

I watched for them all Night, but in the Morning seeing them no more I left the Lurcher off the Morbihan, and proceeded to execute your farther Orders; on that Day I saw a Convoy couring round Croisic of Fifteen or Sixteen Sail, but was in no Hurry to chase, rather permitting them to get nearer to St. Gildas, and in the Evening stood out, and made the necessary Signals to Mr. Forbes; it fully answered my Expectations, as he being to windward turned them all, and they made for the Villain just where I was; about Eight we took a small one just as the Battery of St. Jacques was hailing us, which I immediately manœuvred and sent her with our own Boat along Shore, and by Four A. M. found ourselves in Possession of Five more; this is all they could attempt, as the whole Coasts were then alarmed, and the Battery of Notre Dame at the Entrance of the River Peners, kept up so brisk a Fire as to send Three Shot through the last Vessel; but the Spirit of our People was such that they were determined to have her out, and luckily only one Man was slightly scratched with a Splinter; on joining the Lurcher in the Morning I found she had got Three more, making nine, the Particulars of which are expressed in the adjoining List; the Four largest are decked, and very capable of going to England, but the others cannot; since the 7th Mr. Forbes has been continually on the look-out, but not a single Vessel, I believe, has stirred since.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

GEORGE ARGLES.

Captain Sir Richard Strachan, Bart.

A List of Vessels captured by the Nile Hired Cutter, under the Orders of Captain Sir Richard Strachan, Bart.

Maria Joseph, Pierre Midago, Master, of Five Men and Forty-eight Tons, from Bourdeaux bound to Brest, laden with Wine and Brandy.

Notre Dame de Consolation, Clouarie, Master, of Five Men and Thirty-five Tons, from Bourdeaux bound to Brest, laden with Wine and Brandy.

Saint Pierre, Pierre Hocck, Master, of Seven Men and Thirty-nine Tons, from Bourdeaux bound to Brest, laden with Wine and Brandy.

L'Heloin, Matthew Rio, Master, of Four Men and Thirteen Tons, from Nantes bound on Auray, laden with Nantes Wine.

Le François, Jean Le Bracs, Master, of Three Men and Four Tons, from Nantes bound to Auray, laden with Iron, Tar, Pottery, &c.

L'Aimable François, Geldo Bouligan, Master, of Fifty-five Tons, from Bourdeaux bound to Brest, laden with Bourdeaux Wine.

By His Majesty's Cutter Lurcher.

Maria Joseph, Martin Beroiff, Master, of Two Men and Eight Tons, from Nantes bound to Yannes, laden with Nantes Wine.

L'Eponine, Yine Le Frank, of Three Men and Thirteen Tons, from Nantes bound to Yannes, laden with Ditto: Driven on Shore on Houat, Cargo lost.

Le Bon Secour, Yine Nicolane, of Two Men and Eight Tons, from Nantes bound to Yannes, laden with Ditto: Sunk at Anchor, Cargo saved.

La Magicienne, Isle Oleron S. E. by S.

MY LORD,
Two Leagues.

I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship that, after a short Chace, I this Day captured, between the Isles of Rhe and Oleron, a French Slop laden with Wine and Brandy for the Use of the Combined Fleet at Brest, and have sent her to Plymouth.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

W. OGILVY.

*The Earl of St. Vincent, K. B. Admiral
of the White, &c. &c. &c.*

Admiralty-Office, January 17, 1801.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Rowley Bulteel, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Belliqueux, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Rio Janeiro, the 24th August 1800.

ON Monday the 4th Day of August, soon after Daylight, Four Sail were discovered from the Mast-Head in the North West Quarter, and apparently steering about N. by E. At Seven A. M. they hauled their Wind, tacked, and stood towards us, upon which I bore down with the Whole of my Convoy: At Noon the Enemy perceived our Force, (which was greatly exaggerated in their Opinion by the warlike Appearance of the China Ships,) they bore up under a Press of Sail, and by Signal separated.

I stood for the largest Ship, and notwithstanding the light and baffling Winds, we came up with her, and after a few Chace Guns, and a partial Firing for about Ten Minutes, at Half past Five in the Afternoon (Tuesday) she struck her Colours, and proved to be the French Frigate La Concorde, of Forty-four Guns, Eighteen-Pounders, and Four Hundred and Forty-four Men, commanded by Citizen Jean François Landolphe, Capitaine de Vaisseau, and Chef de Division.

At Seven the same Evening, the French Frigate La Medée, of Thirty-six Guns, Twelve-Pounders, and Three Hundred and Fifteen Men, commanded by Citizen Daniel Coudein, struck her Colours to the Bombay Castle, Captain John Hamilton, and the Exeter, Captain Henry Meriton.

The above Frigates were of the Squadron which sailed from Rochefort the 6th Day of March 1799, and having committed great Depredations on the Coast of Africa, had refitted in the Rio de la Plata, and were now cruising on the Coast of Brazil.

La Franchise, of Forty-two Guns and Three Hundred and Eighty Men, commanded by Citizen Pierre Jurieu, escaped by throwing a Part of her Guns overboard, and also her Anchors, Boats, and Booms, and by Night coming on; as did also an American Schooner, their Prize, fitted as a Cruiser.

On this Occasion I hope their Lordships will permit me to bear Testimony of the Spirit of the Officers and Ship's Company of the Belliqueux; and I have peculiar Pleasure in mentioning the Zeal and Activity I have ever found in Mr. Ebdon, my First Lieutenant, to whom I only do Justice in recommending him to their Lordships' Notice and Favor.

Too much Praise cannot be given to the Captains, Officers, and Crews of the different Ships under my Convoy, for their ready Obedience to my