

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

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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 Ceres, a French Ship Privateer, pierced for 14 Guns, but mounting only 2, 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, Captain Champion, captured the 8th Instant, off Desceada, 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 Honor to be, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

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

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I Have the Pleasure to acquaint you, for the Information of their Lordships, that His Majesty's Ship Alfred, Captain Totty, on the 16th Instant, 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 Cruizer, to the great Annoyance of our Trade.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

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

S I R,

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 Pont 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'Intrique 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 Bateau Republican Sloop, of 4 Guns and 38 Men.

Four small Row-Boats, armed with Swive's, &c. have likewise been captured under the Islands, by the several Cruizers, and sent into Port.

I have the Honor, &c.

(Signed) HENRY HARVEY.

Evan Nepean, Esq;

Admiralty-Office, April 10, 1798.

Copy of a another Letter from Rear-Admiral Harvey, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board the Prince of Wales, Fort Royal Bay, Martinique, the 9th of February, 1798.

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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 libel'd in the Court of Admiralty, for the Causes stated in the said Account, during the said Period.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

An Account of Merchant Ships and Vessels captured and recaptured, likewise such as have been detained, under Neutral Colours, by His Majesty's Ship: and Vessels, respectively expressed against their Names, under the Command of Henry Harvey, Esq; Rear-Admiral of the Red, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c. Leeward Island Station, between the 6th of December, 1797, and the 9th of February, 1798.

Schooner Amazon, 90 Tons, from Baltimore to Surinam, laden with Provisions, detained by the Scourge, December 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, December 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, November 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 Basse Terre, Guadaloupe, sent to Roteau, 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 Guadaloupe to St. Bartholomew, laden with Bread, detained by the Invincible, November 29, 1797, off Guadaloupe, and sent to St. Pierre, Martinique—no Register.

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