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ADMIRALTY OFFICE, *March 11.*

Extract of a letter from Vice-Admiral Sir THOMAS PASLEY, Bart. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Plymouth, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 7th instant.

Inclosed is a letter from the Captain of the *Nereide* addressed to Lord Bridport, respecting the prizes captured by that frigate.

MY LORD,

Nereide, Plymouth Sound,
March 1800.

I beg leave to inform you, that on the 28th ult. when cruising with his Majesty's ships *Repulse* and *Agamemnon*, off the Penmarks, being considerably to leeward of the above ships, I lost sight of them in the night, and at three A. M. I saw a light to windward, which I kept company with, supposing it the *Comodore's*, but it proved a Danish brig; on my standing back to the rendezvous on the following night, we discovered five sail, four ships evidently of force, and a schooner: The moment I had made the necessary preparations for battle, I hauled my wind for them; on the dawn of day I plainly discovered they were of force, and then lying to; when nearly within gun-shot of the largest ship they dispersed different ways; I continued to chase: Night coming on, I lost sight, but was fortunate enough the following morning to see one of them, which, after chasing twelve hours, and running one hundred and twenty-three miles, we captured, which proved to be the *Vengeance* privateer, of Bourdeaux, pierced for eighteen guns, twelve pounders, but only sixteen mounted, and one hundred and seventy-four men; by her we found that she sailed on the 26th from the above place, in company with the following ships, which were those we fell in with, viz.

Bellona, 24 guns, 12-pounders, six 36-pound carronades, and 420 men.

La Vengeance, 18 guns, 12-pounders, and 174 men.
La Favorite, 16 guns, 8-pounders, and 120 men.
La Huron, 16 guns, 6-pounders, and 87 men.
La Terrailleuse (schooner), 14 guns, 6-pounders, and 80 men.

I have to lament that, from the pusillanimity of the enemy, I had it not in my power to destroy the whole, or of trying the zeal of my officers and young ship's company, but have every thing to say in their favour for the activity and cheerfulness they shewed on the occasion, and hope some future day we shall be more fortunate. On the following day we recaptured the American ship *Perseverance*, of Baltimore, with a cargo valued at thirty thousand pounds.

The *Vengeance* is two years old, and has been repeatedly chased by our frigates, but, from her superior sailing, escaped; nor should we have caught her, had not she carried away her jib-boom.

I have the honour to be, &c.

FREDERICK WATKINS.

Right Hon. Lord Bridport, &c.

WAR-OFFICE, *March 11.*

1st Dragoon Guards—Cornet John W. Spicer to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Walter Ray, who retires.

2d ditto—John Pringle to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Brograve, promoted.

5th ditto—Hospital Mate — Owen to be Assistant Surgeon.

2d Dragoons—Quarter-Master John Stobo to be Adjutant, vice Richmond, promoted.

4th ditto—Wm. Faulkner to be Cornet, without purchase, vice Dalzell, whole appointment does not take place.

20th Light Dragoons—Major Oliver Thomas Jones to be Lieutenant-Colonel, without purchase. Capt. Edw. Pennock Wallen to be Major, vice Jones. Capt.-Lieut. Fred. Lord Aghrim to be Captain of a troop, vice Wallen. Lieut. John Fellowes to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Lord Aghrim. Cornet Edw. Parkinson to be Lieutenant, vice Fellowes. Aroh. Campbell to be Cornet, vice Parkinson.

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