

foldier was left behind, and nothing of any value fell into the hands of the enemy.

During the whole of our operations, I have experienced from Admiral Harvey the most cordial co-operation, and every act of personal kindness. At my request, he landed 300 seamen, under Captains Toddy and Browne, of the royal navy, to whose exertions, while on shore, we are under the greatest obligations. From the arrangements of the Admiral, the landing and re-embarkation of the troops were conducted in the best order. To Captain Renou, of the royal navy, principal agent of the transports, I desire to express the sense I have of his good conduct upon all occasions.

I beg leave to assure you, that the behaviour of the troops has been meritorious: They were patient under labour, regular and orderly in their conduct, and spirited, when an opportunity to shew it occurred. All the departments of the army exerted themselves to my satisfaction. A return of our killed and wounded accompanies this dispatch.—I have the honour to be, &c.

R. ABERCROMBIE.

P. S. I have omitted to say, that four Spanish brass field-pieces fell into our hands, which were brought off.

Return of killed, wounded, and missing, at Porto Rico, May 2. 1797.

Royal Artillery—7 rank and file killed; 5 ditto wounded.

Royal Engineers—5 rank and file killed.

26th Light Dragoons—1 rank and file killed, 2 ditto wounded.

14th Regiment—3 rank and file wounded.

22d ditto—1 rank and file killed, 2 ditto wounded.

53d ditto—1 Captain wounded, 1 ditto missing; 3 rank and file killed, 3 ditto wounded.

60th ditto—1 rank and file killed, 3 ditto wounded.

87th ditto—2 rank and file killed, 3 ditto wounded, 13 ditto missing.

Lœwenstein's Chasseurs—1 Lieutenant-Colonel wounded, 1 Lieutenant missing, 6 rank and file killed, 15 ditto wounded, 38 ditto missing.

Ditto Fusileers—1 Captain killed, 1 Lieutenant missing, 4 rank and file killed, 30 ditto wounded, 70 ditto missing.

Tobago Blacks—2 rank and file wounded.

Total—1 Lieutenant-Colonel wounded, 1 Captain killed, 1 ditto wounded, 1 ditto missing; 2 Lieutenants missing; 30 rank and file killed, 68 wounded, 121 missing.

Names of Officers, killed, wounded, or missing.

53d Regiment—Captain Rynd wounded, Captain Dover missing, supposed taken prisoner.

Lœwenstein's Chasseurs—Lieutenant-Colonel Stammendorf wounded; Lieutenant de Gand missing, supposed taken prisoner.

Ditto Fusileers—Captain Grasse killed. Lieutenant Montagnac missing.

(Signed)

JOHN HOPE, Adjutant-General.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, June 6.

Extract of a letter from Vice-Admiral Sir HYDE PARKER, Knt. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Jamaica, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq.

Queen, Cape Nichola Mole, April 27.

Having, on the 16th inst. received information from Captain Bisset, of his Majesty's ship Janus, that he had chaced into Maregot the French frigate Harmonie, the evening before, and being myself obliged, for want of provisions, to return to this port, with the Queen, Thunderer, and Valiant, I directed Captain Ogilvy to make sail in the evening, and lie off the bay of Maregot all night; and, on not discovering the French frigate there in the morning, he was directed to proceed close along shore, between the islands of Tortuga and Port au Paix; the Queen and Valiant keeping without Tortuga. On opening the Thunderer to the westward of Tortuga, Capt. Ogilvy made the signal for an enemy in the S. E. and, on his coming within hail, had the satisfaction, to find that he had chaced the frigate into Mostique

bay, and it was his opinion she might be destroyed, which I instantly gave him orders to use his utmost endeavours to execute, and directed the Valiant to assist. The sequel their Lordships will best understand by a copy of Captain Ogilvy's report (No. 1.) Although there was no proportion as to force, yet the consequences will be attended, I trust, with the greatest advantages to his Majesty's service, as from the very great scarcity of provisions at Cape Francois, the French deputies had forced, contrary to the opinion of the Captain and Officers, this frigate to go out, in order to convoy a number of American vessels, loaded with provisions, that had been captured by their privateers, and carried into Port au Paix and Jean Rabel, up to Cape Francois.

In the road of Jean Rabel, I found, on my passage down, 14 lying there; and it appearing to me practicable to cut them out, I directed Captain Pigot, of the Hermione, to take under his command the Mermoid, Quebec, Drake brig, and Penelope cutter, and execute that service, which a copy of his report (No. 2.) will prove to their Lordships he did in the most complete manner; and from Captain Pigot's able and officer-like disposition, I have the satisfaction of saying, was executed without a man being hurt, although the road was defended by a battery of five guns (32 pounders), and the vessels anchored within half-musket shot of the shore.

You will also be pleased to lay before their Lordships the reports of Capts. Ricketts and Pigot (No. 3. and 4.), of vessels cut out and destroyed from two anchorages at the west end of Porto Rico.

SIR,

Thunderer, at sea, April 16. 1797.

In consequence of your order to attend to the French frigate I chaced into Mostique yesterday morning, I beg leave to inform you, that at a quarter past four yesterday evening, the Valiant following in close order, I bore up to examine the entrance of Mostique inlet, keeping so close in shore as to be in four fathom water, when a-breast of the frigate, but the wind blew so hard, it was impossible to anchor, without a certainty of driving on the rocks.—A little before five I opened my fire on the French frigate and battery, and shortly after the Valiant did the same; but I was sorry to find the force of wind did not allow the ships to remain long in our stations, though I had reduced the ship to her top sails, and braced the yards different ways, for the purpose of stopping her way. Finding it too late to perform the same evolution that evening, I hauled off, and took such a situation as I thought most likely to prevent her escape; and this morning I had the satisfaction to find that the well-directed fire of the two ships had induced her to quit her anchorage, by which means she fell into such a situation between the two ships as made her escape impossible. At seven o'clock this morning, finding herself in that situation, she was run on shore, and set fire to by the crew; and 47 minutes past eight she blew up. What remains of the wreck is close to the shore, about four miles to windward of Jean Rabel. I have every reason to think she was the Harmonie, of 44 guns. It is with the greatest satisfaction I inform you, that this service has been performed without the loss of a man, though the ships suffered a little in their masts, sails, rigging, and hull. I am much indebted to Capt. Crawley of the Valiant, for the close order in which he followed me, and the strict attention he paid to the orders I gave him before I bore up.—From the small-specimen I have had of the conduct of the officers and men belonging to his Majesty's ship Thunderer, under my command, I am convin-