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WESTMINSTER, MARCH 21. 1799.

This day, the Lords being met, and the Commons attending, the Royal Assent was given by Commission to the following Bills:—

A Bill to enable his Majesty to settle an annuity of 12,000l. on the Princes Edward and Ernest Augustus, and 6000l. out of his hereditary revenue, on the Princess Amelia. An act to extend the time for returning statements of Income under the Income Act, and for amending of the said act. The amended Land-Tax Redemption Act. The act for granting a bounty on the exportation of certain species of British and Irish Linens, and taking off the duties on the importation of foreign raw linen yarn made of flax. The Mutiny and Marine Regulation Act. Bills to continue the acts for permitting the issue of Small Bank Notes in Scotland and England, till the 25th of May next. The Provisional Cavalry Bill. Bills to continue the acts disallowing the bounty on British sail-cloth and canvas exported to Ireland, and for prohibiting the importation of French cambricks and lawns, and 16 Road Bills, among which is that for making and maintaining the road from Whiteburn, in the county of Berwick, to Kelfo, in the county of Roxburgh.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, MARCH 13. 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Kingsmill, commander in chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels on the coast of Ireland, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated the 2d inst.

SIR,  
Please to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that his Majesty's ship Melampus arrived here yesterday evening, and has brought in with her a French ship privateer, named Le Mercure, of 16 guns and 103 men, from St Maloes, which was returning into port from a successful cruize in the Channel?

I have the honour to be, &c. &c.  
R. KINGSMILL.

[Price Sixpence.]

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, MARCH 23. 1799.

A copy of a letter from Admiral Sir Richard King, Bart. commander in chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Plymouth, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated the 20th March, 1799.

SIR,  
I have the pleasure to transmit, for their Lordships' information, a letter I received from Lieut. Worth, commanding his Majesty's hired armed brig Telegraph, giving an account of his having captured, off the isle of Bas L'Hirondelle, a French corvette, carrying 16 guns, 9 and 6-pounders, and 89 men.

I am, &c. &c.  
R. KING.

Telegraph armed brig, Torbay, March 19. 1799.

SIR,  
I have the honour to inform you, I arrived here at seven o'clock this evening with L'Hirondelle brig corvette, mounting 16-guns, long nines and six-pounders, and 89 men, when she sailed from St Maloes three days since, but having captured an American schooner and an English sloop, reduced her complement to 72. I discovered L'Hirondelle on Monday morning at day light, two miles on the lee bow, the isle de Bas S. E. nine leagues. She immediately tacked and stood towards me; at half past seven, being close alongside, an action commenced, which continued for three hours and a half; and after several attempts to board on both sides, she being totally unrigged, she struck, and proved to be the vessel above described; five of her crew were killed, and 14 wounded; the Telegraph had five wounded. I am proud to say the company of the Telegraph behaved as English sailors always do on such occasions; and to acknowledge the very able assistance I received from Mr

(B.)

