

Acafta at fea, Zacheo, S.W. diftant feven leagues, 13th July, 1798.

SIR,

I have the pleasure to inform you, that fince my letter of the 9th May, the Acafta and Ceres have taken, burnt, and deftroyed the following veffels, viz.

By the Acafta.

May 1. The St Mary, of four guns, and twenty eight men, pierced for four guns.

May 12. St Antonio; pierced for fourteen guns.

May 20. La Vengeance, fix guns, feventy-one men; pierced for ten guns.

June 30. La Trump, two guns, ten men; pierced for ten guns.

July 2. St Josef de Victorio, eight guns, fifty men; pierced for sixteen guns. Burnt.

July 13. St Michael Acandoa, fix guns, twenty-eight men; pierced for fix guns.

By the Ceres.

May 12. Sally, feven men.

May 18. Goulette, eleven men.

May 30. L'Avanture, fourteen men.

June 1. La Mutinie, eighteen guns, one hundred and fifty men; pierced for eighteen guns. Burnt.

June 8. Cargo, two guns, five men; pierced for four guns.

June 20. Two fmall fchooners. Scuttled.

June 20. Two fmall floops. Scuttled.

The Ceres chased on the 1ft June La Mutinie French privateer brig, of 18 guns and 150 men, to windward of St Juan; but, from the ftate of the weather and fhool water, was unable, for fome days, to take poffeffion of her; the crew, in the interim, had warped her clofe in fhore for the purpose of defending her from the beach; Captain Otway, however, fent his boats the firft moment the weather permitted, (covering them with the Ceres,) under the command of Lieutenant Woodridge. The enemy having fet fire to her, quitted, and formed in great numbers on the beach, keeping up a very heavy fire on the boats; while taking poffeffion of her, and ftriking the colours, fome of the Ceres' fhoot having taken place below the water line, fhe filled, which making it impracticable to bring her off, the fire was permitted to take effect.

The St Josef de Victoriofo, of eight guns (but pierced for 16) and 50 men, from Europe, was chased on fhore by the Acafta, fix leagues to windward of St Juan; the boats of which fhipe being fent to take poffeffion, and finding it impoffible to bring her off, fet fire to and completely deftroyed her. The Ceres chased to windward on the morning of the 6th of May a fail to the eastward into the Mona paffage. Intelligence was received, upon which was placed great dependence, that the French privateers were doing incredible mifchief off the N. E. end of Porto Rico, and of two Spanifh frigates being daily expected at St Juan: We immediately proceeded thither, and made all the above captures off that port, but both fhips being extremely fhort of provifions and water, the Ceres not having more than two days of all fpecies on board, I thought it moft advifeable, under the exifting circumftances, to recruit at St Thomas's; to which ifland we made the beft of our way, and returned in four days from the time we left our former ftation to it again. I am forry to add, that the day previous to our arrival at St Thomas's, one of the enemy's frigates (the Venus) got into St Juan, the other we are anxiously looking for, and you may rely upon our remaining out until the laft moment, in hopes of falling in with her; having this inftant captured a Polacre fhipe from St Juan, bound to Vera Cruz, under Creek colours, affords me the opportunity of fending this letter, which ought to have gone by the laft prize, but by fome accident was left behind.

Lieutenant Denman will be able to give you every information refpecting both fhips you may wifh for. The Ceres is now in chafe, and has made the fignal for an enemy, which we take to be a privateer brig. I have the honour to be, &c.

RICHARD LANE.

Vice-Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, Knt.

Regulus, Cape Nichola Mole,

July 17, 1798.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you, that on the 11th inftant, having difcovered five veffels at anchor in Aguada

Bay, at the north-weft end of the ifland of Porto Rico, I manned La Poulne, a French fchooner, of 4 guns and 32 men, which I had captured a few days before, and fent her, together with the boats of the Regulus, under the command of Lieutenant Good, to endeavour to cut them out, proceeding in with the fhipe for their protection and fupport; the wind unfortunately failing, neither the Regulus or fchooner could get in near enough to be of any material fervice, the whole effort confequently fell upon the boats; and it is with great fatisfaction I have to add, that through the judicious arrangement and very fpirited conduct of Lieut. Good, well fupported by Lieut. Holman and the junior officers and men under their command, three of the largeft veffels, confifting of a fhipe, a brig, and an armed fchooner, were brought away; and had there been the fmalleft breath of wind, the fame would have been the cafe with the other two, both which were alfo boarded, and in our poffeffion for a confiderable time; but it falling a dead calm at the moment the cables were cut, and not having boats fufficient to tow fo many veffels, it became neceffary to quit fome, in order to fecure thofe which appeared of the moft importance.

I have great pleafure in representing to you the very good conduct and determined bravery which was confpicuoufly fhown by every officer and man in the boarding and towing out thefe veffels under a very heavy and inceffant fire from the batteries, clofe to which they had previously been brought as a fecurity from fuch an attempt.

I am forry in concluding, to be obliged to acquaint you with the lofs which we have fuftained in Mr Thos. Finch, Mafter's Mate, a very promifing young man, who was killed by a grape fhoot from one of the batteries, and was the only perfon hurt upon this occafion.

I have the honour to be, &c.

GEORGE EYRE.

Vice-Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, Knt.

BANKRUPTS.

William Pollard, Holloway, Iflington, cow-keeper. John Champion, Britfol, merchant. Thomas King, Chelfea, coal-merchant and victualler.

NOTICE

TO the CREDITORS of ANDREW PLUMMER, Flefher in Edinburgh.

The Lord Ordinary officiating on the bills, did, upon the 11th day of October curt. fequeftred the whole real and perfonal eftate of the faid Andrew Plummer, and appointed his creditors to meet at Edinburgh, within John's Coffeehoufe there upon Wednesday the 24th day of October curt. at 12 o'clock noon, to chufe an interim faftor; and alfo, appointed the faid creditors to meet at the fame place and hour, upon Thursday the 22d day of November next, for the purpose of chufing a trustee or trustees, as directed by the ftatute—Of which this intimation is given to all concerned.

NOTICE

TO the CREDITORS of ROBERT FOGGO, Manufacturer in Perth.

The creditors are defired to meet in Duncan M'Dougal's Inn, at Perth, on Thursday the 8th day of November next, 1798, at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of confidering the propriety of felling the outftanding debts due to the bankrupt; and Mr William Rankine, merchant in Perth, the trustee, alfo intimates to the creditors, That ftates of the bankrupt's affairs, made out conform to act of Parliament, lie with him; but that, owing to the fituation of the funds, no dividend can take place at this time.

NOTICE

TO the CREDITORS of ROBERT OSBURN, Linen Printer in Thornlie Bank.

That the faid Robert Osburn having applied to the Court of Seffion, with concurrence of his creditors, to be difcharged in terms of the act paffed in the 23d year of his prefent Majefty's reign, the Court, upon the 29th June laft, ordered the application to be notified three different times in the Edinburgh Gazette, that all parties having intereft may object thereto if they think fit.

July 3, 1798.