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Westminster, December 23, 1782.

**T**HIS Day His Majesty came to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes, seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Francis Molyneux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

*An Act for granting an Aid to His Majesty, by a Land Tax, to be raised in Great Britain, for the Service of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three.*

*An Act for continuing, and granting to His Majesty, certain Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three.*

*An Act to permit the Importation of Wheat, Wheat Flour, Rye, Rye Flour, Barley, and all Sorts of Corn, Grain, and Meal, upon Payment of the Low Duties therein mentioned, for a limited Time.*

*An Act to continue an Act, made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act more effectually to prevent His Majesty's Enemies from being supplied with Ships, or Vessels, from Great Britain."*

Admiralty-Office, December 23, 1782.

*Extract of a Letter from Captain Thomas Pringle, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Dædalus, to Mr. Stephens, dated at Spithead, December 13, 1782.*

**I**BEG you will inform their Lordships, that Yesterday at Noon, close in with Shore of Mount's Bay, I took the French Cutter Privateer La Legère du Dunkerkque, George Furnald Commander, mounting 8 Guns, and manned with 40 Men; which Privateer had been Three Days out of Brest.

Admiralty-Office, December 24, 1782.

*Extract of a Letter from James Luttrell, Esq; Commander of His Majesty's Ship the Mediator, to Mr. Stephens, dated in Plymouth-Sound, December 19, 1782.*

**Y**OU will please to acquaint their Lordships with my Arrival here with the Menagere, one of my Prizes, having left the Alexander to follow Two Days ago. It was my Intention to have returned to England as soon as possible, for the Reasons given in my Letter, dated off Ferris the 6th Instant; but, having received Intelligence from a Neutral Vessel, that an American Frigate was ready

to sail from Bourdeaux, the Wind being Easterly, I returned to the Southward to be able to fall into her Track; and, on the 12th of December, at Seven A. M. we discovered Five Sail on our Lee Beam, made Sail and gave Chace: At Eight their Hulls were above Water; they were forming in a close Line of Battle, and shortened Sail to their Topsails to wait for us; the Headmost was L'Eugene, Frigate built, of 36 Guns, 130 Men, commanded by Monf. Le Capitaine Baudin, laden for the French King, and bound to Port au Prince; she lay with a French Pendant and Ensign flying; next to her was an American Brig, of 14 Guns and 70 Men, with American Colours; next to her a Two decked Ship, the Length of a 64, armed en Flute, called the Menagere, French Pendant and Ensign flying, commanded by Monf. De Foligne, Capitaine de Brutot, of the Department of Rochfort, mounting on her Main-Deck 26 long Twelve-Pounders, and 4 Six-Pounders on her Quarter-Deck and Forecastle, with a Complement of 212 Men, laden with Gunpowder, Naval Stores and Bale Goods, for the French King's Service, at Port au Prince; next to her lay the Alexander of 24 Nine-Pounders and 102 Men, with a French Pendant and an American Ensign, commanded by a Captain Gregory, who appears to have been an Irishman, but has a Congress Commission, laden with Stores, Provisions, &c. for the French King's Use, at Port au Prince; next to her lay the Dauphin Royal of 28 Guns, 120 Men, bound to the East Indies, having a French Pendant and Ensign flying; And having determined, without losing a Moment's Time, to endeavour to throw their Squadron into Confusion, and, if possible, to take Advantage of some of them; and relying on the good Sailing of the Mediator to bring her off, if I could not see a Probability of Success after a few Broadfides; I continued bearing down, with all Sail set, on the Enemy, except such Sails as might be in the Way of quick Manœuvres: At Ten received a few Shot from the Menagere's Upper Deck, which convinced me she had no Lower Deck Guns, though she had all the Ports compleat to the Eye; continued to approach the Enemy, and receive Fire from their Line, and employed occasionally in tacking, wearing, bearing down, &c. At half past Ten, having very much approached the Rear of their Line, it broke, the Brig and Dauphin Royal crowding Sail away from the Rest; upon which the Menagere, Eugene, and Alexander wore under an easy Sail. At Eleven I bore down, and cut off the Alexander from her Consorts, employed fighting both Sides occasionally; and the first Broadside, when very close to the Alexander, made her strike her American Colours, and let fly her Sheets; the Menagere and Eugene, after firing at us for some Time, crowded all Sail,

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