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FROM TUESDAY, JANUARY 16. TO FRIDAY, JANUARY 19. 1798.

ST JAMES'S, Jan. 15.

This day their Majesties and their Royal Highnesses the Princesses removed from Windsor to the Queen's Palace, to reside there during the winter.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Jan. 16.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Reynolds, Commander of his Majesty's ship *La Pomone*, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated Plymouth Sound, the 14th January.

I beg to acquaint you, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that in the night of the 16th ult. I lost company with the *Phoebe*, in a very heavy gale of wind at W.S.W. which came on the 8th, and continued blowing strong without intermission until the 24th, and, though the violence of the gale then abated, still it blew from the west; that with every possible exertion we were unable to get farther to the westward than 29 degrees of longitude before the 31st ult. the day on which my limited time for cruising on the ground prescribed by their Lordships expired.

On the 1st instant I edged away to the eastward, and on the 5th, at 11 o'clock in the night, Ushant bearing N. 65 deg. E. 94 leagues, crossed a large ship, standing under easy sail to the N.W. I instantly gave chase, and soon got close alongside of her; for it being thick hazy weather, she was deceived in our strength, and shrunk not from the action, but had the temerity to exchange several broadsides with us before she called for quarter; in which we had 1 man killed and 4 wounded, and our masts and rigging considerably damaged. Having shifted the prisoners, and our carpenter having plugged eight shot holes she had received betwixt wind and water, we

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were about to take her in tow, (for her mizen-mast was shot away, and she was utterly disabled to carry any sail) when the officer on board hailed us, and said she was sinking. I sent all our boats to her assistance, but finding no efforts could save her, had but just time to draw our men and their wounded from her, when she sunk alongside of us. She proved to be the *Cheri*, from Nantz, carrying 26 long twelve, eighteen, and twenty-four pounders, (mixed) upon her main-deck, and 230 men, commanded by Mons. Chassin; had been out fourteen days, and taken nothing: she had 12 men killed and 22 wounded; among the latter was the gallant Captain, who, with two others, died of their wounds the next day.

On Thursday evening, the *Eddystone* bearing N.E. 12 leagues, I captured a little privateer from Rosco, called the *Emprunt Folle*; had only 2 small carriage guns, 6 swivels, and 25 men on board; she had been out but one day, and had taken nothing.

Our main mast and foremast being wounded, and both of them fished, and much of the standing rigging so injured that it is necessary to replace it, I thought it would be expediting the service to steer directly for this port, instead of Falmouth; and I hope my having done so will meet their Lordships approbation,

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, JAN. 16.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. Captain Stopford, of his Majesty's ship *Phaeton*, to the Right Hon. Admiral Lord Bridport, dated at sea, Dec. 31, 1797.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to inform your Lordship, that,

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