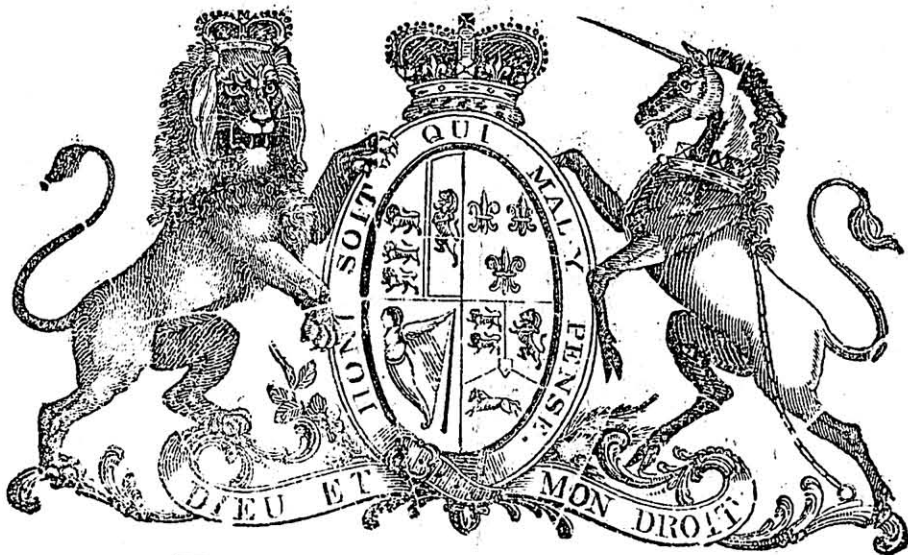


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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, OCT. 13.

Lieutenant Brodie, of the *Rose* cutter, arrived early this morning with a Letter from Admiral Duncan; Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships, &c. employed in the North Sea, to Evan Nepean, Esq; of which the following is a copy.

Venerable, off the coast of Holland, the 12th of October, by log (11th) three P.M. Camperdown E. S. E. eight miles, wind N. by E.

SIR,

I have the pleasure to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that at nine o'clock this morning I got sight of the Dutch Fleet; at half past twelve I passed through their line, and the action commenced, which has been very severe. The Admiral's ship is dismasted, and has struck, as have several others, and one is on fire.

I shall send Captain Fairfax with particulars the moment I can spare him.

I am, SIR,

Your most obedient humble Servant,
ADAM DUNCAN.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, OCT. 13.

Extract of a letter from Admiral Sir Richard King, Bart. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Plymouth, to Mr Nepean, dated the 11th instant.

I herewith transmit, for their Lordships information, a letter which I received this morning from Lieutenant Tomlinson, commanding the *Speedwell* lugger, giving an account of his having captured a French cutter privateer carrying 2 brass six pounders, 2 swivels and 18 men.

[Price Sixpence.]

SIR,

Speedwell, at sea, Oct. 10. 1797.
I have the honour to inform you, the *Start* bearing north about nine leagues, we fell in with this morning, and, after a chase of six hours, captured *Les Amies*. a small French cutter privateer, having on board 2 brass six pounders, 2 swivels, and 18 men; out four days from *Granville*, and had not taken any thing.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,
ROB. TOMLINSON.

Sir Richard King, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, OCT. 14.

Copy of a letter from Vice Admiral Kingsmill, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels on the coast of Ireland, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated the 5th of Oct.

I request you will inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that Captain Faulknor, of his Majesty's ship *Diana*, has sent in a coppered French cutter privateer *Le Flibustier*, of 4 guns, 5 swivels and 29 men, out of Bourdeaux 52 days, but which had not made any capture.

I have the honour to be, &c.

R. KINGSMILL.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, OCT. 14.

Copy of a letter from Vice Admiral Kingsmill, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels on the coast of Ireland, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated at Cork, the 9th of October, 1797.

SIR,

Please to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that his Majesty's ship *Cerberus*

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