and Lieutenant Gregory, of the *Coast* gun brig, induced them to volunteer to flank the battery on Point d'Equillon, while we should attack it by land in the rear, but it was carried at once; and one of fifty men, who were stationed to the three thirty-six-pounders, was made prisoner, the rest escaped. The battery is laid in ruins, guns spiked, carriages burnt, barracks and magazine blown up, and all the shells thrown into the sea. The signal post of L'Equillon, together with the

house, shared the fate of the gun carriages; the convoy got into a river beyond our reach.

Lieutenant Mappleton, Mr Sutherland the master, and Mr Hillier, were with me, who, as they do on all occasions, so they did at this time whatever was in their power for his Majesty's service.

The petty officers, seamen, and marines failed not to justify the opinion that there was before reason to form; yet it would be inexcusable were not the names of the quarter-masters, Barden and Cafey, particularly mentioned, as men highly deserving any favour that can be shewn in the line to which they aspire.

I have, &c. (Signed) COCHRANE.

*Seamen slightly wounded.*

William Barden, quarter-master.  
William Coburn, seaman.

*Marine slightly wounded*

Robert Boulden.

SIR, His Majesty's ship *Pallas*, 14th May, off the Island of Oléron.

This morning when close to L'Isle d'Aix, reconnoitring the French Squadron, it gave me great joy to find our late opponent, the *Black* frigate, and her companions the three brigs, getting under sail; we formed high expectation, that the long wished for opportunity was at last arrived.

The *Pallas* remained under topsails by the wind to await them; at half past eleven a smart point-blank firing commenced on both sides, which was severely felt by the enemy. The main-top-sail yard of one of the brigs was cut through, and the frigate lost her after-sails.—The batteries on L'Isle D'Aix opened on the *Pallas*, and a cannonade continued, interrupted on our part only by the necessity we were under to make various tacks to avoid the shoals, till one o'clock, when our endeavour to gain the wind of the enemy, and get between him and the batteries, proved successful; an effectual dis-

tance was now chosen—a few broadsides were poured in—the enemy's fire slackened;—I ordered our's to cease, and directed Mr Sutherland, the master, to run the frigate on board, with intention of quality to prevent her retreat by boarding.

The enemy's side thrust our guns back into the ports, the whole were then discharged; the effect and crash was dreadful; their-decks were deserted, three pistol shots were the unequal return.

With confidence I say, that the frigate was lost to France, had not the unequal collision tore away our fore-topmast, jib-boom, fore and main top-sail yards, spritsail yard, bumpkin, cat-head, chain-plates, fore-rigging, foresail, and bower anchor, with which last I intended to hook on, but all proved insufficient. She was yet lost to France, had not the French Admiral, seeing his frigate's fore-yard gone, her rigging ruined, and the danger she was in, sent two others to her assistance.

The *Pallas* being a wreck, we came out with what little sail could be set, and his Majesty's sloop the *Kingsfisher* afterwards took us in tow.

The officers and ship's company behaved as usual; to the names of Lieutenants Haswell and Mappleton, whom I have mentioned on other occasions, I have to add that of Lieut. Robins, who has just joined.

I have the honour to be, &c.

COCHRANE.

*Killed.*

David Thompson, marine.

*Wounded.*

Mr Andrews, midshipman, very badly.  
John Coger and other three seamen, slightly.

(Signed) COCHRANE.

Copy of a letter from PIETRO MARINCQUICHI, Commander of the *Envy* privateer, to WILLIAM MARSDEN, Esq. dated Gibraltar, April 12. 1806.

SIR,

I beg leave to inform you, that being on a

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