

the Command of that brave and distinguished Officer Admiral Lord Viscount Duncan.

We trust this brilliant Success of your Majesty's Arms, in which the Superiority of British Seamen was again so decidedly displayed, will aid your Majesty's gracious Efforts to restore to us the Blessings of Peace on a secure and permanent Basis.

We, for ourselves, desire to assure your Majesty, that our best Endeavours, our Lives and Fortunes, will be dedicated to the Security of your Majesty's Person and Government, and the Support of our invaluable Constitution.

Signed, in the Name of the Whole, by

Rob. Stewart, Lieut. Col. Commandt.
John Hanning, Major.
Will. Hoskins,
Sam. Daniell,
Philip Hales, } Captains.
Alex. Baine,
J. F. Warre, }

[Transmitted by Earl Poulett.]

Admiralty-Office, November 18, 1797.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Hon. Lord Bridport, K. B. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board His Majesty's Ship Royal George, at Sea, the 11th Instant.

SIR,

I Acquaint you, for their Lordships Information, that on the 19th Ultimo, His Majesty's Ships Boadicea and Anson captured Le Zephyr French Brig Privateer of Nantes, armed with 2 Brads Twelve Pounders, 6 Sixes, and 70 Men. She is quite new, coppered, and had not made any Capture.

The above Ships also recaptured, on the 20th Ult. the Ship Eliza, under American Colours, from London to the Cape of Good Hope, with a Cargo of Merchandize of various Sorts, which had been taken by the Constance Privateer from Nantes; and on the following Day the Ship Jenny, of Greenock, from Liverpool, bound to Virginia, laden with Salt, Earthen Ware and some Bale Goods, taken the 10th Ult. by the Hazard Privateer of Rochelle, after a Defence which does Credit to her Master and Crew.

I am, SIR,

&c. &c. &c.

BRIDPORT.

Admiralty-Office, November 18, 1797.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Peyton, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Downs, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board the Overysel, November 14, 1797.

SIR,

BE pleased to acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that His Majesty's Sloop Fairy arrived here this Morning, and has brought in with her a small French Privateer. For Particulars respecting the Capture of the said Privateer I beg Leave to refer their Lordships to Captain Horton's Letter, herewith inclosed.

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

JOS. PEYTON.

His Majesty's Sloop Fairy, Nov. 13, 1797.

SIR,

HAVING weighed this Morning from off Calais, the Fox (2d) Cutter in Company, Eight or Nine Miles to the Westward of Seater Cliff, the Cutter being Six or Seven ahead of me, she made the Signal for an Enemy, which, as the Haze cleared, I made to be a Lugger, with her Sails turned to the Northward, and Westward of her Two or Three Miles.

Being light Winds, I hoisted out my Boats, armed them; and went to the Assistance of the Fox; but during the Chace, the Launch (commanded by Mr. Middleton, Purser of the Fairy) separated, and went in Chace of another Lugger, running down along Shore from the Westward. About Two o'Clock the Breeze freshened, when, having no longer any Prospect of coming up with our Chace, I tacked in Shore, with the Cutter and Boats, to the Assistance of the Launch, she having then brought the Lugger to Action, under a very heavy Fire from the Two Batteries in Whitesand Bay; but, to my very great Astonishment, I found the Launch had carried her, notwithstanding she had anchored within Musquet Shot of the Western Battery.

She proves to be L'Erperver, National Privateer, mounting 2 Two Pound Carriage Guns, 4 Swivels, Musketoons, and Small Arms, carrying Twenty-five Men, all of whom effected their Escape, Three being badly wounded; was commanded by Citizen George Hammond, an Irishman, belonging to Dunkirk.

Mr. Middleton had only Seven Men in the Launch, was himself the only Man wounded by a Grape Shot grazing (though not entering) his Stomach badly.

His Gallantry on this Occasion speaks for itself, nor is it the first Time I have witnessed it. I beg Leave to recommend him strongly to your Attention.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

JOSHUA SYDNEY HORTON.

P. S. Mr. Hoare, commanding the Fox, made the greatest Exertion.

Joseph Peyton, Esq; Admiral of the Blue, &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, November 18, 1797.

Extract of a Letter from Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. Captain of His Majesty's Ship Indefatigable, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Falmouth, the 15th Instant.

October the 14th we made Teneriffe; and at Midnight captured the French National Brig Corvette Le Ranger, of 14 Guns and 70 Men, conveying Dispatches to the West Indies, which were destroyed.

October the 15th, captured a Spanish Schooner, with Fish; and, being rather short of Water, put the Crew of the Enemy's Brig (except Officers) into her, and sent them on Shore at Santa Cruz.

October the 25th, after a Chace of Eight Hours, captured the French Privateer L'Hyenne, of 24 Nine-Pounders and 230 Men; Fourteen Days from Bayonne; had taken nothing. She bore down upon us, taking us for a Portuguese India Ship, and carried away her Fore Topmast in the Chace, or her