

Plouharnel, January 9, 1765

Sir,

Yesterday, around 6 a.m., I saw two ships in distress on our coast. But they anchored believing themselves to be overwhelmed on the coast and unable to withdraw due to the weather and the impetuosity of the sea. Finally, they fired several cannon shots to ask for help, which I was unable to provide. Finally, the largest, weighing around 200 tons, missed its cable during the night and pierced everything. The crew seems to me to have saved everything. It is loaded with sugar, indigo and red wood, coffee and cotton. I have appointed 12 people to watch over the safety of this ship to prevent looting. The ship is from Nantes. 40 crew members saved. The captain and his officers are here. Do as you think fit, sir, and I'll work on it, hoping for your orders. As I don't have a moment more, you will be good enough to communicate my letter to Monsieur Reynaud, my commissioner, so that he can give me orders on this subject as soon as possible. He will receive another letter from yesterday. The small vessel of about 80 to 100 tons is still holding out. Nothing else for the present. I have the day's journal, which I will pass on in due course.

Sir, your most humble and obedient servant,

Joseph Rohu

Posted at 2:30 a.m.