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Copy of a Letter from Captain Hawtayne, of His Majesty's Ship Quebec, addressed to Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. and transmitted by him to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Ship Quebec, off the Texel, November 9, 1810.

SIR,
I HAVE the Honour to report to you the Capture of La Jeune Louise, a very fine French Privateer Schooner, of Fourteen Guns and Thirty-five Men, which was very gallantly attacked and carried last Night, in the Vlie Stroom, by a Party of Volunteers, in Three Boats, from the Quebec, under Command of the First Lieutenant Stephen Popham, seconded by Lieutenant Richard Augustus Yates.

And to do Justice to the distinguished Gallantry of Lieutenant Popham, and the Officers and Men employed upon this Service, I must state to you, Sir, that in running past the Vlie and Schelling Yesterday Evening, to resume our Station before the Texel, the Schooner was discovered at Anchor within, and Lieutenant Popham immediately offered his Services to make an Attempt upon her; accordingly the Frigate was brought to without the Sands in Sight of the Enemy, and the Boats immediately dispatched; and although we saw the Engagement at Half-past Nine o'Clock, it was not till after a long and anxious Night that we had the extreme Joy of seeing the Schooner, beating out of the Enemy's Harbour, through the very intricate Navigation of the Passage, with the British Colours flying over French.

I understand that the Boats had to pull against a very strong Tide, and found the Enemy fully prepared for the Attack, and closely surrounded by Sands, on which they grounded, and in this Situation received Three distinct Broadfides from Cannon and Musketry within Pistol-Shot, and, notwithstanding, they extricated themselves and boarded. The Enemy contended the Point on Deck, in which the French Captain Galien Lafont, Captain de Veusseaux, a Member of the Legion of Honour, was killed in personal Contest by Lieutenant Yates.

I am sorry now, Sir, to state the Loss sustained in this Service on our Side; John Thompson (2), Seaman, killed; Thomas Jones, Seaman, drowned; Christ. Gilbertson, Seaman, wounded; and a Boat

destroyed; and on that of the Enemy, besides the Commander, One Seaman killed and One wounded.

Lieutenant Popham speaks in the highest Praise of the Spirit and good Order maintained by Lieutenant Yates, Mr. M'Donald, Master's Mate, in Command of the Third Boat, Mr. Duncan, Clerk, Charles Ward, Gentleman, Volunteer, and the whole of his Party; La Jeune Louise carries Six Twelve and Eight Nine-Pounder Carronades, and the Remainder of her Crew, consisting of Sixty Men, were some of them landed that Morning Sick, and others in a Prize at Sea; and the Prisoners state her to be a much finer Vessel than her Consort in the last Cruize, Sans Souci.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) CHA. HAWTAYNE.

Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. Vice-Admiral of the Red, &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, November 17, 1810.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Tower, of His Majesty's Ship the Curocoo, addressed to Captain Hobham, of the Northumberland, and transmitted by Admiral Lord Gambier to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Ship Curocoo, at Sea, November 9, 1810.

SIR,
IN proceeding to execute your Orders, I have the Honour to inform you, we discovered off the Lands-End, a Man of War Brig close in Pursuit of a Schooner, which the Signal from the Brig soon told me was an Enemy; in consequence all Sail was made, and we captured (after Three Hours Chase) at Half-past Two P. M. the French Privateer Schooner La Venus, commanded by Mr. Guillaume Augenard, armed with Fourteen Guns and a Complement of Sixty-seven Men, from L'Orient Fourteen Days, a disastrous Cruize, without making a Capture, and received last Night, off Scilly, a compleat Beating from an English Ship, supposed to be a Packet, with whom La Venus engaged Two Hours; during the Action they lost Five Men, had Fourteen wounded; the Rigging and Sails likewise bear evident Marks of the Contest. Captain Hopkins had been strenuously chasing this Privateer from Daylight, and to his Signals and Manœuvres the Capture may be attributed.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. TOWER.