

better in view, to endeavour to stop this Practice. Accordingly the Two Posts at La Pointe de la Roche were demolished; next that of Caliola; then Two in L'Ance de Repos, one of which Lieutenant Haswell and Mr. Hillier, the Gunner, took in a neat Style from upwards of One Hundred Militia.

The Marines and Boats' Crews behaved exceedingly well; all the Flags have been brought off, and the Houses built by Government burnt to the Ground.

Yesterday too, the Zeal of Lieutenant Norton, of the Frisk Cutter, and Lieutenant Gregory, of the Contest Gun Brig, induced them to volunteer to flank the Battery on Point d'Equillon, while we should attack it by Land in the Rear, but it was carried at once; and one of Fifty Men, who were stationed to the Three Thirty-lis-Pounders, was made Prisoner, the rest escaped. The Battery is laid in ruins; Guns spiked, Carriages burnt, Barrack and Magazine blown up, and all the Shells thrown into the Sea. The Signal Post of L'Equillon, together with the House, shared the Fate of the Gun Carriages; the Convoy got into a River beyond our Reach.

Lieutenant Mappleton, Mr. Sutherland the Master, and Mr. Hillier, were with me, who, as they do on all Occasions, so they did at this Time whatever was in their Power for His Majesty's Service.

The Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines failed not to justify the Opinion that there was before Reason to form; yet it would be inexcusable were not the Names of the Quarter-Masters, Barden and Casey, particularly mentioned, as Men highly deserving any Favour that can be shewn in the Line to which they aspire.

I have, &c. (Signed) COCHRANE.

*Seamen slightly wounded.*

William Barden, Quarter-Master.

William Coburn, Seaman.

*Marine slightly wounded.*

Robert Boulden.

*His Majesty's Ship Pallas, 14th May, off the Island of Oleron.*

SIR,

THIS Morning when close to L'Isle d'Aix, reconnoitring the French Squadron, it gave me great Joy to find our late Opponent, the Black Frigate, and her Companions the Three Brigs, getting under Sail; we formed high Expectation, that the long wished for Opportunity was at last arrived.

The Pallas remained under Top-sails by the Wind to await them; at Half-past Eleven a smart Point-blank Firing commenced on both Sides, which was severely felt by the Enemy. The Main-top-sail Yard of one of the Brigs was cut through, and the Frigate lost her After-Sails. The Batteries on L'Isle D'Aix opened on the Pallas, and a Cannonade continued, interrupted on our Part only by the Necessity we were under to make various Tacks to avoid the Shoals, till One o'Clock, when our Endeavour to gain the Wind of the Enemy, and get between him and the Batteries proved successful; an effectual Distance was now chosen—a few Broadfides were poured in—the Enemy's Fire slackened;—I ordered our's to cease; and directed Mr. Sutherland, the Master, to run the Frigate on board, with Intention effectually to prevent her Retreat by boarding.

The Enemy's Side thrust our Guns back into the

Ports, the Whole were then discharged, the Effect and Crash was dreadful; their Decks were deserted, Three Pistol Shots were the unequal Return.

With confidence I say, that the Frigate was lost to France, had not the unequal Collision tore away our Fore-Topmast, Jib-Boom, Fore and Main-Top-sail Yards, Spritsail Yard, Bumpkin, Cathead, Chain-plates, Fore-Rigging, Fore-sail, and Bower Anchor, with which last I intended to hook on, but all proved insufficient. She was yet lost to France, had not the French Admiral, seeing his Frigate's Fore-Yard gone, her Rigging ruined, and the Danger she was in, sent Two others to her Assistance.

The Pallas being a Wreck, we came out with what little Sail could be set, and His Majesty's Sloop the Kingsfisher afterwards took us in tow.

The Officers and Ship's Company behaved as usual; to the Names of Lieutenants Haswell and Mappleton, whom I have mentioned on other Occasions, I have to add that of Lieutenant Robins, who has just joined.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

COCHRANE.

*Killed.*

David Thompson, Marine.

*Wounded.*

Mr. Andrews, Midshipman, very badly.

John Coger and Three other Seamen, slightly.

(Signed) COCHRANE.

*Copy of a Letter from Pietro Marinouichi, Commander of the Envy Privateer, to William Marsden, Esq; dated Gibraltar, April 12, 1806.*

SIR,

I BEG Leave to inform you, that being on a Cruize off Cape de Gatt, on the 11th February last, I fell in with and captured His Catholic Majesty's Gun-Boat No. 4. called the Peculo, commanded by Don Antonio Garcea Novarro, mounting One Eighteen Pounder and Four Brass Four-Pounders; the Commander and Master, with Three Seamen, were killed during the Action.

Whitehall, May 31, 1806.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that on the Night of the 23d Instant, a Six-oared Boat, belonging to the Stag Cutter, in the Service of His Majesty's Customs, endeavoured to board a Smuggling Luggers, off the Town of Deal; and that on her approaching the said Luggers the Crew of the latter fired several Muskets at the said Boat, whereby James Russell and Robert Barham were wounded, and the said James Russell has since died of his Wounds; that the Crew of the said Luggers immediately hoisted her Fore-sail, and run her on Shore, keeping up a continual Fire on the said Boat's Crew; and that there were at the same Time approaching the Shore Nine Luggers of different Sizes, Four of them very large, and between Two Hundred and Three Hundred Men on the Shore, mostly armed, running Goods from the said Luggers into the Town; that the said Boat's Crew being obliged, by the Roughness of the Sea, to land, were surrounded by the Smugglers, and kicked and beaten very severely, their Arms taken from them, and the Boat stove to Pieces, and her Mast, Sails, Arms, and Oars, taken away; and that among the said Luggers were the Fly, of Folkestone; the Nancy, of Lydd; the Jo, Victory, Hawke, and

