

His Majesty's Ship Dover, Amboyna Roads, 5th March, 1810.

SIR,
I HAVE the Honour to transmit herewith a Letter received from Captain Montagu of His Majesty's Ship Cornwallis, giving me an Account of a brilliant Exploit performed by the Boats of that Ship, on the 2d Instant, under the Direction of Lieutenant Peachy.

I remain, &c.

(Signed) EDWARD TUCKER.

To William O'Brien Drury, Esq; Rear-Admiral of the Red, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

His Majesty's Ship Cornwallis, at Sea, 3d March, 1810.

SIR,
HAVING chased a Dutch Man of War Brig during the whole of the 1st Day of March, we observed her take Refuge in a small Bay on the North Side of the Island of Aniblaw, and as the Wind was light and variable, and Night approaching, I sent the Yawl, Cutter and Jolly Boat, under the Command of Lieutenant Peachy, assisted by Mr. Garland, Master, and Mr. Sanderfon, Master's Mate, to bring her off. After a fatiguing Pull the whole Night, they found themselves at Day Light close to her, when she was boarded in a most gallant Manner, in the Face of a heavy Fire of Grape and Musquetry, and defended bravely by Pikes and Swords; in a few Moments she was carried, and proved to be the Dutch National Corvette Margareta, mounting Eight Guns, but pierced for Fourteen, and having on Board Forty Men.

Lieutenant Peachy speaks highly of the able Support he received from the Officers and Men under his Orders.

She had left Souroubaya Nine Days, having between Twenty and Thirty Thousand Dollars on board for Amboyna, and Supplies of all kinds for Ternatte.

I am sorry to say, that we had One Man dangerously wounded, and Four slightly; the Enemy One Officer killed, and Twenty Seamen wounded.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) W. A. MONTAGU.

Captain Edward Tucker, His Majesty's Ship Dover, Senior Officer.

Admiralty-Office, September 25, 1810.

COPIES of Two Letters from Captain Sir George Ralph Collier, of His Majesty's Ship the Surveillante, which have been transmitted by Admiral Lord Gambier to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Ship Surveillante, Quiberon Bay, SIR, September 5th 1810.

STANDING out from this Bay this Morning, for the Purpose of reconnoitring the Loire, I observed a Division of an Enemy's Convoy take advantage and run from the Morbilian to the Southward, which I instantly chased; a Part were driven back, and a Brig sought Protection immediately under the Rocks, and between the Batteries of St. Guildas and St. Jacques.

Notwithstanding the Protection so afforded, in addition to the Fire from Soldiers placed within the

Caverns, and supported by Field-Picqués, the persevering Gallantry of Lieutenants the Honourable James Arbuthnot, and Mr. John Illingworth, Master's Mate, in the Gig, (supported by the other Boats and Officers as per Margin*) succeeded in carrying her when her Cables and Hawtlers were cut by the Crew of the Gig, and she was brought out, I am most happy to say without any Loss. But Sir, to this fortunate Circumstance I feel considerably indebted to the Zeal and Determination of Lieutenant Stokes of the Constant, who, with admirable Skill and Judgement, pushed his Brig in, between the Rocks and Shoals of St. Guildas, and by a well directed Fire kept the Enemy close within their Holes and Caves among the Rocks. She was on this Service necessarily exposed to Showers of Grape, but a few through her Sails and Bulwark comprises the Extent of the Injury received.

From the constant Fire of Grape and Musketry kept up by the Boats covering the Gig, some Loss was sustained by the Enemy.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE R. COLLIER.

Vice Admiral Sotheby, &c. &c. &c.

* S. Bell, Boatswain's-Mate; Mr. Kingdon, Midshipman; Mr. Marsh, ditto; Mr. Stanhope, ditto; Mr. Crowder, ditto; Mr. Watt, ditto; and Mr. Athlow, ditto.

His Majesty's Ship Surveillante, Quiberon Bay, SIR, 7th September 1810.

RETURNING to this Anchorage late last Night I considered the Time as most favourable for the Destruction of a new Battery and Guard House, having a small Watch Tower attached to it, and protecting the North shore and Entrance into Crack River, and on which the Enemy have been employed nearly since my first Arrival on this Station.

On leaving this Bay the Day before, I had reconnoitred and observed the Work and Guard-House were completed, and One Twenty-four-Pounder mounted; there were some Coasters in the River, so that I deemed the attempt justifiable.

Two Boats were therefore dispatched, under the Command of Mr. John Illingworth, and from the judicious Arrangement made by that Officer, (although the Dawn of Day had unfortunately commenced) the Enemy's Guard were first decoyed from their Battery and then driven from the Beach, when himself and Companions immediately pushed for and made themselves Masters of the Battery and Guard House; having spiked the Gun, a Quantity of Gunpowder, taken for the Purpose, was so excellently well disposed of that in a few Moments the whole was level with the Ground and in Flames.

The Return was effected in the same cool and deliberate Manner, and although opposed by nearly double their Force, and exposed to a Fire from the opposite Side, I am happy to say that not a Man of our Party was hurt.

Thus, Sir, in less than Five Minutes the Labour of some Months was rendered useless, and I only regret the previous Departure of the Vessels prevented the Boats' Crews reaping the expected Advantage.

It however enables me to repeat Mr. Illingworth's Report of the good Conduct of Mr. John Kingdon and Mr. Hector Rose, Midshipmen, to whose Names