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Admiralty-Office, September 18, 1797.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral the Earl of St. Vincent, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Fleet on the Coast of Portugal, to Ewan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board the *Ville de Paris*, off Cadiz, the 31st of August, 1797.

S I R,

I Have this Moment received the inclosed Report from Captain Downman, of His Majesty's Sloop the *Speedy*, stating the Capture of a Spanish Privateer.

I am, &c. &c. &c.

ST. VINCENT.

Speedy, in the River Tagus, August 26, 1797.

My Lord,

I Have the Honor to acquaint you, that on the 1st Instant, Twenty Leagues S. W. of Oporto, we captured *El Domini Lucas*, a Spanish Lugger Privateer, of Two Four Pounders, Twelve Swivels and Twenty-eight Men, after a Chace of Five Hours. She is new, had been out Sixteen Days, and had not taken any Thing.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

HUGH DOWNMAN.

The Earl of St. Vincent, K. B.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Sir Richard King, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Plymouth, to Ewan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board His Majesty's Ship *Cambridge*, in Hamoaze, September 16, 1797.

S I R,

I Herewith transmit, for their Lordship's Information, a Letter I received from Captain Seymour, of His Majesty's Sloop *Spitfire*, acquainting me of his having captured a French Schooner Privateer, with which the *Spitfire* arrived this Morning.

I am, &c.

R. KING.

His Majesty's Sloop *Spitfire*, Liard, N. N. E.
13 Leagues, September 15, 1797.

S I R,

THE *Spitfire* has captured the French Privateer Schooner *L'Incroyable*, of Three Six Pounders and Thirty-one Men, out Fourteen Days from St. Maloes, had taken nothing.

I have, &c.

MICH. SEYMOUR.

Admiralty-Office, September 18, 1797.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral King Smith, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Cork, dated September the 13th, 1797, to Ewan Nepean, Esq;

I Request you will acquaint my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that His Majesty's Ship *Dryad* returned here Yesterday; and also that you will lay before their Lordships the accompanying Letter from Lord Amelius Beauclerk, giving Account of his having sunk a French Brig Privateer, *La Cornelie*, of Nantz, mounting 12 Guns.

Dryad, Cork Harbour, Sept. 12, 1797.

S I R,

I Have to inform you, that on the 9th Instant, at Eight P. M. in Latitude 50 deg. Longitude 13 deg. we discovered a Sail to the S. E; At Half past Nine we came alongside of her, after various Manœuvres on her Part to get away; the Consequence of which was, I was under the Necessity of firing several Shot at her, which proved in the End her Destruction; running alongside of her for some Time, frequently desiring of her to bring to, but without Effect; when all of a sudden I heard a great Noise from her, and was informed his Vessel was on Fire. Fearing the Consequence of that, I sheered off a little, but soon found he was sinking, upon which I ordered him to run on Board of us; but I believe she was then too far gone, as I perceived her to settle very fast, and in a few Minutes she went down. I immediately hoisted the Boats out,