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Whitehall, January 28, 1809.

THE King has been pleased to grant the Dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto the Right Honourable James Earl of Hopetoun, and the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten, by the Name, Style, and Title of Baron Hopetoun of Hopetoun, in the County of Linlithgow, with Remainder to the Heirs Male lawfully begotten of his late Father John Earl of Hopetoun, deceased.

Admiralty-Office, January 28, 1809.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Rowley, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Jamaica, to the Hon. W. W. Pole, dated at Port Royal, the 22d November 1808.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to transmit, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Copy of a Letter which I have received from Captain Cumby, of His Majesty's Ship Polyphemus, reporting the Capture by Lieutenant Joseph Daly, in that Ship's Barge, of the French National Schooner Colibry, of Three Guns, commanded by a Lieutenant de Vaisseau, and having a Complement of Sixty-three Men.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

R. S. ROWLEY.

Polyphemus, off the City of St. Domingo, 14th November 1808.

SIR,

HAVING detached the Boats of His Majesty's Ship under my Command at Half past Eight o'Clock this Morning, in Chace of a Schooner that was attempting to enter the Harbour, I had the Satisfaction, at Twenty Minutes past Nine, to see her boarded and carried in the most handsome Manner by Lieutenant Joseph Daly, in the Barge, under as brisk a Fire of Grape and Musketry as the Impetuosity with which our Boats advanced would allow the Enemy to keep up. She proves to be the French National Schooner Colibry, of Three Carriage Guns, commanded by Mons. Deyriffe, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, with a Complement of Sixty-three Men; reputed the fastest sailing Vessel attached to this Colony, and, I trust, may be found well calculated for His Majesty's Service.

In the Execution of this Service I have to regret the Loss of One Marine (Samuel Crompton) killed in the Barge; and on the Part of the Enemy One killed and Five severely wounded.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

W. PRYCE CUMBY, Captain.

B. S. Rowley, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the White, &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, January 28, 1809.

Copy of another Letter from Vice-Admiral Rowley to the Hon. W. W. Pole, dated at Port Royal, the 3d December 1808.

SIR,

THE inclosed Copy of a Letter which I have received from Captain Dashwood, of His Majesty's Ship Franchise, will acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty with the Capture of the French Privateers Guerriere, and Exchange, and some other Vessels, in the Harbour of Samana, by the Ships named in the Margin*; and I have no Doubt that their Lordships will be pleased with the Promptitude and Decision by which the Enemy have been dispossessed of almost the last Port of Refuge for their Privateers in these Seas.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

B. S. ROWLEY.

* Franchise, Aurora, Dardalus, Rein Deer, Pert.

His Majesty's Ship Franchise, Port Royal,

SIR,

December 1, 1808.

HIS Majesty's Ships named in the Margin* having accidentally met on the 10th Ultimo, and conceiving the taking of the Town and Port of Samana would facilitate the Operations of the Spanish Patriots blockading the City of St. Domingo, I the next Morning entered and took Possession of the Harbour without any Opposition, together with the Vessels, agreeably to the List which I have the Honour of inclosing.

I have very sincere Pleasure in reporting, that, in addition to the Assistance rendered our Allies, I have every Reason to suppose the Commerce of His Majesty's Subjects will now pass unmolested, as Samana was the last Refuge for the Host of Privateers which have so long infested the various Passages to Wind-

* Franchise, Aurora, Dardalus, Rein Deer, Pert.