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ADMIRALTY OFFICE—November 10. 1798,

Extract of a Letter from Captain GEORGE COUNTESS' Commander of his Majesty's ship *Ethalion*, to EVAN NEFEAN, Esq. dated in Plymouth Sound, November 8. 1798.

I HAVE to request you will be pleased to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that since my letter of 22d September, by Captain White of the *Sylph*, I continued to watch the motions of the French Squadron in his Majesty's ship under my command (having with me the *Anson* and *Amelia*) until the 4th October at noon, when a hard gale of wind coming on, we lost sight of them in lat. 53. deg. 13 min. north, and long. 16. deg. 15 m. west, Sligo bay bearing north 77 east, distance 91 leagues. The wind being off shore we carried sail to get in with the land to give the necessary information. The *Amelia* separated in the night of the 8th. I had previously desired, in case of separation, each ship to make the best of her way to give the alarm. On the 11th we fell in with the Squadron under Sir John B. Warren, but it blowing strong, could not get on board to communicate any intelligence; but seeing the *Amelia* with him, I was satisfied he had all the information I could give.

Soon after our joining the above Squadron, the *Anson* made the signal for the enemy, whom we discovered coming down, but they hauled to the wind on observing us. We chased and kept close to them during the night, and next morning the attack commenced, which no doubt you have been fully informed of by Sir John Borlase Warren. After the *Hoche* struck, we pursued the weathermost frigate, who was making off, and failed very fast. After a considerable chase we came up with and engaged her; she made an obli-

nate resistance for an hour and fifty minutes, after we got a-breast of her, when she struck her colours, most of her sails having come down, and five feet water in her hold. She proved to be the *Bellone*, of thirty-six guns, twelve pounders, having three hundred soldiers on board besides her crew. The Squadron chased to leeward, and of course we separated, being obliged to remain by the prize, and have been under the necessity of keeping the sea ever since.

I cannot speak too highly of the bravery and conduct of all my officers during the action, as well as of their extreme vigilance in watching them for seventeen days. Mr Sayer, First Lieutenant, is in the prize, and I can with pleasure say, his Majesty has not a more zealous or a better officer. We had one man killed and three wounded: The enemy appear to have had twenty killed.

Commission signed by his Majesty for the Army in Ireland.

James Gamon to be Ensign in the 30th regiment of foot, by purchase, vice Paterson, promoted to a Lieutenancy in the 13th foot. Dated October 27, 1798.

—BANKRUPTS.—

Thomas Phipps Towner, London-street, carpenter.
Nathaniel Watts, late of Stonehouse, Gloucester, clothier,
William Perkins, of Bristol, hosier.
Lawrence Burgess, of London, straw-hat warehouseman.
Thomas Stacy, of St John, Southwark, oil and colourman.
Isaac Herbert, late of Middle-row, Holborn, bookseller.
George Lea, of Wild Street, Middlesex, victualler.
James Cook, of Holborn-Bridge, London, hatter.
Richard Farquhar, of St James, Westminster, tailor.
Charles Theomartyr Crane, London, merchant.
John Wood the elder, of Saddleworth, York, clothier.

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