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Admiralty-Office, January 8, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. Captain of His Majesty's Ship *Indefatigable*, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Sea the 2d Instant.

SIR,

HAVING an Opportunity of forwarding a Duplicate of my Letter and Return to Sir Alan Gardner, by the recaptured Ship *Asphalon*, which proceeds to Falmouth, whilst the *Indefatigable* proceeds to join the Vice-Admiral off Brest.

I send this for their Lordships' Information; and remain,

Sir, &c. &c. &c.

EDWARD PELLEW.

SIR, *Indefatigable*, at Sea, Jan. 1, 1799.

I Have the Pleasure to inform you, that at Dawn of Day, Yesterday Morning, Ushant bearing N. E. Five Leagues, we captured the French Ship Privateer *La Minerve*, carrying Sixteen Guns and One Hundred and Forty Men, Twenty-eight Days from St. Malo. She was laying-to, waiting to proceed into Brest, and took this Ship for her Prize, the *Asphalon*, of Newcastle, from Halifax bound to London, laden with Sugar, Coffee, and Tobacco; which Ship we chased all Day, and this Morning had the Satisfaction to retake off the Rocks of *Albrevrak*.

I have the Honor to inclose a List of Vessels captured by the Privateer during her Cruize.

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

EDWARD PELLEW.

Vice-Admiral Sir Alan Gardner, Bart.

List of Vessels captured by *La Minerve* French Ship Privateer, of St. Malo, between the 11th and 31st of December, 1798.

Martinus, a Bremen Brig, from Lisbon bound to Bremen, with Sugar, Coffee, and Hides.

Tagus, Portuguese Brig, from Lisbon bound to Bristol, with Lemons and Oranges.

Minerva, English Snow, from Providence to London, with Sugar, Coffee, and Cotton.

Ann and Dorothea, Danish Schooner, (captured under the Name of *Beata Maria*;) from Saint

Thomas bound to Hamburgh, with Cocoa and Cotton, retaken by His Majesty's Ship *Indefatigable*.

Alphalon, Ship of Newcastle, John Edgar, Master, from Halifax bound to London, with Sugar, Coffee, and Tobacco, &c. &c. retaken by His Majesty's Ship *Indefatigable*.

War-Office, Dublin-Castle, January 1, 1799.

HIS Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to sign Commissions for the following Gentlemen to be Officers in the undermentioned District Corps.

Middlebird Cavalry.

James Power, Esq; to be Second Lieutenant, vice Lee, resigned.

South Fingal Cavalry.

Robert Swift, Esq; to be Third Lieutenant, vice Vernon, resigned.

Murrisk Cavalry.

Peter Brown, Esq; to be Captain, vice the Right Honorable Denis Brown, resigned.

George Mahon, Esq; to be First Lieutenant, vice Martin.

Charles Higgins, Esq; to be Second Lieutenant, vice Mahon, promoted.

Walter Martin, Esq; to be Third Lieutenant.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 8, 1799.

SUCH Ladies as desire to dance Minuets at the Ball which is to be at St. James's on Friday the 18th Instant, are requested to send their Names and Rank, in Writing, to this Office, on or before Wednesday the 16th Instant, and to send for their Tickets the next Day (Thursday) between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Two in the Afternoon. And to prevent the Inconveniencies which have arisen from the Space before their Majesties which is allotted for Minuet Dancing being exceedingly crowded, it is requested that those Ladies only who mean to dance will send for Dancers' Tickets, and sit in those Places, as the Seats have been found too few to accommodate the Dancers.