

Admiralty-Office, December 9, 1797.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Honorable Lord Bridport, K. B. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 5th of December, 1797.

S I R,

YOU will herewith receive a Copy of a Letter from Captain White, of His Majesty's Brig Sylph, which I transmit for their Lordships Information.

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

BRIDPORT.

Sylph, Causand Bay, December 2, 1797.

My Lord,

I Beg Leave to acquaint your Lordship, that we sailed from this Anchorage on the 19th Ult. in order to rejoin the Squadron under Captain Keats, but, owing to thick and blowing Weather, I was not able to fall in with him before he quitted the Rendezvous. I have further to acquaint your Lordship, that since the above Period we have made the following Recaptures (between the Latitude of Belleisle and Rochfort) and with the last of them we arrived here this Morning.

On the 21st of November, Active Schooner, from Newfoundland bound to Teignmouth, laden with Fish and Oil; she was captured on the 14th of November, by La Constance Brig Privateer, of Nantes.

On the 22d of November, a Prussian Galliotte, from Amsterdam to Lisbon, laden with Wheat, captured by Le Buonaparte Ship-Privateer, of Bourdeaux, on Suspicion of the Cargo being Portuguese Property; this Vessel being very leaky, and her Cargo much damaged, I suffered her to proceed (after taking out the Frenchmen,) to her original Destination.

On the 23d of November, the Brig Diana, from New Providence, bound to London, laden with Cotton, Sugar and Coffee, captured on the 12th of November by the Felix Cutter Privateer, of 14 Guns, belonging to Nantes; besides the Diana, she had taken Three English Vessels from Newfoundland, and Two Americans Outward bound.

On the 30th of November, the Ship Henniker, from London, bound to Martinique, laden with Provisions on Account of Government, was under Convoy of the Trent and Amphitrite, and captured in Lat. 42 deg. 27 min. North, and Long. 21 deg. 50 min. West, by Le Francois Ship Privateer, of Nantes, on the 23d of November.

The Prisoners taken in the Diana inform me, that Le Felix, (the Privateer to which they belonged) was upset on the Night of the 16th of November, in a sudden and violent Gull of Wind, and, though not a Quarter of a Mile from her Prize, not one of her Crew was saved, which consisted of 115 Men, exclusive of whom, I am sorry to add, perished 22 British and American Seamen, belonging to the Vessels this Privateer had captured.

I have the Honor to be, My Lord,

&c. &c. &c.

JOHN LE WHITE.

*Right Hon. Lord Bridport, K. B.
&c. &c. &c.*

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Copy of a Letter from Admiral the Earl of St. Vincent, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the River Tagus, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 28th of November, 1797.

I Enclose, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter from Captain Westcott, Commander of His Majesty's Ship the Majestic, acquainting Rear-Admiral Sir John Orde with his having, on the 14th Instant, captured the Spanish Corvette Bolador, of 16 Guns and 74 Men.

Also a Letter from Captain Hotham, of His Majesty's Ship the Blanche, to Captain Tyler, Commander of L'Aigle, giving an Account of his taking Le Coureur French Privateer, of 14 Guns and 90 Men, the 20th of this Month.

*Majestic, off Cape St. Vincent.
November 15, 1797.*

S I R,

I Have the Honor to inform you, that, chasing from the Squadron under your Command Yesterday, I captured the Bolador, a Spanish Corvette, of 16 Guns and 74 Men, Schooner rigged, commanded by Don Antonio Rodriguez. He had been Seventy-four Days on his Passage from the Caraccos, and charged with Dispatches, which he had thrown overboard during the Chace.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

G. B. WESTCOTT.

Rear-Admiral Sir John Orde, Bart.

Blanche, at Sea, November 21, 1797.

S I R,

THE Officer who will have the Honor of delivering this, is sent in with Le Coureur French Privateer Birg, of 14 Guns and 90 Men, taken by His Majesty's Ship under my Command in the Night of the 20th Instant, after a Chace of Three Hours.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

HENRY HOTHAM.

*To Charles Tyler, Esq; Captain
of His Majesty's Ship L'Aigle.*

War-Office, December 9, 1797.

2d Regiment of Life Guards, Charles Thomas Grant, Gent. to be Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant, by Purchase.

Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant Charles Thomas Grant to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Beresford, promoted.

1st Regiment of Foot Guards, Captain Charles Pinfold, from the 24th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Boyd, who exchanges.

5th Regiment of the Irish Brigade, Serjeant-Major — Orchard, from the 62d Foot, to be Adjutant, vice Pierce, deceased.

Quarter-Master-Serjeant, — Pike, from Ditto, to be Quarter Master, vice Falvey, deceased.

6th Ditto, Richard Ryan, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Blake, who resigns.

GARRISONS.

Corbet Hue, Clerk, to be Chaplain to the Garrison of Sheerness, vice Ledwich.

James Poole, Gent. to be Barrack-Master in Newfoundland.