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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, March 3. 1798.

Extract of a Letter from the Right Hon. Lord BRIDPORT, K. B. to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated 27th of February 1798.

HEREWITH you will receive, for their Lordships information, copies of two letters of the 21st instant, from the Hon. Captain Stopford, of his Majesty's ship Phaeton, stating the capture of La Legere: French ship privateer; also with the capture of the American ship Eliza, from Boston to Amsterdam, with a valuable cargo on board:

These letters were transmitted to me by Captain Frazer, of his Majesty's ship Nymphæ, who saw the above vessels into Plymouth in safety.

Phaeton, at sea, February 21. 1798.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship, that on the 19th instant, in consequence of the vigilance of Captain White, in keeping sight of and making signals for a sail in the S. E. in very thick and squally weather, I was enabled, in his Majesty's ships under my command, to come up with and capture a French ship privateer called Le Legere, out twenty-four hours from L'Orient, bound to the West Indies, mounting 14 eight pounders and 4 thirty-two lb. carronades, and manned with 130 men. La Legere was built for a corvette, and has been employed as such until these few months, when she was fitted for a privateer, and sails so well that her capture would have been considerably delayed, if she had not carried away her fore and main topmasts during the chase.—I have the honour to be, &c.

ROB. STOPFORD.

Right Hon. Lord Bridport, K. B.

Phaeton, at sea, February 21. 1798.

MY LORD,

IN addition to my letter to your Lordship, of this day's date, I have to inform you, that the Mermaid and Sylph being in chase in the S. W. have returned with an American ship from Boston to Amsterdam, that had been taken by a French privateer. The American ship (called the Eliza) is originally from Batavia, with a valuable cargo, and stopped at Boston for fresh papers, without changing her cargo. I send the Nymph into port with the two captured vessels. I have the honour to be, &c.

ROB. STOPFORD.

Right Hon. Lord Bridport, K. B.

Copy of a Letter from ROBERT M'DOUALL, Esq. Captain of his Majesty's ship Ganges, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated at Yarmouth, the 27th of February, 1798.

SIR,

BE pleased to inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the Marquis Cobourg cutter arrived here this morning, after an engagement with La Revanche French privateer, of 16 guns and 62 men, which vessel sunk soon after she struck, and greatly to Lieutenant Webb's honour, he saved the prisoners, and has brought them in here.

I herewith inclose Lieutenant Webb's letter to me for their Lordships further information. I have the honour to be, &c.

ROB. M'DOUALL.

His Majesty's Armed Cutter Cobourg,
February 26. 1798.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that yesterday morning, at seven o'clock, having Cromer bearing S. 67. W. distant sixteen leagues, we fell in with, and, after nine hours chase, (during which we ran one hundred

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