



# Edinburgh Gazette.

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

FROM TUESDAY, MAY 24, TO FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1808.

At the Court at the Queen's Palace, the 18th of May 1808.

PRESENT,  
The KING'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas, by an order of his Majesty in Council, of the 25th day of November 1807, it was ordered and declared, that information of his Majesty's order in Council of the 11th day of the same November should be taken and held to have been received in the places therein mentioned, at the periods therein respectively assigned, to such places respectively: And whereas the countries on the continent of North and South America, extending from the tenth to the thirtieth degree of north latitude, are not included in the places so specified; his Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of his Privy Council, to order and declare, that information of the said order of the 11th of November 1807, shall be taken and held to have been received in all places on the continent of North and South America, extending from the tenth to the thirtieth degree of north latitude, including the island of New Orleans, on the 10th day of February 1808; and that all matters contained in the said order of the 25th of November 1807 shall apply to vessels sailing from the places aforesaid, as having received notice of the said order of the 11th of November 1807, on the said 10th day of February 1808: And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, and Judges of the Courts of Vice-Admiralty, are to take the necessary measures herein, as to them shall respectively appertain.

STEPH. COTTRELL.

Price Sixpence.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, MAY 21, 1808.

Copies of Letters from Captains MASON and BATHURST, of his Majesty's Ships *Daphne* and *Salsette*, addressed to Rear-Admiral Sir Samuel HOOD, and transmitted to the Honourable WILLIAM WELLESLEY POLE by Vice-Admiral Sir JAMES SAUMAREZ.

*His Majesty's Ship Daphne, April 26, 1808,*  
SIR,  
*off Lessor.*

Judging from the cargo of the sloop destroyed on the 22d, that the rest of the enemy's vessels at Flodstrand were also loaded with provisions, and destined for the relief of Norway, I conceived it to be an object to attempt getting them out; and the officers and crews of both ships having volunteered, I, last night, sent three boats from this ship, and the *Tartarus* two, all under the direction of Lieutenant William Elliot, First of the *Daphne*, accompanied by Mr Hugh Stewart, Master; Lieutenant Boger of the Royal Marines; and Messrs Beazely, Durell, Elliot, Moore, and Ayton, midshipmen; and Lieutenants Gittins and Patterson, and Messrs Septford, Luffman, and Andrews, midshipmen of the *Tartarus*. They were towed near the shore by the Forward gun-brig. They found the vessels moored close under the fort of the castle, which mounts ten guns, with hawsers fast to the shore; and immediately on getting to them the alarm was given by some Danish boats; the Danes instantly forsook the vessels, and the castle and three other guns began, and kept up a heavy fire of round, grape, and musketry. Many of the shot went through the hulls and sails of the vessels; notwithstanding which the five boats cleared the harbour of all but two brigs, both light, and one of them with neither sails nor rudder. As no credit can accrue but to those who planned and executed this enterprize, I trust, Sir, I may be allowed to express to you my admiration of the steady

valour and good conduct of Lieutenant Elliot, (whose behaviour at all times led me to expect it from him), as well as every officer and man employed in it. He speaks in the strongest terms of the courage and steadiness of the officers, petty officers, seamen, and marines of both ships. I am happy, Sir, to add, that the loss is very trifling on either side, which I am surprized at, having observed from the ship the heavy fire kept up by the enemy. A Danish boat, with five men in, having the temerity to persist in endeavouring to retake one of the vessels, although repeatedly warned by Lieutenant Elliot, the latter was obliged, with his people, to fire in their own defence, and three of the five fell: on our side there were three wounded by the enemy, and one by mistake, but none badly. Amongst the former is Lieutenant Elliot, which, with his being an old lieutenant, and a very deserving officer, will, I trust, be an additional inducement with you to recommend him to the notice of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

I inclose a list of the wounded. There is a man slightly wounded belonging to the *Tartarus*, but I have not learnt the nature of his wounds. All but my First Lieutenant and one seaman are able to do duty.

I have the honour to be, &c.  
(Signed) F. MASON.

*Sir Samuel Hood, K. B. Rear-Admiral of the Blue, &c.*

As from the papers being taken away I shall not be able to send you a correct account of the prizes at present, I shall only add that there are  
5 brigs, of from apparently 130 to 190 tons, deeply laden with grain and provisions.  
3 galliots, of about 110 tons each, 2 deeply laden as above, and 1 light.  
1 schooner, of about 80 tons, deeply laden as above.  
1 sloop, of about 90 tons, deeply laden as above.

