

passed through the Great Bocas channel, at half past three in the afternoon, the Spanish squadron were discovered at anchor in Shagaramus Bay, consisting of four sail of the line, under the flag of a Rear-Admiral, and one frigate.

As the day was well advanced before I approached the Bay, and the enemy appeared in strength on Gasparaux island, which commanded the anchorage, by batteries erected for that purpose, I ordered the Arethusa, Thorn, and Zebra, to proceed a little farther up the gulph, and anchor with all the transports. The Alarm, Favourite, and Victorieuse were ordered to keep under sail above the transports during the night, and prevent any vessels sailing from Port d'Espagne.

In the evening, just before dark, I anchored with the ships of the line in order of battle, opposite the enemy's squadron, within random shot of their ships and batteries, and in constant readiness to prevent their escape during the night, which I suspected they might attempt, as all their sails were bent, and they appeared perfectly ready for sailing.

At two o'clock in the morning of the 7th we discovered one of their ships on fire, and soon after three others, all of which burnt with great fury until near day light, when they were entirely consumed. One of them having escaped the conflagration, the boats were sent from the squadron, and she was brought out without having received any damage.

I have great satisfaction in acquainting their Lordships, that this squadron of the enemy, commanded by Rear-Admiral Don Sebastian Ruiz de Apodaca, were destroyed or captured according to the list I herewith enclose: And although this service was effected without any other act, on the part of his Majesty's squadron under my command, than being placed in such a situation as to prevent their escape, I am fully convinced that, had they remained at their anchorage until the next day, the officers and men whom I have the honour to command would have completed, by their exertion and zeal, the capture of the whole, notwithstanding the advantage of their situation, under the cover of about twenty pieces of cannon and three mortars, which were mounted on Gasparaux Island, and had been placed there for the sole purpose of defending the ships in the Bay. That island, which, like the ships, had been abandoned during the night, was taken possession of soon after day light by a party of the Queen's regiment.

General Abercromby, early in the morning, joined the Arethusa, and the troops were all landed, in the course of the day, under the direction of Capt. Woolley, covered by the Favourite sloop, about three miles from the town, without opposition: The General took possession of the town the same evening, and the 18th the Governor desired to capitulate for the whole island, and the articles were agreed to, and signed the same day; a copy of which I herewith transmit.\*

Capt. Hervey, of his Majesty's ship Prince of Wales, will have the honour to deliver this dispatch, from whom I have always experienced the greatest zeal and attention to his Majesty's service.

I have the honour to be, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

\* Vide Sir Ralph Abercromby's letter.

List of Spanish ships of war burnt and captured in Shagaramus Bay, in the Gulph of Paria, February 17. 1797, by the Squadron under the command of Rear-Admiral HARVEY.

Guns.	Commanders.
San Vincente 84	{ Rear-Admiral Don Sebastian Ruiz de Apodaca. Capt. Don Geronimo Mendoza, burnt.

Gallardo 74	Don Gabriel Sorondo, burnt.
Arrogante 74	Don Raphael Benafa, burnt.
San Damafo 74	Don Toref Jordan, captured.
Santa Cecilia 36	Don Manuel Urtefabel, burnt.

HENRY HARVEY.

WHITEHALL, March 28.

The King has been pleased to appoint the Hon. Andrew Cochrane Johnstone to be Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Island of Dominica, in the room of Henry Hamilton, Esq. deceased.

The following French vessels have been captured by his Majesty's ships in the West Indies:—

Corvette La Cerf Volant, having on board Delegates from the Southern Department of St Domingo to the French Legislative Body, and concealed dispatches for the Directory, by the Magicienne, Capt. Roberts.

L'Affricaine, of 18 guns, by the Lubeck, Capt. Cook.  
The General Leveau, of 16 guns, by the Resource and Mermaid, Captains Watkins and Otway; who also captured a Dutch schooner and Spanish brig, the former of which had several thousand dollars on board.

The Maria Topaze privateer, of 10 guns, by the Lapwing, Capt. Barton.

La Legre, of 6 guns, by the Bellona, Capt. Witman.  
The Galgo (Spanish) brigantine, of 18 guns, 6 swivels, and having on board 80,350 dollars, by the Alarm, Capt. Fellowes.

L'Espoir, of 4 guns, and 10 swivels, by the Lapwing, Capt. Barton.

And, off the Start, La Bonapartie, of 14 guns, by the Suffisante, Capt. Tomlinson.

The Gazette likewise contains the names of 12 sloops, schooners, &c. Spanish property, detained by Admiral Harvey on the Leeward Island station—and of 8 vessels recaptured by his squadron.

BANKRUPTS.

Thomas Lomas of Manchester, cotton-merchant.  
George Marsden of Tottingham, Lancafter, cotton-manufacturer.

William Fielder of Bunhill-row, Middlesex, builder.  
Charles Hill of Charing Cross, Middlesex, silversmith.  
Edward Burt of Croydon, Surry, shop-keeper.  
Robert Cars of Bury St Edmund's, Suffolk, banker.

COMMISSION SUPERSEDED.

Sam. Bradford of Sheffield, York, white metal manufacturer.

OFFICE FOR SICK & WOUNDED SEAMEN,  
November 28. 1796.

THERE being a Want of SURGEONS MATES to serve in his Majesty's ships, the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded Seamen do hereby give notice to such Gentlemen as are willing to serve therein, That they will, on application at this Office, receive letters for Examination before the Surgeons Company, and have warrants according to their qualifications.

His MAJESTY has been pleased to direct, by his order in Council, dated the 28th of May 1795, that their Pay shall be INCREASED; and the Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have, by their order of the 19th November 1796, directed further encouragement to be given—the particulars of which may be known by applying at the Office of the said Commissioners; to Dr Hamilton, Physician of the Royal Infirmary at Infirmary; to Mr Thomas Wood, Surgeon to prisoners at war at Edinburgh; or to Dr William Gray, Surgeon and Agent for sick and wounded seamen, at Dublin.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

JOHN MACARTHUR, Merchant in Tarbert.

That at a general meeting of the creditors of the said John Macarthur, held at Inverary on the 17th day of March curr. the said John Macarthur, the bankrupt, offered security for payment of a composition of seven shillings and sixpence per pound of the whole debts owing by him, at two different periods—of which composition the creditors present considered it to be for the interest of all concerned to accept.

In terms of the act of Parliament, the trustee requests a general meeting of the creditors, to be held on the 25th day of April next, at twelve o'clock noon, in the house of Alexander Marquis, vintner in Inverary, for deciding on the foregoing offer—Of which this intimation is hereby given.