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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, *March 11.*

Copy of a letter from Lieut. HENRY FESTING, commanding his Majesty's cutter the Nimble, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated Yarmouth road, Isle of Wight, March 8. 1797.

SIR,

Be pleased to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that I sailed from Dartmouth the 6th inst. with a convoy for the Downs.

Yesterday morning, about seven o'clock, off St Aldan's Head, I captured a French privateer cutter, called L'Impromptu, Citizen L'Écuyer commander, with four swivels, plenty of small arms, cutlasses, &c. and thirty-one men; sailed from Cherbourg the preceding night, but had taken nothing. She has the Ann of Dartmouth on her stern, her original name, and was taken away from Brixham about six weeks ago by some French prisoners.

Discovering another suspicious cutter in chace of a sloop, I immediately hauled after her, and made the signal for my convoy (as the weather seemed variable, and little wind to the southward) to run in through the Needles.

About four P. M. came up with the chace; she is named Le Bonheur, Citizen Burnel commander, with two three-pounders, two swivels, small arms, cutlasses, and twenty-four men. The cutlasses in both vessels were ground as sharp as razors. She has the Mary of Dartmouth on her stern, but French built, sailed in company with the other, and had taken nothing. I immediately took her in tow, and shall proceed to Spithead to get rid of the prisoners.

I have the honour to be, &c.

H. FESTING.

Copy of a letter from Sir JOHN WARREN, Bart. Captain of his Majesty's ship La Pomone, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated March 7. 1797.

I take the liberty of inclosing to you, for their Lordships information, a list of the enemy's vessels taken and destroyed by his Majesty's squadron under my command.—I have the honour to be, &c.

J. WARREN.

A List of French and Spanish vessels captured and destroyed by his Majesty's squadron under the command of Commodore Sir JOHN BORLASE WARREN, K. B. between the 24th of January and 7th of March 1797.

FRENCH.

La Providencé, sloop, in ballast, from Brest to Bourdeaux, sunk.  
L'Intrepid, sloop, in ballast, from Brest to Bourdeaux, sunk.  
L'Jennée, brig, wine and brandy, from Bourdeaux to Brest, sent to England.  
Le —, brig, empty casks, burnt.

SPANISH.

Le Santa Theresa, brig, empty casks, from St Andero to Vigo, burnt.  
St Jago de Compostella, brig, in ballast, from St Andero to Vigo, sunk.  
J. B. WARREN, Commodore.

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 the 9th March 1797.

SIR,

By a letter I have received from Capt. Talbot, of his Majesty's ship Eurydice, of this date, he informs me, that at five A. M. on the 7th instant, off the Flemish Banks, he saw on his weather beam, and, after a chace of four hours, took Le Voltigeur French privateer, lugger rigged, no carriage guns, and manned with twenty-three men. She had fail-

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