

Two Acts of the Sixth and Twenty-seventh Years of His present Majesty, for repairing and widening the Road from Muckley Corner to Walfall and Wednesbury, and to Leigh Brook and Ocker Hill, and several other Roads in the County of Stafford, so far as the same relate to the Two First Districts of Road therein comprised.

An Act for continuing the Term, and altering and enlarging the Powers of an Act, passed in the Thirty-second Year of His present Majesty, for repairing and improving the Road from the Town of Chapel-en-le-frith, to or near to Euterclough Bridge, in the County of Derby, and other Roads therein-mentioned in the said County, and in the County Palatine of Chester.

And Three Private Acts.

War-Office, March 24, 1807.

17th Regiment of Foot, Captain W. H. Majendic, from the 93d Foot, to be Captain of a Company, vice Fawcener, who exchanges.

93d Ditto, Captain Edward Fawcener, from the 17th Foot, to be Captain of a Company, vice Majendic, who exchanges.

Admiralty-Office, March 24, 1807.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies, to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board the Culloden, in Madras Roads, the 29th August 1805.

SIR,

THE inclosed Letters from Captains Plampin and Lord George Stuart will convey to their Lordships, Intelligence of the Capture of La Bellone, La Henriette, and Isle de France, Privateers from the Mauritius.

I reflect with much Pleasure on the Capture of La Bellone in particular, as well from her superior Sailing, as her uncommon Success in the present and preceding War against the British Commerce in the Indian and European Seas. The commercial Interests of this Country are particularly secured by her Capture, which could not have been expected but under very favourable Circumstances.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

E. PELLEW.

His Majesty's Ship Powerful, Buck-Bay,

SIR, Trincomalee, 16th July, 1806.

I HAVE the Honour to inform you, that on Wednesday the 9th Instant, being at Anchor in this Bay, I received Information, by a Ship from Colombo, that La Bellone Privateer had returned to her old cruising Ground, off Dondra Head; in consequence of which I instantly put to Sea, and sent Directions to Captain Bakard, of the Rattlesnake, (who was in the Inner Harbour, taking in the Iron Ballast of the Sheerness, agreeably to your Orders,) to follow, and join me off the Baffles, which he did the next Morning at Daylight. My Intention was, if possible, to beat up as far as Tengall, into which Place La Bellone had chased the Ship above mentioned; but on Saturday Morning, being to the Southward of the Great Baffles, I found so much Wind, and such a heavy Sea, that the crippled State of my Masts obliged me to bear up

and run for the Little Baffles, intending to keep close in Shore under their Lee. The Morning being very thick, the Rattlesnake had fortunately separated in the Afternoon; about a Quarter past Three, being about Seven Miles to the Northward of the Little Baffles, a Ship was discovered on our Weather Beam, steering free, with Steering Sails set; we were soon convinced it was La Bellone, and very shortly after we had the Pleasure to see the Rattlesnake broad on his Weather-Quarter, so that he could not haul his Wind from us, without being forced to Action by her, he therefore preferred the Chance of crossing between us and the Shore, having at that Time a strong Land Wind, and we lying nearly becalmed; in this hope he was deceived, and was by Five o'Clock within Gun-shot of us, at which Time he hoisted his Colours, and fired a Broadside at us, and continued a running Fire until a Quarter before Seven, at which Time, finding there was no possibility of getting from us, he struck his Colours and brought to.

I am sorry to add, we had Two Men killed and Eleven wounded; the Enemy acknowledge only One killed, and Six or Seven wounded.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

R. PLAMPIN.

Rear-Admiral Sir E. Pellew, Bart.

&c. &c. &c.

His Majesty's Ship Powerful, Buck-Bay, Trincomalee, June 15, 1806.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to inform that, pursuant to your Orders, I left Madras Roads early on the 4th Instant, and arrived at this Anchorage in the Forenoon of the 11th. Having received Intelligence that the Privateer, whose Description you favoured me with, had been seen but a few Days since in the Neighbourhood of Batecato; I put to sea again in the Afternoon, and being close in with the Land, a-bread of Friars Hood, the following Evening, I continued standing to the Southward, under easy Sail, all Night; at Day-Break of the 13th, we discovered a Ship on the Lee Quarter, with the Courses up, on the opposite Tack, and had soon the Pleasure to be convinced, by her Appearance and Manœuvres, that it was the Ship we were in Search of. After a Chace of Eleven Hours, during the last Hour of which she continued firing her Stern-Chaces over us, (happily without Effect,) the Enemy struck his Colours, and brought to. The Ship proved to be La Henriette, mounting Twenty Guns, Four Twelve-Pounder Carronades, Two Nine Pounders, and Fourteen Six-Pounders, (Four of the latter were hove over during the Chace,) having on board One Hundred and Twenty-four Men, including Officers. She sailed from the Isle of France on the 7th of April.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

R. PLAMPIN.

To Rear-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew,

Bart. &c. &c. &c.

His Majesty's Ship Duncan, off the Isle of France, April 29, 1806.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to inform you, after having spoke His Majesty's Ship Psyche, and delivered your Orders to Captain Wooldridge for his further Proceedings, on my Return to join you, I fell in with and captured, on the 8th Instant, (after a