

Boats under his Command, is truly meritorious; and I trust such Display of the Gallantry of our Officers and Men will soon make these Piccaroons repent their Temerity. On the 26th Ult. between Tobago and Grenada, the Centaur, after a Chase of Seven Hours, captured the Vigilante Schooner Privateer, of Two Guns and Forty Men, well armed with Musketry. The Capture of this Vessel is particularly fortunate, as she has, from her superior Sailing and Management, done much Injury to the Trade.

I have also the Satisfaction to acquaint you of the Recapture of the Brig Earl St. Vincent, from Dublin bound to Barbadoes, and a Swedish Schooner by His Majesty's Sloop St. Lucia; they had been captured Three Days before by the L'Harmonie Privateer, of Martinique, and who only escaped the Vigilance of Captain Shipley, by throwing her Guns overboard, and sawing down her Gunwales.

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

*Blenheim, off Martinique,
16th September 1803.*

SIR,
YESTERDAY at Two P. M. I discovered a small Schooner Privateer, apparently just returned from her Cruize, and endeavouring to get into Port Royal; it being nearly calm, I directed Lieutenant Furber, of His Majesty's Ship Blenheim, under my Command, to take the Pinnace, and Lieutenant Campbell, the Barge, and to cut her off; she was rowing with her Sweeps, but the Boats nevertheless came up with her in about an Hour and a Half, and in a most spirited Manner, under the Fire of Grape and Musketry, boarded and carried her.

I am happy to add, that no Lives were lost; the Enemy had one Man wounded; she is called the Fortunée; mounts Two Carriage Guns, and had Twenty-nine Men on board.

I am, &c. THO. GRAVES.
Commodore Hood, &c. &c. &c.

*His Majesty's Sloop Osprey, Off Martinique
October 31, 1803.*

SIR,
I beg Leave to acquaint you, that on the 26th Instant I discovered a suspicious Sail under the Land of Trinidad, and immediately chased; but on arriving within about Four Miles of her it fell Calm; and as I was now convinced she was an Enemy's Privateer from the Number of Sweeps she was rowing, and having no Chance of coming up to her in the Osprey, I sent Three Boats to attack her, under the Command of Lieutenant Robert Henderfon; the Cutter in which he was, rowing much faster than the other Boats, he, without waiting to be joined by them, in the most brave and determined Manner, and under a heavy Fire from the Guns and Musketry of the Schooner, boarded and captured the French Schooner Privateer La Resource, mounting Four Four-Pounders, and having on board Forty-three Men, Two of whom were killed and Twelve wounded.

Lieutenant Henderfon, with Three Seamen, are slightly wounded, and one dangerously; the Cutter had only Seventeen Seamen in her, who all behaved with the utmost Bravery.

I have further to inform you, that having put Lieutenant Collier, and Sixteen Men on board the

Prize, he the next Day chased and captured La Mimi French Schooner Privateer of one Gun and Twenty-one Men. I am, &c.

GEORGE YOUNGHUSBAND.

Admiralty-Office, December 16, 1803.

Notice is hereby given, that a Session of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for the Trial of Offences committed on the High Seas, within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England, will be held at Justice Hall, in the Old Bailey, London, on Friday the 20th of January next, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning.
EVAN NEPEAN.

OFFICE FOR TAXES, SOMERSET-PLACE. January 3, 1804.

PURSUANT to an Act passed in the Forty-second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, Notice is hereby given, That the Price of Three per Centum Reduced Bank Annuities, sold at the Bank of England on this Day, was £.54 and under £.55 per Centum.
By Order of the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes,
Matthew Winter, Secretary.

Navy-Office, December 21, 1803.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wednesday the 4th of next Month, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, Commissioner Sir Charles Saxton, Bart. will expose to Sale at the Pay-Office, in His Majesty's Yard, near Portsmouth, several Lots of Old Stores, consisting of

Old Canvas in Paper-Stuff,
Junk, in Paper-Stuff,
Ditto, in Shakings,
Old Rope, in Paper-Stuff,
Lashing, Rounding, and Spun Yarn,
White Ocham,
Marine Accoutrements, &c.

all lying in the said Yard; where any Persons, wishing to become Purchasers, may have the Liberty of viewing the same, during the common working Hours of the Yard, until the Day of Sale.

Inventories and Conditions of Sale may be had here and at the Yard.
R. A. Nelson, Secretary.

Navy Office, December 24, 1803.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Saturday the 7th of January next, at One o'Clock, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to supply

Shoes for the Royal Marines.

Patterns of which may be seen at the Slop-Office here, where the Shoes are to be delivered: The Patterns are marked A and B, and all the Shoes delivered must be agreeable in every Respect to the Pattern A, except the Straps, which are to be like those of Pattern B, as the Shoes are to be tied.

A Form of the Tender may be seen at this Office.

No Tender will be received after Twelve o'Clock on the Day of Treaty, nor any noticed, unless the Party, or an Agent for him, attends.

R. A. Nelson, Secretary.

Navy-Office, December 24, 1803.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that they will receive Proposals until Wednesday the 4th of Ja-