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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Jan. 20.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Sir Edward Pellew, Commander of his Majesty's Ship *Indefatigable*. to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated at Sea, the 11th of January 1798.

SIR,

I have the pleasure to inform you, that I have captured this day, in company with the *Cambrian* and *Childers*, a French schooner privateer, *Le Vengeur*, of 12 guns and 72 men, quite new, eight days from Ostend, without having made any prizes, and have sent her to Falmouth.

I have the honour to be, &c.

EDW. PELLEW.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, JAN. 20.

Copy of a Letter from Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. Captain of his Majesty's Ship *Indefatigable*, dated at Sea, the 16th instant.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you, that this evening, after a chase of four hours, the Squadron in company, I had the pleasure to capture *L'Inconceivable* French privateer, from Dunkirk, out ten days, taken nothing, armed with 8 guns, and manned with 53 men.

I have the honour to be, &c.

EDW. PELLEW.

DUBLIN CASTLE, JAN. 15.

This day his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant went in state to the House of Peers, and being seated on the throne with the usual solemnity, Nicholas

[Price Sixpence.]

Price Esq. Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from his Excellency to the House of Commons, signifying his pleasure that they should attend his Excellency in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, his Excellency made the following Speech:—

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have his Majesty's commands to assemble you in Parliament at this important period, and to resort to your deliberation and advice.

When I reflect on the tranquillity which attended the late General Election, I have just ground to believe that the wisdom and firmness which were manifested by the late Parliament were felt and approved by the Nation at large; and that your conduct will be actuated by similar principles in defence of our happy Constitution.

It must have given you great concern to learn that his Majesty's endeavours to restore the blessings of peace have been again frustrated by the desperate ambition of the French Government. I have his Majesty's command to lay before you his Royal declaration, and the various papers which passed in the course of the late negotiation, in which the magnanimity and moderation of his Majesty were so eminently displayed, as to leave no pretext or colour for the insidious conduct and fallacious statements of the enemy.

His Majesty relies with confidence on the spirit of his people of Ireland, who are sensible of their duty to their God, their Sovereign, and their country. He knows they are incapable of being intimidated by any threats, or deluded by any offers; and he implicitly depends on the valour of his regular and militia forces, the active loyalty of the district corps, the courage of the nation, and the prowess of his fleets and armies for defeating every hostile attempt which may be made on this kingdom.

The late signal victory of Admiral Lord Duncan over the Dutch Squadron, achieved upon their own coasts

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