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WHITEHALL, April 7. 1807.

THE King has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Charles Brisbane, Esq. Captain in the Royal Navy.

The King has been pleased to present Mr Walter Morrison, Clerk, to the Church and Parish of Gordon, in the Presbytery of Lauder, and County of Berwick, vacant by the transportation of Mr Lündie to the Church and Parish of Kelso.

CROWN OFFICE, April 7. 1807.

Members returned to serve in this present Parliament.
Borough of Newtown—The Right Honourable George Canning.

Borough of Hastemere—The Right Honourable Charles Long.

Borough of Calne—Henry Smith, Esq. in the room of Osborne Markham, Esq. who, since his election for the said borough, hath accepted the office of Barrack-Master-General.

Borough of Plympton Earle—The Right Honourable Lord Viscount Castlereagh.

Borough of Beverlston—George Percy, commonly called Lord Bovaline.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, April 4. 1807.

A letter from Sir THOMAS TROUBRIDGE, Bart. Rear-Admiral of the White, &c. to WILLIAM MARSDEN, Esq. dated on board His Majesty's ship the *Blenheim*, Port Cornwallis, August 20. 1806.

SIR—I inclose to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the copy of a letter which I have received from Captain Elphinstone, of His Majesty's ship *Greyhound*, in the Java Seas, dated the 27th July last, containing an account of some successful operations against the enemy, performed by that ship in company with His Majesty's sloop *Harrier*; and of his having, on the 25th of that month, fallen in with the Dutch republican frigate *Pallas*, of thirty-six guns, and two hundred and seventeen men, and the English corvette, of twenty guns and one hundred and ten men, having under convoy the two large armed ships named in the margin*, laden with spices, the produce of the Moluccas; that after a smart action of about forty-five minutes, the *Pallas* and her convoy struck to his Majesty's ships. The corvette taking the advantage of the crippled state of the *Greyhound* and *Harrier*, effected her escape.

* *Victoria* and *Battavia*.

Price Sixpence.

The encomiums bestowed, by Captain Elphinstone on all his officers, petty officers, seamen, and marines, and also upon Captain Troubridge, the officers, and men of the *Harrier*, renders any observation I might be induced to make, unnecessary.

I am happy further to acquaint you, that the *Greyhound*, *Harrier*, and prizes arrived yesterday at Port Cornwallis.

I inclose Captain Elphinstone's return of the killed and wounded.

I am, &c.

T. TROUBRIDGE.

His Majesty's ship *Greyhound*, Java Sea, 27th July 1806.

SIR—I have the honour to inform you, that His Majesty's ships *Greyhound* and *Harrier*, after destroying, on the 4th of July, under the fort of Manado, the Dutch Company's brig *Christian Elizabeth*, armed with eight guns, and having a complement of eighty men, stood across the Molucca Sea to the island of Tidon, when they captured, on the 6th, another of the enemy's cruisers called the *Belgica*, armed with twelve guns, and manned with thirty-two men; from thence proceeding to the westward, on the evening of the 25th of July, four sail of ships were descried passing through the Straights of Salayer; immediate chase was given to them; and, by nine, I had the satisfaction of seeing them lying-to between the small Dutch posts of Bonthean and Balacomba, at about seven miles distance from the shore. I easily made out one of them to be a frigate, and another a corvette; but a third had so much the appearance of a line of battle ship, that both Captain Troubridge and myself deemed it prudent to wait till daylight before we examined them. We accordingly lay-to during the night, at two miles distance to windward. As the day broke, I had the pleasure of finding the ship which had forced us on cautionary measures, was a large two-decked ship, resembling an English Indiaman.

The enemy (for they proved to be a Dutch squadron) immediately drew out in order of battle on the larboard tack under their topsails; the frigate taking her station in the van, an armed ship astern of her, the large ship in the centre, and the corvette in the rear. Fortunately for us the frigate, by fore-reaching upon her second astern, caused a small opening in the line. It was suggested to me by Mr Martin, master of His Majesty's ship *Greyhound*, that if we could close with the enemy whilst in that position our attack might be made to advantage; accordingly, under French colours, we bore up, as if with an intention to speak the frigate; and when within hail, all further disguise being

unnecessary, we shifted our colours and commenced firing, which was instantly returned with a smartness and spirit that evinced they were fully prepared for the contest. The *Harrier*, who had kept close astern of the *Greyhound*, on seeing her engaged, bore round up, and passed between the frigate and her second astern, raking them both, the latter with such effect) that they bore up in succession to return her fire, thus leaving the frigate separated from them. Being resolved to avail myself of this advantage, and being anxious to be in a position for supporting the *Harrier*, now engaged in the centre of the enemy's line, I wore close round the frigate's bows, raking her severely while passing; and when on the starboard bow, by throwing our sails aback, we fell into the desired position. The cannonade from the *Greyhound* was now admirable, while that of the frigate visibly slackened; and at last, after an action of forty minutes, wholly ceased. On hailing to know if they had struck, they answered they had, and Lieutenant Home took immediate possession of her. On directing her fire on the ships astern, they all followed her example, except the corvette; who, from being in the rear, had suffered little from the action, and now made off towards the shore. Captain Troubridge immediately wore in pursuit of her, sending, at the same time, a boat to take possession of the large ship, (whose fire he had nearly silenced early in the action.) Perceiving the corvette sailed remarkably well, and that she could spread more canvas than the *Harrier*, her mast and rigging being entire, I recalled the latter from a chase which was likely to be fruitless.

The prizes proved to be the Dutch republican frigate *Pallas*, of thirty-six guns, commanded by N. S. Aalbers, a Captain in the Dutch navy; the *Victoria*, a two-decked ship, of about eight hundred tons, commanded by Klass Kenkin, senior Captain in the Dutch Company's service; and the *Battavia*, a ship of about five hundred tons, commanded by William De Val, a Captain in the same service; both the Company's ships are armed for the purpose of war, and richly laden with the produce of the Moluccas.

The ship which escaped, I learn from our prisoners, was the republican corvette *William*, mounting twenty-two four pounders, and manned with one hundred and ten men.

The support and assistance I have received from Captain Troubridge on every other occasion, (through a difficult and perilous navigation,) I attribute to the same talents, ability, and zeal, which he so nobly displayed on this one.

I feel happy in an opportunity for recommending

