

SMUGGLING IN THE RAME AREA.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS EARLY 19TH CENTURY

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AFFRAY WITH SMUGGLERS.—On Tuesday morning last, Mr. Foot, Chief Officer of the Preventive station at Cawsand, lodged in the Customs Warehouse at this port 46 kegs of brandy and geneva, which were captured in the presence of a party of smugglers at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 o'clock on the previous night at Sheviock. The force of the smugglers was apparently about 30, but in consequence of the hour this could not be exactly ascertained, nor their persons identified. Mr. Foot and four men called on them to surrender the kegs, and alternately employed persuasion and threats to prevail on them to do so, but the smugglers set them at defiance, challenged Mr. Foot and his men, and swore vengeance on them if they made any attempt at capture. They were armed with bludgeons, and on Mr. Foot's proceeding to seize the kegs they made a sharp resistance. Mr. Foot, his son, and his three men (a fifth being left in charge of the boat) then fired several times on them, and it is probable from the number of shots that several smugglers must have been wounded; one, Mr. Foot apprehends, must have been killed, as it appeared to [redacted] that the ball entered his mouth and he dropped. [redacted] were then heard to say "Come, let us take up the [redacted] fellow," and after that moved off. One man, named Sampson Trevan, is taken, and after an examination before the Magistrates on Tuesday, was remanded to a future day. He is now in custody in the Arrow, tender to the Harpy cutter. It is not known whether the party was composed of persons belonging to this neighbourhood or from more distant parts. Some appeared to be seafaring men.

Affray with Smugglers 11 6 1831 Publication?

in the ensuing spring.

Mr. Foot, Chief Officer of the Coast Guard, stationed at Cawsand, seized a boat on Sunday night, off Port Wrinkle, in which were seven men and twenty tubs of run brandy.

Men and Brandy seized at Portwrinkle Clonmel Herald date?

ing twelve months.
The Cawsand Preventive boat, on Thursday night crept up 26 kegs of Brandy and Geneva, which were deposited on Wednesday morning in the Custom's Warehouse.
During the violence of the gale on Monday night last, two

More Brandy Seized N Devon Journal ? 12 1827

mouth.
On Tuesday, the 28th ult., the Harpy revenue cutter, Lieutenant George Drew, R.N., commander, captured, near the Edystone, the Cawsand smuggling boat Five Brothers, and 22 half-ankers of foreign spirits thrown overboard in the chase; the other part of the cargo was sunk with stones. And on Friday the same officer captured, off the Lizard, the Fox smuggling boat, belonging to Cawsand, with 127 half-ankers of foreign spirits and four men.

'Harpy' revenue cutter capture 'Five Brothers' 9 11 1840 Publication?

wrecked.
A French lugger privateer, rowing 36 sweeps, with 50 men, boarded a Cawsand pilot boat on Monday se'nnight, which she plundered of a spy-glass and sundry other articles, and then sent her away. The same privateer captured a brig belonging to Dartmouth, from Ireland, laden with provisions, bound to London, and a brig bound to Liverpool, which she sent to France.

French Privateer boards Cawsand Pilot (no publication details)

PLYMOUTH, AUG. 10.—Sailed the *Harriett*, WESLEY, for Madeira; and the *Ex*, LEGG, for Oporto.

AUG. 11.—A French lugger privateer appeared off this port yesterday, to the eastward of the Edystone Light House, and captured about 10 A. M. in sight of a number of spectators, on Cawsand Hills, a large English ship, supposed to be a homeward-bound West Indiaman. The *Ranger* Revenue cutter, then lying in Cawsand Bay, was towed out, and a breeze soon springing up, immediately gave chase to the enemy, then about seven leagues off, standing to the southward, and it was expected would soon come up with her. The lugger finding she was pursued, stood up Channel, and the West Indiaman towards the French coast. A thick fog arising, they were all soon out of sight. The Cawsand fishermen aided in towing the *Ranger* out, to whom great praise is due, it being quite a calm at the time, several of whom went out in her. The lugger fell in with an English schooner off this port, but did not take possession of her.

French lugger chased with Cawsand men helping (no publication details)

Royal Brother, the Duke of York.

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Aug. 10. The Ranger revenue cutter, that sailed

Longer version of above story

ANOTHER LETTER.—A novel circumstance occurred yesterday in this port, unprecedented, we believe, in the recollection of its oldest inhabitants. Two French frigates and a corvette came into Cawsand Bay, at noon, under the Bourbon flag, and in amity with England. They sailed from Brest, on Sunday last, with 941 British prisoners on board, but carried no guns, and, consequently, could neither give nor receive a salute.—Admiral DOMETT received the Officers who landed in the most cordial manner, in which he was seconded by many other Officers.—Lady KEITH politely invited them to dinner on Sunday next, a compliment which will, no doubt, give birth to reciprocal invitations, it being reported that the ships are to wait here several days.

The Officers ashore, very fine looking men, paraded the town, and excited no little curiosity. They strongly solicited several British Officers to dine with them on board their respective ships; but the invitations were declined until to-day, when a large party will partake of Gallic hospitality.

DEAL, MAY 15.—Arrived yesterday his Majes-

TUESDAY'S LONDON GAZETTE.

ADMIRALTY OFFICE, JUNE 23, 1812.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Richard Bawden, Master of the Hind Revenue Cutter, addressed to Admiral Sir Robert Calder, Bart. and transmitted to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

Hind Revenue Cutter, Cawsand Bay,
June 19, 1812.

SIR—I beg leave to acquaint you, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that, while cruising in His Majesty's revenue cutter the Hind, about seven p.m. yesterday, the Doberman bearing W.N.W. distance about six or seven miles, and blowing hard, with a high sea running, the weather hazy, I found myself in the near presence of a French lugger privateer, then having in company an English brig which she had captured. This cutter became engaged with the lugger: the latter showing every disposition to board the former, I gave him three broadsides, fell on board him, and his masts were carried away, boarded, and took possession of him; but soon after the vessels were separated, the lugger was found to be in a sinking state, and it was with great difficulty the officers and men of this cutter were withdrawn from her, as were, at the same time, her commander, his first officer, and seven of his crew, who are now on board the Hind. The lugger at this time appeared to have settled in the water very much, and being by that time dark night, we soon lost sight of her, and there is every reason to suppose she sunk.

From the report of her commander, Jean Le Duc, this lugger proves to be the Incomparable, belonging to St. Malo, one hundred and twenty tons burthen, armed with fourteen twelve pounder carronades, having a crew of fifty-three men; out from Roscoe four days, had made no capture previous to the brig then in her company; during the action seven of her crew were killed, and nine men wounded. The crew, except the nine persons now in the Hind, and those seen in the brig's boat, remained in the lugger.

I am happy to inform you, that none of the crew of the Hind have received any hurt whatever, and that their conduct on this occasion was most exemplary and brave, against so superior a force, and in such extreme bad weather.

On the Hind appearing, the lugger withdrew her men from the brig, and none of her crew having been removed at the same time, the brig's both topmasts were carried away. I did not wait to board the brig, but pursued the lugger, and in passing I ordered the master of the brig to bear away for the nearest port; but I have not since seen that vessel, and have every reason to think the Frenchmen perished in her boat, as we saw them rowing towards the lugger, and they have not been since heard of.

The Hind has received no other damage than in her rigging and sails.

I am, &c.

RICH. BAWDEN, Mate, in command of Hind Cutter.

'Hind' Revenue cutter of Cawsand Capture Privateer London Gazette 23 6 1812

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

PLYMOUTH, July 7. Accounts are received here of the capture of that beautiful smuggling cutter, the *Johanna*, of Cawsand, deeply laden with spirits from Guernsey. She has run many successful voyages, and was taken by the armed ship off the Start Point. The third and fourth mutineers of the *Montague* 74, are sent out to the Fleet, to be executed on board two of the ships off Brest. Came in from Jersey, with Dispatches for the Admiral, the *Venus* cutter, Lieut. COOBAN. Yesterday went into the Sound, the *Nimrod*, 14 guns, Lieut. O'NEIL, after refitting in Hamoaze, to wait for orders. Came in from the squadron off Ferrol, the *Fox* cutter, 10 guns, Lieut. J. NICHOLSON; she left the British squadron off that Port, and *Corunna*, all well the 26th ult. she carried dispatches to the Hon. Admiral Cornwallis from Brest. Admiral Cornwallis.

'Johanne' of Cawsand captured (no Details)

country.
 "The Pylades brig of war, and captain Plane, of a revenue lugger, took the Stag smuggling lugger belonging to Cawsand yesterday. Capt. Plane put four of his men on board the smuggler, and ordered them to steer after him, which they did, and capt. Plane run in with the land, struck his sails, and came to an anchor, as did the brig of war; which the smugglers observing, put about and stood to sea; and gave capt. Plane's men two chances, either to walk overboard upon a plank, or take the jolly-boat to go ashore; the latter of which they accepted."
 One of the most remarkable events that have taken

'Stag' Cawsand smuggling lugger taken Saunders Newsletter 13 3 1784

Liverpool.

SMUGGLER WRECKED.—On Tuesday night the wind blew a gale from the south west, and it was very dark. Towards morning, the watch on board the light vessel, thinking he heard a cry for help from the breakwater, aroused his companion from his sleep, who being of the same opinion, they were induced to lower their boat, and row there, when to their surprise they found five men, who told them a deplorable tale of having been wrecked on the further end of the breakwater, stating that their vessel had oranges on board. Having thus practised on the humanity of those who rescued them, they further induced them to land them at Cawsand; but on the return of the watch to the light vessel, the day was beginning to dawn, so that they were enabled to descry the vessel on the breakwater, which they succeeded in boarding, and discovered that she was the *Brothers*, of Cawsand, lately sold out of the pilot service, but that she was fast falling a prey to the merciless waves, and that the staves of the kegs which formed her cargo were floating about. The *Harpy* revenue cutter has since brought in several kegs, supposed to be part of the cargo of the *Brothers*.
—*Plymouth Journal*.

'The Brothers' of Cawsand foundered on Breakwater Dublin Observer 1835

NAVAL NEWS.

DEVONPORT, SEPT. 23.

The *Arrow*, tender to the *Harpy* revenue cruiser, has brought in here the *Bee*, a smuggling vessel of ten tons, belonging to Cawsand; the crew had thrown her cargo overboard near the Eddystone previously to her being captured. The *Jasper*, 10, Captain Blackwood, has sailed

'The Bee' of Cawsand captured Cork Advertiser 23 9 1827

ster, who were acquainted with the boat.

On Saturday evening, about eight o'clock, Mr. Foot, of the Preventive Waterguard, at Cawsand, captured a sprit-sail boat, called the *Five Sisters*, belonging to Cawsand, with 98 tubs of Foreign Brandy and Geneva on board, together with 3 men and a boy. The boat was first discovered by one of the Preventive men on the look-out from the hill, and having a suspicion of the boat, he immediately informed Mr. Foot, who with four of his men took one of the pilot-boats from the bay and went off, and it was not until they were close to the smuggling vessel they (the smugglers) discovered that the Preventive men were in the pilot-boat, when they made all sail to get away, which they were fast effecting, when the Preventive-men, after hoisting their colours and firing one or two blank cartridges, began to fire musket shot into the boat (every one of which took effect without touching the men): the seventh shot cut away the sprit teakle halliards, when the main-sail fell down in the boat. The other boat, of course, kept constantly gaining on her, and finally took her as above stated.

A cricket-match has been agreed to be played between eleven members of the Teignbridge

'Five Sisters' of Cawsand captured Exeter Times 5 6 1827