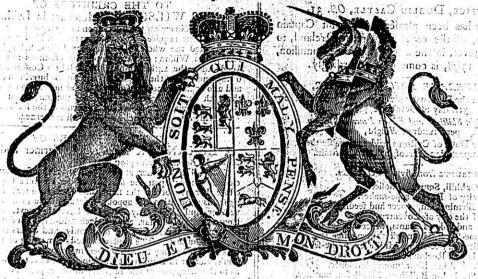
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Admiratty-Office, Nov. 6.

Copy of a letter from Admiral Lord Viscount Duncan, to Evan Nervan, Esq. dated on board the Kent, Yarmouth Roads,

I have the fatisfaction to inclose you, for the information of the Lords Commillioners of the Admiralty, a letter I received last night from Captain King, of his Majelty's ship Sirius, acquainting me of his having captured two Dutch frigates, in which he has displayed equal spirit and address. Charles III Jam, &c. 1 to ha Duncan.

My Lord, Sirius, Grimfly Roads, Nov. I.

I have the honour to inform your Lordship, that in pursuance of orders' I received from Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Onslow, Bart. I parted company with the fleet on the evening of the 23d inft. to recommittee the force of the enemy in the Texel. At eight A. M. on the following morning, the Texel bearing S. by E. ten leagues, I fell in with the two Dutch frigates named in the margin", at that time about ten miles distant from each other.

Passing within gun-shot of the seewardmost of them, I stood on until I could (upon tacking) nearly fetch the weathermost (the Waakzaamheid), my object being to prevent their junction; and by this means, that being accomplished, I had the satisfaction to cut off the latter, and bring her to about nine o'clock, when she hauled down her colours, and fired a gun to lee

*Waakzaamheid, Captain Neirrop, Senior Captain, mounting 26 guns; 24 nine pounders on the main-deck, 2 fix-pounders on the forecastle, having 100 Dutch seamen, and 122 French troops (total 222) on board, also 2000 stand of arms, besides other ordnance stores.

Furie, Captain Pletz, of 36 guns, 26 twelve-pounders on the main-deck, and 10 six-pounders on her, quarter-deck and forecastle, with 153 Dutch seamen, and 165 French troops (total 318) on hoard, also 4000 stand of arms, besides other ordnance stores.

ward. As foon as the prisoners were exchanged, Imade. fail after the other, and although nearly out of fight, I had the good fortune, before 5 P. M. to bring her to hind of running action, which continued about half an hour, within mulquet that at times, during which the kept up a fmart but ill-directed discharge of cannon and musquetry, when she struck to his Majesty's ship : She is called the Furie, and under the orders of the Captain of the Waakzaamheid, and had the commandant of the troops and a number of officers on board. I am happy to add, there was only one man wounded by a mufquet ball; and that his Majesty's ship fuffered but little, one shot through her bowsprit; her rigging, &c. but little cut. The loss on board the Furie was 8 killed and 14 wounded: Her hull, malts,

&c. have suffered much.

I should be wanting in gratitude were I not to express my acknowledgments of the spirited conduct manifested by all my officers and ship's company on this occasion; particularly so on account of the reductionoccasion; particularly 10 on account of the reduction of numbers, by manning the other prize (in which I fent Mr Goffet, my fenior Lieutenant), and in fecuring the officers, troops, &c. taken out of her. This expedition has been waiting an opportunity of failing fince the zift July laft. They left the Texel at

eleven o'clock the preceding night.

I have the honour to be, &c. -RICHARD. KING.

.003 DOWNING-STREET, Nov. 6.

The King has been pleased to appoint Charles Lock, Esq. to be his Majesty's Consul-General at Naples. The King has also been pleased to appoint Lewis Drusina, Esq. to be his Majesty's Consul at Memel.