

An account of merchant ships and vessels captured and recaptured, likewise such as have been detained, under neutral colours, by his Majesty's ships and vessels, respectively expressed against their names, under the command of Henry Harvey, Esq; Rear-Admiral of the Red, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. Leeward Island station, between the 6th of Dec. 1797, and the 9th Feb. 1798.

Schooner Amazon, 95 tons, from Baltimore to Surinam, laden with provisions, detained by the Scourge, Dec. 4, 1797, to the windward of Dominica, and sent to St Pierre, Martinique—taken by the Hannibal French privateer.

Brig Vulture, 170 tons, 8 men, S. Walton, owner, from Boston to Grenada, laden with lumber, detained by the Tamer, Dec. 2, 1797, off Barbadoes, and sent to Barbadoes—being in possession of a French privateer.

Ship Henry, 161 tons, 12 men, J. Treadwell, owner, from Surinam to Rhode Island, laden with sugar and coffee, detained by the Lapwing, Nov. 30, 1797, off St Bartholomew's, and sent to St Kitt's—being Dutch property.

Brig Blossom, 110 tons, 3 men, from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for Market, laden with beef, pork, fish, &c. detained by the Vengeance, December 10, 1797, off Bassé Terre, Guadeloupe, sent to Roseau, Dominica—having been taken by a French privateer.

Schooner La Prudence, 35 tons, 8 men, Courtney and Badie, owners, bound to the windward ports in Martinique, laden with provisions, pottery, and timber, detained by the Alfred, December 18, 1797, off St Pierre, Martinique, sent to Fort Royal, Martinique—recaptured.

Sloop Stirling, 70 tons, 6 men, from Guadeloupe to St Bartholomew, laden with bread, detained by the Invincible, November 29, 1797, off Guadeloupe, and sent to St Pierre, Martinique—no register.

Ship Williamson, 229 tons, 12 men, 2 guns, Kelly and Leifman, owners, from London to Martinique, laden with army provisions, detained by the Zephyr, January 1, 1798, windward of Mariegalante, sent to Fort Royal, Martinique—recaptured, having been taken by a French privateer.

Ship Granville, 300 tons, 15 men, 6 guns, J. Maland, owner, from London to Martinique, laden with horses, mules, asses, &c. detained by the Alfred, December 30, 1790, windward of Mariegalante, sent to Fort Royal, Martinique—recaptured, having been taken by a French privateer.

Ship Brazillie, 289 tons, 18 men, 6 guns, J. Mills and G. Trattles, owners, from Portsmouth to Martinique, laden with provisions, detained by the Alfred, January 8, 1797, windward of Mariegalante, sent to Port Royal, Martinique—recaptured, having been taken by a French privateer.

Ship Intrepid, 240 tons, 16 men, 4 guns, T. Critico, owner, from Guadeloupe to Korignò, Italy, laden with sugar and coffee, detained by the Lapwing, Dec. 25, 1797, off St Bartholomew's, sent to St Kitt's—English ship, condemned at Guadeloupe, cargo supposed to be French property.

Ship Sea-Nymph, 303 tons, 19 men, 8 guns, R. M'Bumy, from London to Martinique, laden with provisions for the army, detained by the Invincible, Jan. 3, 1798, in lat. 14 deg. 6 min. north, long. 59 deg. 30 min. west, sent to Martinique, having been captured by a French privateer.

Snow Neptune, 240 tons, 10 men, 4 guns, Fisher and Co. owners, from Dublin to Barbadoes and Martinique, detained by the Concorde, Jan. 14, 1798, off Deseada, sent to St Kitt's—having been captured by a French privateer.

Schooner Union, 80 tons, 4 men, from Point Petre to St Bartholomew, in ballast, detained by the Vengeance, Jan. 16, 1798, off Point Vieux, Guadeloupe, sent to Roseau, Dominica—having no register, and being French property.

Schooner Columbus, 113 tons, from Point Petre to Baltimore, laden with cotton, &c. detained by the Zephyr, Jan. 20, 1798, off Montserrat, sent to Roseau, Dominica—supposed to be French property.

HENRY HARVEY.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, APRIL 10. 1798.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Earl St Vincent to Evan Nepean, Esq; Secretary of the Admiralty, dated Ville de Paris, in the Tagus, March 9.

SIR,

I inclose a letter from Lord Henry Paulet, Captain of his Majesty's ship Thalia, acquainting me with his having captured a brig and schooner, Spanish privateers; another from Captain Hood, of the Zealous, giving an account of his taking the Dragon, (formerly a French frigate) from Buenos Ayres,

with a valuable cargo; and I desire you will acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that El Pid, a ship with a similar lading, which failed in company with the last-mentioned, was captured, on the 20th ult. by Lieutenant Worth, of his Majesty's hired cutter the Stag.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

ST VINCENT.

MY LORD,

Thalia, March 6.

I have the honour to inform you, that on the 27th of February, being 40 leagues N. W. of Lisbon, after a chase of six hours, I captured the Spanish schooner San Josef, mounting 6 guns and 10 swivels, with 40 men; she failed from Villa Nuova the 15th of February, and had taken nothing. And, on the 4th of March, at sun-rise, being off the Rock of Lisbon, I discovered a brig in shore, which I gave chase to, and at nine o'clock arrived up with her, when she proved to be the Victoria Spanish brig, of 14 guns and 10 swivels; she took an English brig in ballast the day before off St Ubes's, and sent her into that port.

I am, &c.

H. PAULETT

Right Hon. Earl St Vincent, &c. &c. &c.

MY LORD, Zealous, off the Tagus, March 5th, 1798.

I lost sight of the Culloden on the 27th ult. off Cape St Vincent, by chasing a cutter to the N. W. The following day standing to the southward, a fail was discovered West by South; on the 1st instant made her sail out to be suspicious; in the evening it became almost calm, and a possibility of her escape if it came on bad weather or foggy. I sent the launch and barge with the First and Second Lieutenants of the Zealous towards her, she having before dark hoisted Spanish colours. By the judicious attack of the boats in the night, they obliged her to strike before the Zealous came within shot. She proved to be a Spanish merchant ship, named the Dragon, of 600 tons, 8 guns and 45 men, four months from Monte Viedo, for Cadiz, with a valuable cargo. Her being a bad failer, and the wind holding to the east, I thought it my duty to see her safe to the bar of Lisbon.

SAM. HOOD.

Earl St Vincent, &c.

Copies of letters from Capt. Downman, of the Speedy, and Capt. Pierrepont of the King's Fisher sloop of war, to Admiral Earl St Vincent.

MY LORD,

Speedy, River Tagus, March 18.

I have the honour to acquaint you, that his Majesty's sloop Speedy captured, on the 15th inst. twenty leagues west of Cape Mondego, the St Joze, alias El Gavelan, Spanish lugger privateer, of six carriage guns and 44 men; out from Vigo three days; not made any captures.

I have the honour to be, &c.

H. DOWNMAN.

Right Hon. Adm. Earl St Vincent, K. B.

MY LORD,

King's Fisher, in the Tagus, March 18.

I have the honour to inform your Lordship, that on the 15th inst. Oporto bearing S. E. by E. distant 40 leagues, I fell in with, and after a chase of three hours, captured Le Lynx, copper-bottomed ship privateer, pierced for 18, but mounting only 10 guns, four-pounders, and 70 men; she had been six days from Rochelle, but had not made any capture.

I have the honour to be, &c.

CHA. PIERREPONT.

Right Hon. Adm. Earl St Vincent, K. B.