

gone to the westward, I thought it expedient, for the commercial interest, to exceed the limits of my station, and on the 22d of June, in latitude 38 deg. 50 min. north, long. 31 deg. west, a ship boarding an American was seen, which I chased; she parting, the American made to and told me she was French, then distant two leagues. The weather being clear I saw his manœuvres, and acted accordingly throughout the night; and by using every possible exertion I got round the Island of Corvo, in calms and light winds; on the 23d the enemy, equally active in his endeavours to avoid, preserved his distance by towing and sweeping to the westward. On the 24th and 25th I passed two English brigs, and upwards of 40 sail of merchant vessels, steering for Lisbon. A breeze from the northward on the 26th brought me by six in the morning within gun-shot of the enemy; a running fight commencing, she struck after seven, in latitude 39 deg. 29 min. north, longitude 33 deg. west, having suffered in her hull, sails, and rigging; is named the Courageux, of Bourdeaux, pierced for 32, but carrying only 28 twelves and nine-pounders, (of which some were thrown overboard during the chase,) with 253 men, commanded by Jean Bernard; 23 days last from Passage, expressly to intercept a Brazil convoy.

I have the honour to be, &c.

H. DIGBY.

Earl of St Vincent, K. B. Admiral of the White, &c.

Copy of a letter from Vice-Admiral HARVEY, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the Leeward Islands, dated June 8, 1799, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq.

You will be pleased to acquaint their Lordships, that Captain Ekins, of his Majesty's ship Amphitrite, captured on the 22d ultimo, to windward of Antigua, Le Duquesne French privateer coppered brig, of 16 guns, nine-pounders, and 129 men, belonging to Guadaloupe, which he sent to Barbadoes.

This vessel had been out but three days, and made no captures. She was bound on a cruize to windward of the Islands, is a very fast sailer, and one of the finest privateers in these seas.

Extract of a Letter from Admiral Lord DUNCAN, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the North Seas, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated off the Texel, July 17, 1799.

I TRANSMIT, for their Lordships information, another letter from Captain Winthrop, of his Majesty's ship Circe; much praise is due to him and the officers under his command; for their spirit, enterprise, and good conduct; on this as well as on a former occasion.

MY LORD,

I FEEL great pleasure in acquainting your Lordship, that the boats of our little Squadron† made another dash into the Watt, at the back of Ameland last night, and brought out three valuable vessels, deeply laden with sugar, wine, and brandy; they also burnt a large galliot, laden with brass ordnance and stores, which could not be brought off, notwithstanding the perseverance of Captain Mackenzie, to whom I am very much indebted for his coolness and judgment in the management of this affair; and also to Captain Boorder, whose local knowledge has been of great use to me. Lieutenant Searle; who commanded a schoot converted into a gun-boat; and Lieutenant Pawle, who commanded the Circe's boats, upon this as well as upon a former occasion, conducted themselves very much to my satisfaction, as did the honest fellows under their command, who were at their oars 15 or 16 hours in a very hot day, opposed to an enemy of superior force; but I am happy to say not a man was hurt. I have the honour to be, &c.

R. WINTHROP.

Admiral Lord Viscount Duncan, &c.

† Circe, Pylades, L'Espeigle, Courier Cutter, and Nancy Cutter.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral DICKSON, Commanding Officer of his Majesty's ships and vessels in Yarmouth Roads, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated July 19, 1799.

SIR,

HEREWITH I transmit, for their Lordships information, a letter from Captain Wood, of his Majesty's sloop Hound, acquainting me of his having captured L'Hirondelle French lugger privateer.

I have the honour to be, &c.

ARCH. DICKSON.

His Majesty's sloop Hound, off East Rico,

June 23, 1799.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that on the 20th instant, the Scaw bearing S. S. W. distance eight leagues, at two A. M. I fell in with and captured the French lugger privateer L'Hirondelle, mounting five guns, two fwivels, and twenty-six men; three weeks from Dunkirk, and had taken nothing.—I am, &c.

J. WOOD.

Archibald Dickson, Esq. Vice-Admiral, &c.

Copy of a Letter from Captain WOLLASTON, of his Majesty's sloop Cruizer, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated Leith Roads, July 15, 1799.

SIR,

I BEG leave to acquaint you, for the information of their Lordships, that on the 13th instant, in latitude 56 deg. north, I fell in with and captured, after a chase of three hours, the French lugger privateer Le Courageux, of fourteen guns and forty-seven men, belonging to Dunkirk; out six weeks, and had taken four prizes, one of which I recaptured on the evening of the 12th.

I have the honour to be, &c.

C. WOLLASTON.

WHITEHALL—July 18, 1799.

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honourable Sir John Scott; Knight, late his Majesty's Attorney-General, and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, the dignity of a Baron of the kingdom of Great Britain, by the name, style, and title of Baron Eldon, of Eldon, in the county Palatine of Durham.

—BANKRUPTS.—

Robert Chadwick, of Manchester, cotton manufacturer.
Richard Allaway, of Duke Street, Middlesex, gold beater.
Thomas Glassbrook, George Glassbrook, and Betty Glassbrook, all of Wigan, Lancaster, grocers.
Evan Evans, of Vauxhall Walk, Surry, grocer.
John Hardwidge, of Walworth Common, Surry, dealer.
John Adam Mangaar, of York Street, Middlesex, victualler.
Emanuel Owl, jun. of Falmouth, Cornwall, mariner.

COPARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED.

THE Business carried on here under the firm of FARLAND and FERGUS, merchants, was this day dissolved by mutual consent.

N. B. All those indebted to the Company, are requested to make immediate payment to A. Farland, at his shop, Tron-gate, who is authorised to uplift and discharge all debts due to the Company.

ALEXANDER FARLAND.

HUGH FERGUS.

Glasgow, 13th July 1799.

NOTICE.

ALEXANDER MACDONALD, Esq. of Largie, heir of entail in possession of the estate of Largie, having in terms of Acts of Parliament 38th, cap. 60. and 39th, cap. 6. and 40. both of his present Majesty, applied to the Court of Session for authority to sell as much of the superiorities of the said estate as should be found requisite, and in such lots as should afterwards be pointed out; their Lordships upon the 2d day of July curt. appointed the petition to be intimated upon the walls of the Inner and Outer House, and in the Edinburgh Gazette, in terms of the above statutes; and also in the Minute-book. In terms of which appointment this notification is given.