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British sloop Lilly by French Privateer. Lists names and duties
of crew of the Lilly. Addressed to Sir Andw. Mitchell, K. B.

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Sir,

I feel the deepest regret in having to communicate to you the enclosed details of the capture of the Magistrate, Hoops, Lilly, by the Private Ship Prisoner La Dame (under) on the 15th current off Cape Roman, after an action of upwards of two hours, in which, I trust that I must add, Captain Connelley, and Lieut. Cox were killed, and very Officer on deck, together with 10 Seamen and Marines were wounded.

This unwelcome Intelligence has been brought to me this Morning by Mr Head, who with the remaining Officers and wounded Seamen of the Lilly, and a few others, (as stated in the enclosed list) have come to this Port in a Private Boat having left the Ship Mary fifteen leagues from Cape Henry, as according to their statement all subordination has ceased on board of her, since the mutinous proceedings and Resolutions, which took place off Cape Henry on the 10th and 11th current. Indeed from the representations of the Officers, I think it very probable that the crews of the Mary and of the Prisoner take satisfaction in the opinion that the Ship was given to them by the Commander of the Prisoner, and that they are aware of the small American Port will persuade the crews of the Prisoner Company with them to go off in the Ship to Baltimore, where they know English Men of War Navy's. This is however

Very truly

Yours and Friend N. K.

March

merely. On some of mine, and if the same come to this
place, they will be equally out of my control, as the Americans
would not lend me any assistance to remove them, should
they be inclined (as after what has happened they would
most likely) to leave their Officers. The Seamen are wounded
and those wounded but slightly who have recovered here
seem inclined to go to Matanzas to repair some of the Ministry's
ships, and I shall therefore charter a vessel to put them
on board of the American or British off New York, or in case
of their not falling in with either of those ships to carry
them to that City. That Colonel Barclay may perceive this
is a charge to him, I do, as I have no means of getting
them out from this, every care and attention will be shown
to the Wounded Officers and Seamen, whom I have got
admitted into the Marine Hospital now. I am sorry to hear
that Mr. Capin's wound from San Juan Mat. must have
been so much injured. Mr. Knapp's wound seems to be
dangerously wounded in the thigh, and Mr. Hard's wound
in the shoulder of a Musquet Ball and is not yet
extracted.

The Commander of the French Privateer
does not require either from the Officer or Seamen of
a duty any service or engagement in the nature of
service, or in sailing, or that they cannot be
considered as prisoners. He detained with the Party Mr.
Hester, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Mabel's Boatman Mabel.

It is but justice to mention to you that the
Officers generally appear to have behaved with the most
goodness and humanity, and are doing every thing in
their power to relieve the suffering.

Attention

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...education in which they were placed on board the Ship Mary
and that to Mr. Norcott Acting Purser upon whom
(from his not having been wounded) in that or
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...seems to be due for his Conduct.

A Report prevails here that two
Schooner Privateers are cruising between Cape Hatteras
and Charleston, and that others are expected from Providence.
I do not know how true this may be, but it is by no
means improbable.

I have the Honour to remain with
perfect Truth and Respect

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Jno. Hamilton

Wm. Allen Esq. An S. Mitchell N. Y.

- L. L. L.

List of Officers and Seamen belonging to His Majesty's Ship *Albatross*, who arrived at Norfolk, in a Pilot Boat on the 22nd day of July 1804

Mr. Richard Tobin	Surgeon
Mr. Harcourt	Acting Surgeon
Mr. Michel Head	Master Mate
Mr. Bryant	Boatswain Hospital
Mr. West	Gunner
Mr. Wilson	Carpenter
Mr. M. G. of HMS <i>Swallow</i>	Do
Scipio Thompson	Master Mate Hospital
Peter Eldon	Quartermaster Do
Mr. Bennett	At Do
Mr. Allison	At Do
Adam Bannoy	At
Peter Thomas	At
Wm. Thomas	At
Benj. Brown	At
Rob. Ruster	At Hospital
Rich. Corbett	Boatswain's Mate Do
Mr. Woodcock	Quartermaster's Mate
Jack Stewart	Armorer
Wm. Wier	At
Sam. Parker	At
Mr. Granter	At
Wm. Neal Martin	Cook
Mr. Evans	At
Rob. Hammond	Privat. Marine Hospital
Rob. Jay	Do Do
Mr. Gally	
Edw. Warren	Seamen belonging to HMS <i>Swallow</i>
Mr. Reed	
Mr. Scott	
Mr. Wilson	
Mr. Wade	Marines belonging to Hospital
Mr. Coulson	Do
Cency Morrison	Boys