

was recaptured by the Tamer: the latter had been out five days, and taken nothing.

I have the honour to be, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

Evan Nepean, Esq.

Prince of Wales, Fort Royal Bay,
Martinique, Jan. 4 1798.

SIR,

I am to acquaint you, for the information of their Lordships, that Capt. Totty, in his Majesty's ship Alfred, captured the 16th ult. off Martinique, La Decidee French privateer schooner, belonging to Guadaloupe, of 10 guns, and 89 men, which he sent to this bay. She had been out three days, but had not taken any thing.—I have the honour to be, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

Evan Nepean, Esq.

Prince of Wales, Fort Royal Bay,
Martinique, Feb. 9. 1798.

SIR,

I herewith inclose, for the information of their Lordships, a letter addressed to me from Captain Mainwaring of his Majesty's ship La Babet, relative to the capture of the French privateer schooner La Desiree, by the boats of that ship, under the direction of Lieut. Samuel Pym, who performed this service with great gallantry and good conduct.

I have the honour to be, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

Evan Nepean, Esq.

His Majesty's ship Babet, off Fort Royal Bay,
Martinique, Jan. 17. 1798.

SIR,

It is with great pleasure I acquaint you, that Lieut. Pym of his Majesty's ship under my command, yesterday afternoon captured in the pinnace, the launch following, after a most desperate resistance, the French Republican Schooner La Desiree, mounting six carriage guns, and having on board 46 men. I discovered her in the morning, half way between Martinique and Dominique, standing towards me; soon after the wind died away, and she, having made us out distinctly, took to her sweeps, and rowed off, which Lieut. Pym observing, in the handsomest manner volunteered attacking her in the boats. To this I alone consented from the knowledge I had of his resolution and good conduct on former occasions. I hope you will be of opinion, that he merited the confidence placed in him, with every encomium I can bestow, when you know that the two boats contained but 24 men, that he was three leagues from the ship, and had been rowing four hours before he got within reach of their cannon, from which they kept up an incessant firing till he boarded. He reports, that the officers and men under him behaved with the greatest coolness and intrepidity.

I am sorry to add that we lost a very valuable seaman, and had five wounded; amongst the latter a Mr Aslinhurst, a young gentleman of very promising expectations, and a volunteer on the occasion. The enemy had three killed, and fifteen badly wounded. She had been out six days from Guadaloupe, had taken one American brig from St Vincent, bound to Boston.—I have the honour to be, &c.

JEM. MAINWARING.

Henry Harvey, Esq. Rear-Admiral of the Red, &c.

Prince of Wales, Fort Royal, Martinique,
February 19, 1798.

SIR,

I am to acquaint you, for the information of their Lordships, that his Majesty's ship Matilda, Captain Mitford, captured the 19th ult. off Antigua, La Ce-

res, a French ship privateer, pierced for 14 guns, but mounting only two, bound to Guadaloupe from St Bartholomew's, for her further equipment, with a cargo of pitch and tar, completely furnished, except in men and guns, having only 45 of the former on board when taken.

You will also be pleased to acquaint their Lordships, that his Majesty's sloop Zephyr, Capt. Champion, captured the 8th inst. off Defeada, L'Espoire French privateer sloop belonging to Guadaloupe, of 8 guns and 66 men: she had been out 16 days, but had not made any captures.

I have the honour to be, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

Prince of Wales, Fort Royal, Martinique,
February 19, 1798.

SIR,

I have the pleasure to acquaint you, for the information of their Lordships, that his Majesty's ship Alfred, Capt. Totty, on the 16th inst. captured off Guadaloupe Le Scipion French national corvette of 20 guns and 160 men: she was taken near the road of Basse Terre, within fire of the enemies batteries, which they opened on the Alfred, both with shot and shells, but by the exertions and good conduct of Captain Totty she was brought off, and without any damage to the ships.

This corvette has been for a considerable time about these islands, and a very active cruiser, to the great annoyance of our trade.

I have the honour to be, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

Prince of Wales, Fort Royal Bay, Martinique,
February 9, 1798.

SIR,

I have to acquaint you, for the information of their Lordships, that the undermentioned French privateers belonging to Guadaloupe, have been captured and sent into the different islands, at the periods, and by the ships and vessels of his Majesty's squadron under my command, as against their several names expressed, and I have the pleasure to add without having made any captures.

By La Concorde, Captain Barton, January 3, 1798, off St Bartholomew's, La Caye du Pout schooner, of 16 guns and 129 men; failed from Guadaloupe the 1st with troops, for St Martin's and St Eustatia—January 8, 1798, off Montserrat, La Proserpine schooner, of 8 guns and 82 men.

By the Lapwing, Captain Harvey, January 9, off Martinique, L'Intrigue sloop, of 6 guns and 64 men.

By the Alfred, Captain Totty, January 20, 1798, to windward of Dominica, La Rencontre sloop, of 6 guns and 49 men.

By the Amphitrite, Captain Ekins, February 2, 1798, off St Lucia, Le Battreu Republican sloop, of 4 guns and 38 men.

Four small row-boats, armed with swivels, &c. have likewise been captured under the islands, by the several cruisers, and sent into port.

I have the honour, &c.

(Signed)

HENRY HARVEY.

Evan Nepean, Esq.

Copy of a letter from Rear-Admiral Harvey, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated on board the Prince of Wales, Fort Royal Bay, Martinique, 9th Feb. 1798.

SIR,

Enclosed is an account of re-captured merchant vessels by the ships of his Majesty's squadron under my command, as against their respective names expressed, between the 4th of December last and the date hereof: also, an account of vessels detained under neutral colours, and libelled in the Court of Admiralty, for the causes stated in the said account, during the said period.

I have the honour to be, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.