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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE—Feb. 23. 1802.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir ROGER CURTIS, Bart. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at the Cape of Good Hope, to E. VAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated at the Cape, December 20. 1801.

SIR,

THE private ship of war the Chance, belonging to Mr Hoggan, of this place, and commanded by Mr William White, having been on a cruize on the coast of Peru, returned on the 17th instant. The Commander of the Chance addressed a letter to me, containing an account of his proceedings during his cruize.—He appears to have uniformly acted with great propriety; but his conduct, and that of his officers and men, was, on two occasions, so highly creditable to them that I send his account of these occurrences for their Lordships' information. I am, &c.

ROGER CURTIS:

Extract of a Letter from Mr WM. WHITE, Commander of the private ship of war, fitted out at the Cape of Good Hope, to Vice Admiral Sir ROGER CURTIS, Bart.

At four P. M. on the 19th of August, the island St Laurence bearing N. E. two leagues, saw a large ship bearing down towards us; at nine brought her to close action, and engaged her within half pistol shot for an hour and a half, but finding her metal much heavier than ours, and full of men, boarded her on the starboard quarter, lashing the Chance's bowsprit to her mizen mast, and after a desperate resistance of three quarters of an hour, beat them off the upper deck, but they still defended from the cabin and lower deck with long pikes in a most gallant manner, till they had twenty five men killed and twenty eight wounded, of whom the Captain was one; getting final possession, she was so close

to the island that with much difficulty we got her off shore, all her braces and rigging being cut to pieces by our grape shot. She proved to be the new Spanish ship Amiable Maria, of about six hundred tons, mounting fourteen guns, eighteen, twelve, and nine pounders, brags, and carrying one hundred and twenty men, from Conception bound to Lima, laden with corn, wine, bale goods, &c. On this occasion I am much concerned to state Mr Bennett, a very valuable and brave officer, was so dangerously wounded that he died three days after the action; the second and fourth mates, marine officer, and two seamen badly wounded by pikes, but since recovered. On the 20th, both ships being much disabled, and having more prisoners than crew, I stood close in and sent eighty six on shore in the large ship's launch to Lima; we afterwards learned that seventeen of the wounded had died.

At four A. M. on the 24th September, standing in to cut out from the Roads of Puna, in Guaiquill Bay, a ship that I had information of, mounting twenty-two guns, fell in with a large Spanish brig with a broad pendant at main top-mast-head; at five she commenced her fire on us, but she being at a distance to windward, and desirous to bring her close to action, we received three broadsides before a shot was returned; at half past five being yard-arm and yard arm, commenced our fire with great effect, and after a very severe action of two hours and three quarters, during the latter part she made every effort to get away, I had the honour to see the Spanish flag struck to the Chance; she proved to be the Spanish man of war brig Limeño, mounting eighteen long six-pound guns, commanded by Commodore Don Philip de Martinez, the senior officer of the Spanish marine on that coast, and manned with one hundred and forty men, sent from Guaiquill, for the ex-

press purpose of taking the Chance, and then to proceed to the northward to take three English Whalers laying in one of their ports; she had fourteen men killed and seven wounded; the Captain mortally wounded, who died two days after the action; the Chance had two men killed and one wounded, and had only fifty men at the commencement of the action, mounting sixteen guns twelve and six-pounders."

WAR-OFFICE—Feb. 23, 1802.

5th Regiment of Dragon Guards—John M^c Aylward to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Chichester, promoted. 20th Regiment of Light Dragoons—Lieut. Blake to be Captain, by purchase vice Cross' who retires. Cornet John Nixon to be Lieutenant, vice Blake.

29th Ditto.—Cornet George King to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Montalembert, promoted in the 69th foot.

3d Regiment of Foot Guards—Lieutenant William Stohart, from the 27th light dragoons, to be Ensign by purchase, vice Duff, promoted.

1st Battalion of the 1st Regiment of Foot—Captain Frederick Muller, from the 52d foot, to be Captain, vice Sir George Ogilvie, who exchanges.

2d Battalion of Ditto—Serjeant Major Robinson, from the Royal Fusiliers, to be Adjutant, vice Graham, promoted in the 18th foot.

4th Regiment of Foot—Lieutenant Joseph Hammont, from the 11th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Britton, who exchanges.

11th Ditto—Lieutenant John Britton, from the 4th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Hammont, who exchanges.

23d Ditto—Lieutenant William Keith to be Captain, by purchase, vice McDonald, promoted in the 55th foot.

35th Ditto—Lieutenant Alexander Mackenzie, from the 78th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Campbell, who exchanges.

40th Ditto—Lieutenant Timothy Fitzpatrick, from the Ancient Irish fencibles, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Price, promoted. Lieutenant Michael Lynch, from the Tarbet fencibles, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Christian, promoted.

50th Ditto—Captain Edward Atkin, from the An-

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