

attacked and succeeded against an Enemy so very superior, demonstrates what his Ability is when there is Opportunity to exhibit it.

I am, &c. COLLINGWOOD.

His Majesty's Ship Halcyon, Gibraltar Bay, December 18, 1806.

MY LORD,
I BEG Leave to inform your Lordship, that on the 13th Inst. at Eight in the Morning, Cape St. Martin's S. S. W. Six Leagues, I perceived Three Sail standing out from the Land towards me, being on contrary Tacks, we closed fast; when within Four or Five Miles, I discovered they were Vessels of War, (a Ship, a Brig, and a Zebeck,) and shortly after steered directly for me; seeing they were superior, and Five Settees seen from the Tops coming from the same Quarter, I judged it prudent (as they seemed determined to bring me to Action) to close with them as soon as possible, and decide the Contest before any Assistance could be given from the other Five; at half-past Ten (being nearly within Musket-Shot) they hoisted Spanish Colours, and commenced Action; as soon as I got a-breast of the second Vessel, I got on the other Tack, and brought them to closer Action, which lasted till Twelve o'Clock, when their Fire slackened; at half-past, being nearly a Calm, the Brig and Zebeck hauled away to the Southward, assisted by their Boats and Sweeps, the Ship then nearest us endeavouring to do the same to the Northward; we swept after her, and in an Hour got close alongside, when she struck her Colours; she proved to be a Spanish Polacre Ship (Privateer), the Neptuno dios de los Mares, of Fourteen Guns and Seventy-two Men, from Denia, going on a Cruise between Minorca and the Coast of Africa, with the other Two in Company; who, I am sorry to say, made their Escape, but not before their Fire had been silenced. The Five Settees, when within Three Miles, seeing the Ship deserted, returned to the Shore, and went into the Port of Denia. Though extraordinary, I am happy to say we had none killed, and only Three wounded, Lieutenant Briggs, my First, by a Splinter, in the Arm, whom I beg Leave to recommend to your Lordship's Notice; Lieutenant Pearse, who has been acting Three Years and a Half in this Vessel; and One Seaman. The Loss of the Enemy must be great. The wounded from the Ship are doing well, Nine in all. I give your Lordship the full Particulars of this Event, and trust my attacking so very superior a Force (seeing they were resolutely determined to bring me to Action) will meet your Lordship's Approbation, knowing I could depend upon my Officers and Ship's Company, whose cool, brave and steady Conduct on this, as on former Occasions, almost ensured me Success before the Action commenced—they merit my warmest Acknowledgments.

I cannot omit mentioning my having Four Passengers, Captain Sullivan, of the 81st Regiment, who commanded the small Arms; Messrs. Purvis, Crokat, and a Neapolitan Messenger, were all of great Service, as we were Sixteen short of Complement. The Object of the Enemy's Fire was mostly directed at our Masts and Rigging, in which I am sorry to say we have suffered very materially.

The Force opposed to the Halcyon was, Neptuno dios de los Mares, Fourteen Twelve Pounders, and Seventy-two Men; La Vergin di Solidad, Fourteen

Twelve and Eight-Pounders, and Seventy-eight Men; El Vives, Twelve Eight and Six-Pounders, and Sixty-five Men.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) H. W. PEARSE.

The Right Hon. G. Lord Collingwood.

Admiralty-Office, January 13, 1807.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Honourable Lord Gardner, Admiral of the White, &c. &c. to William Marsden, Esq; dated Trent, Cork Harbour, 6th of January 1807.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to transmit herewith, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, Copy of a Letter from Captain James Brisbane, of the Alcmena, giving an Account of the Capture, by that Ship, on the 4th inst. in Lat. 50 Deg. N. Long. 11 Deg. W. of Le Courier French Cutter Privateer, of St. Maloes.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

GARDNER.

MY LORD, *Alcmena, at Sea, Jan. 6, 1807.*

I HAVE the Honour to acquaint your Lordship, that His Majesty's Ship under my Command, on the 4th Inst. in Latitude 50 Deg. N. Long. 11 Deg. W. fell in with, and captured Le Courier, French Cutter Privateer, (formerly His Majesty's Hired Armed Cutter Alert,) pierced for Fourteen Guns, but now mounting Seven, of different Calibres, Forty-two and Twenty-four-Pound Brass Carronades, and Seventy Men; Four Days from Morlaix, without making a Capture.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JAMES BRISBANE.

The Right Hon. Admiral Lord Gardner, &c. &c. &c.

Whitehall, January 13, 1807.

The King has been pleased to order a Congé d'Elire to pass the Great Seal, empowering the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, in the University of Oxford, to elect a Bishop of that See, the same being void by the Translation of the Right Reverend Father in God John, late Bishop thereof, to the See of Bangor; and His Majesty has also been pleased, by His Royal Sign Manual, to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter the Reverend Charles Moss, Doctor in Divinity, and one of the Canons Residentiary of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, to be by them elected Bishop of the said See of Oxford.

Admiralty Office, Dec. 19, 1806.

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 Thursday the 22d Day of January next, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning.

Wm. Marsden.

Navy-Office, January 8, 1807.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, do hereby give Notice, that on Thursday the 22d Instant, at One o'Clock, they will