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AT the Court at St. James's, the 5th of April, 1797,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Island of Trinidad in the West Indies has been surrendered to His Majesty's Arms, and the Territory and Forts of the same are delivered up to His Majesty, and the said Island is now in His Majesty's Possession: His Majesty is thereupon pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that all his loving Subjects may lawfully trade to and from the said Island of Trinidad; subject, nevertheless, to the same Duties, Rules, Regulations, Conditions, Restrictions, Penalties and Forfeitures, to which the Trade to and from His Majesty's Colonies, Plantations and Islands in the West Indies is or shall be subject by Law. And His Majesty is further pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that all Commodities, being of the Growth, Produce or Manufacture of the said Island of Trinidad, being in His Majesty's Possession, shall be permitted to be imported into any of the Ports of this Kingdom, in British Ships, owned by His Majesty's Subjects, and navigated according to Law, subject to the same Duties, Rules, Regulations, Restrictions, Conditions, Penalties and Forfeitures as Articles of the like Sort are subject to, coming from His Majesty's Colonies, Plantations or Islands in the West Indies.—And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary Directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

Steph. Cottrell.

Admiralty-Office, April 8, 1797.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Sir John Orde, Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Plymouth, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated March 31, 1797.

S I R,

Enclosed I send, for the Information of the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter just received from Lieutenant Elliott, Commander of the Plymouth armed Luger, of whose great Activity and successful Exertion, I hope their Lordships will approve.

I am, &c. &c. &c.

J. ORDE.

Plymouth Luger, March 31, 1797.

S I R,

I Have the Pleasure to acquaint you, that, on the 29th, after a Chace of Eight Hours, and exchanging a few Shot, I captured (the Gasket Light bearing E. by N. distant Three Leagues) L'Amitié, a French Privateer of 14 Guns (Six of which they had thrown overboard, and 55 Men, belonging to St. Malo, but last from Relcof, from which Port they had been but Three Days; during that Time they had made no Captures; she is Schooner-rigged, sails fast, and about 60 or 70 Tons Burthen.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

ROBERT ELLIOTT.

Sir John Orde, Bart.

Admiralty-Office, April 8, 1797.

Extract of a Letter from Sir John Orde, Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Plymouth, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated April 3, 1797.

Herewith I transmit an Extract of a Letter which I have received from Captain Seymour, of the Spitfire, acquainting me of his having brought in here a small French Privateer called the Bons Amis, of 6 Guns and 32 Men, which he captured Yesterday off the Eddifstone.