

HALIFAX, MAY 21.

Arrived, Monday, H. M. S. Plantagenet, Capt. Lloyd, 47 days from Cadiz, and 6 transports with Regiment de Watterville, for Quebec. Emulous Capt. Godfrey, with American privateer Cossack, her prize.—Ship Young Phoenix from Jersey for Arichat, captured by privateer Paul Jones; retaken by H. M. S. Orpheus. Wednesday, brig Aid, Brown, from Liverpool, 38 days from Cork; parted with H. M. S. Crescent and convoy, 10 days ago on the Banks.—*Last evening*, H. M. S. Crescent, Capt. Quilliam, Conflict and Boxer, with a convoy from Cork—sailed April 17.

H. M. S. Arethusa, with one million and a half in specie, sailed from Havanna for England April 16.

The transports, 14 sail, with the 19th Light Dragoons, and 2d Batt. 41st Regt. for Quebec, were left off Cape Ray on the 6th inst. under convoy of the Cygnet:—These, with the 2d Batt. 89th Regt. a Company of Royal Artillery, already embarked, and waiting impatiently for a wind to sail for that place, together with the Regt. De Watteville, 1540 strong; and we may add 400 seamen from England in the Woolwich—must afford a very powerful support to both the Canadas.

Wednesday about 3 P. M. a schooner was seen to fire at and bring too a brig, off Three Fathom Harbor; which soon after kept away S. W. and about sun-set the same schooner was seen to bear up for a ship, which it was supposed she boarded in the dusk of the evening—There can be little doubt, but that this Picaroon has carried off two very valuable vessels.

The following vessels for this place, sailed under convoy of the Crescent:—Forth, Aid, Sarah, Spanish Patriot, William, Diana, Dorset, John Peat, Augusta, Alexander, Europe:—The Diana, Augusta, and some others, are unfortunately missing.

Interesting Correspondence.

NEW-LONDON, MAY 5.—Mr. Alfred Carpenter, an aged and respectable citizen of Norwich, having been informed by some American prisoners who had been put on shore from H. B. M. ship Ramillies, that his son, John Carpenter, was detained by impressment on board that ship; he came to this city to solicit the means of rescuing his son from bondage. A smack was accordingly procured for that purpose, and Capt. Oliver Champlain, volunteered his services in taking charge of her. They left this port with a flag on the 29th ult. with Mr. Carpenter on board; same day fell in with the Ramillies and Orpheus, 7 leagues to the southward of Block Island. As soon as the flag was discovered by the Ramillies, she made sail and stood for the smack; sent a boat with a Lieutenant who took on board Captain Champlain and Mr. Carpenter, where the Capt. Sir T. H. Hardy, received them with his characteristic politeness. Having made known their business to him, he readily consented to discharge the young man; and said if he were convinced there were any other Americans on board, he would discharge them with pleasure.—John Carpenter, had been held in British service upwards of five years; and had wages due to him amounting to upwards of 300 dollars, and more than 2000 dollars of prize-money. Capt. Hardy, gave him the certificate necessary to enable him to procure the money, which in due time he will undoubtedly do.—Carpenter speaks with great respect of Sir Thomas, and says

he has been uniformly treated well on-board the different ships in which he has served. The meeting between the father and son was truly affecting.

In the flag came the following letter open, written in reply to a letter from J. Stewart, Esq. agent for prisoners in New-London, soliciting the discharge of John Carpenter.

COPY.

His Majesty's ship Ramillies, off Block-Island, April 29, 1813.

"Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and in reply I beg leave to say, that it is far from the wish of the commander in chief on this station to keep any subject belonging to the United States, on board any of our ships of war. I have therefore sent by the bearer of this, John Carpenter; and if I thought there was another citizen of the United States on board the ship I have the honor to command, he should be sent by the same conveyance. I have directed the Orpheus to land all the prisoners she has on board, by getting proper receipts for them, and if the government of America do not think proper to send back the few men who have unfortunately fallen into their hands, I shall acquit myself of having done every thing in my power to lessen the hardships attached to the fortune of war; and shall (though with much reluctance) in future be under the necessity of sending all prisoners to Halifax or Bermuda. I have sent by the Flag of Truce Capt. Hudson, who was captured by the Ramillies a few days ago; may I beg of you to send a receipt for him, with the other prisoners. I have the honor to be yours, most faithfully,

T. M. HARDY.

To James Stewart, Esq.

Agent for British prisoners, &c.

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Agreeable to the tenor of the foregoing letter, on Sunday last the Orpheus, Capt. Pigot, arrived off this harbour and sent up a flag. The Deputy Marshal received the officer Lieutenant Dance, on board the Revenue Cutter Eagle, Capt. Lee. A packet was sent down to the frigate to receive the prisoners, but Capt. Pigot declined sending them unless a previous receipt was given for them. In consequence of which the Deputy Marshal went on board the frigate, gave the receipts, and brought up prisoners; in all 38, among whom were Captains Hosmer, of Norwich, Hathaway, of Newport, and Swift, of Providence.

In consequence of the failure of the attempt of Sir T. M. Hardy, to effect an exchange of prisoners on the 26th ult. the following letter was addressed by him to the American Captains, prisoners on board the Orpheus. We receive much pleasure in giving it publicity, as we cannot but admire and respect the character of an enemy who has so uniformly evinced amidst the unavoidable irritations and calamities of war, an unshaken attachment to the interests of humanity. It is real cause of gratulation, that while we are doomed to suffer the evils attendant on a blockade, that the British commander on this station possesses so remarkable a share of humanity and magnanimity.—And while the enemy are thus "softening the rigors of war" it is not a little gratifying, that so far as respects the citizens of this place in general nothing that is proper for patriotic citizens to do has been neglected to cause the bonds of captivity to set light upon those of the enemy who have fallen into our hands. The pride and firmness which makes an American in-

trepid in combat, renders him solicitous not to be out done in generosity by his enemies. Good policy and the religion which we profess, in this case sanction our pride.

COPY.

His B. M. ship Ramillies, off Block-Island, April 29, 1813.

GENTLEMEN.—On the receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. I immediately sent the Orpheus to New-London, to effect if possible an exchange for you and your crews, with the officer and seamen belonging to his Majesty's ship under my command, that were captured a few days ago. I have received a very handsome letter from Robert Fairchild, Esq. (Marshal for the District of Connecticut) stating that he will use every effort with your government to cause your release.—However, Capt. Pigot has spoken so handsomely of your conduct, and it being my wish as much as possible to soften the hardships of individuals during this very unpleasant, and I sincerely hope short, hostility between the two countries: I have therefore ordered the Orpheus to proceed to New-London and land you, trusting to the honour of your chief Magistrate, to return to me the few seamen and officer, now prisoners of the government to which you belong. I have the honor to be, yours, very faithfully.

Signed, T. M. HARDY, Capt.
To the Captains of the captured
vessels on board the Orpheus.

A CARD.

We the subscribers, citizens of the United States, having been unfortunately captured by H. B. M. ship Orpheus, Hugh Pigot, Esq. commander, feel it a duty which we owe to him and his officers, thus publicly to state—that while on board said ship, and at all times after the capture, we were treated with every mark of respect, hospitality, civility and kindness which we could wish, or they could possibly show; and it is with pleasure we give this public testimony of respect and gratitude which we feel for him and his officers, for their kindness manifested to us while prisoners.

Robert Lawton, Capt. brig Ulyses.

Elisha Swift, Capt. sch. Plow-Boy.

Wm. Hathaway, Capt. sch. Pauline.

A. Hosmer, Passenger.

Dated at New-London, May 3, 1813.

BOSTON, MAY 14.

We have translated the following from "L'Ambigu," a periodical work published in London in the French language, and edited by M. PELTIER.

THE SECRET MONITOR—No. 46.

Extraordinary Sitting of the Conservative Senate, the Arch-Chancellor of the Empire, Cambaceres, presiding.

Cambaceres—Senators, you are assembled by order of his majesty, the emperor and king. I need not say, that it becomes you to receive with your accustomed deference the communications, he has charged me to make, and to execute without delay the orders he has transmitted to you through me.

LETTER OF NAPOLEON TO THE CONSERVATIVE SENATE.

"Senators—The war I have undertaken, for the purpose of comprehending Russia under the laws of the continental system, has continued longer than I at first calculated, and the losses I have sustained in my victorious march have sensibly diminished the number of my brave troops. I learn on another side that my armies in Spain, have suffered reverses, and that their situa-