

spite, of the Cannonier, American ship letter of marque, of eight guns and twenty-eight men :

And also a return of the following American vessels, taken by the Warspite; viz.

Brig Mars, of 178 tons, from Baltimore to Bourdeaux.

Schooner Pert, of 104 tons, from Bourdeaux to Philadelphia.

Ship Charlotte, of 360 tons, from Charlestown to Bourdeaux.

Admiralty-Office, March 20, 1813.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Honourable Admiral Sir John Borlase Warren, Bart. and K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the American Station, to John Wilson Croker, Esq. dated at Bermuda, 25th February 1813.

SIR,

ENCLOSED herewith, I beg leave to transmit the following letters, reporting the captures of the vessels therein mentioned :

Letter dated 9th January 1813, from Captain Sir John Poo Beresford, of the Poitiers, reporting the capture of the American schooner privateer Highflyer, of five guns and seventy-two men.

Letter dated 17th January 1813, from Captain Lumley, of the Narcissus, reporting the capture of the United States brig of war Viper, of twelve guns and ninety-three men.

Letter dated 6th February 1813, from Captain Kippen, of the Peruvian, reporting the capture of the American privateer ship John, of sixteen guns and one hundred men.

Letter dated 9th February 1813, from Captain Burdett, of the Maidstone, reporting the capture of the American armed schooner Lottery, of six guns and twenty-eight men, laden with coffee, sugar, and logwood.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) JOHN BORLASE WARREN.

His Majesty's Ship Poitiers, at Sea, January 9, 1813.

SIR,

I BEG leave to acquaint you, that His Majesty's ship under my command, in company with the Acasta, captured this day the American schooner privateer Highflyer, mounting five guns, and having on board a complement of seventy-two men : she was on her return from the West Indies, where she had made several captures, is a particularly fine vessel, coppered and copper fastened, and sails remarkably fast.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. P. BERESFORD, Captain.

Admiral Sir J. B. Warren, Bart. and K. B.

&c. &c. &c.

His Majesty's Ship Narcissus, at Sea, January 17, 1813.

SIR,

I BEG leave to acquaint you, that His Majesty's ship under my command captured this day the United States brig of war Viper, mounting twelve guns, and having on board ninety-three men ; she

had been cruising seven weeks off the Havanna, and had made no captures.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) JOHN RICHARD LUMLEY,
Captain.

Admiral Sir J. B. Warren, Bart. K. B.

&c. &c. &c.

His Majesty's Sloop Peruvian, at Sea,

SIR,

February 6, 1813.

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that, in beating up to my station from St. Thomas's, Sombrero bearing W. by S. distant seventy-nine miles, I this morning fell in with, and, after an anxious chase of fifteen hours, captured the American privateer ship John, mounting sixteen guns, with a complement of one hundred men. For the last two hours of the chase, the privateer had an opportunity of keeping up a fire on us from her after guns, but on the breeze freshening, we got within pistol-range of her, and, after the exchange of a fire of the bow guns and small arms from the marines, she rounded too and surrendered to His Majesty's brig under my command.

I have, &c.

GEORGE KIPPEN, Commander.

Sir Francis Laforey, Bart. Rear-

Admiral, &c.

His Majesty's Ship Maidstone, Lyn-Haven-

SIR,

Bay, Chesapeake, 9th February 1813.

I HAVE the pleasure to inform you of a very gallant achievement that was performed by the boats of the squadron you did me the honour to place under my command, for the blockade of this port and its rivers.

Yesterday morning, at nine o'clock A. M. a schooner was observed in the N. W. standing down the Chesapeake Bay ; at the same time I made the Belvidera and Statira's signal, No. 239, with the north-west compass signal. As the stranger approached the squadron, I perceived her to be a vessel of considerable force ; Captain Byron at the same time made the signal for her being superior to the boats in chase, but not to those of the squadron united. I immediately made the signal for all barges, cutters, &c. &c. to proceed in the same direction ; upon which the schooner made all sail in the direction from whence she came, and I had the satisfaction to see she was quite becalmed. At one o'clock P. M. the stranger opened a well-directed fire upon the headmost of our boats from his stern-chase guns, and I was happy to find the boats in advance rested on their oars until they all formed up, when a vigorous and gallant attack was made by all the boats, nine in number, under the orders of Lieutenant Nazen, Second Lieutenant of His Majesty's ship under my command, who happened to be senior officer, through a very heavy fire from all the enemy's guns, when he was boarded, and carried, sword in hand, after a most obstinate resistance, which was maintained upon the deck of the enemy for a few minutes. She proves to be the American armed schooner Lottery, of two hundred and ten tons, mounting six twelve-pound carro-