

Admiralty Office, April 25, 1797.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Peyton, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Downs, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 23d of April, 1797.

S I R,

BE pleased to inform their Lordships, that I have received a Letter from Captain Lloyd, of His Majesty's Sloop Raccoon, acquainting me, that at One, A. M. on the 20th Instant, Fairlight bearing N. N. E. Distance about Five or Six Leagues, he gave Chace to a Cutter, and at Three came up with and captured *Les Amis* French Privateer, mounting Two Carriage Guns, Four-Pounders, Six Swivels, and manned with Thirty-one Men, which left Boulogne the preceding Evening at Seven, and had only captured one Vessel, which he had the good Fortune to retake, the Good Intent, James Marshall, Master, in Ballast, bound and belonging to Sunderland.

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

JOS. PEYEON.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Sir John Orde, Bart. Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Plymouth, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 21st of April, 1797.

S I R,

ENClosed I transmit a Letter from Captain Wittman, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop *Suffante*, acquainting me of his having captured *La Petit Helena* French Lugger Privateer, of Two Guns and Thirty-three Men, which he has brought into this Port.

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

J. O R D E.

La Suffante, at Sea, April 21, 1797.

S I R,

I Beg Leave to acquaint you, that, with His Majesty's Sloop under my Command, I this Day chased and captured *La Petit Helena* French Lugger Privateer, of Two Guns and Thirty-three Men, belonging to *Brest*, but lost from the *Ile de Basle*, and has not taken any Thing.

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

J. WITTMAN.

Sir John Orde, Bart.

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Copy of a Letter from Admiral Sir John Jervis, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the River Tagus, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 31st of March, 1797.

I Herewith enclose you a Letter which I have this Moment received from Captain Digby, of His Majesty's Ship the *Aurora*.

His Majesty's Ship Aurora, at Sea, March 29, 1797.

S I R,

I Have to inform you, that the French Privateer *Neptune* was, on the 27th Instant, captured by the *Aurora* after a Chace of Eight Hours, Thirty-eight Leagues to the Westward of *Cape Finisterre*. She had been out Thirty-four Days from *Nantes*, and had taken the Vessels named in the Margin*,

is pierced for Sixteen Guns, Six of which were thrown overboard during the Chace, and had on Board Ninety Men when she left *Nantes*.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) H. DIGBY.

*Admiral Sir John Jervis, K. B.
Esq. Esq. Esq.*

* *La Santissima Rita*; the *Swift* Brig, of *Plymouth*; a Spanish Brig, Prize to the *Thalia*; a Brig from *Liverpool*, that had been ransomed for 1500*l.* having her Mate on Board as Hoilage.

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I Enclose, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter from Captain Bligh, of His Majesty's Sloop the *King's Fisher*, relating the Particulars of his capturing *Le General*, French Privateer, after a short Resistance.

King's Fisher, Tagus, March 30, 1797.

S I R,

I Beg Leave to acquaint you, that Yesterday Morning, Oporto bearing E. N. E. distant Sixteen Leagues, we discovered a Brig to the Westward, standing towards us. At Nine A. M. we perceived she had tacked, on which I made Sail in Chace, and at a Quarter before Four P. M. came up with her; when, after exchanging Two or Three Broadfides, she struck, and proved to be *Le General*, Privateer, of *Bourdeaux*, pierced for 18 Guns, but mounting 14, Four and Three Pounders, and manned with 104 Men, One of whom was killed, and Three wounded. We had not a Man hurt. She had been out Fifteen Days, and had taken an English Brig, from *Faro*, bound to *Falmouth*.

Le General is exceedingly well equipped, and is said to be a fast sailing Vessel, but had lost her Fore Top-Gallant Mast and Bowsprit in the late Gales, and was steering for *Vigo* to repair her Damages.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) JOHN BLIGH.

*Admiral Sir John Jervis, K. B.
Esq. Esq. Esq.*

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Extract of a Letter from the Hon. William Waldegrave, Vice-Admiral of the Blue, to Mr. Nepean, dated on Board His Majesty's Ship Flora, at Spithead, the 24th of April, 1797.

I BEG that you will please to inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that I sailed from *Lisbon*, with my Flag on Board His Majesty's Ship *Flora*, Captain Middleton Commander, on the 3d of this Month, and arrived this Day at *Spithead*, in Company with the *Pearl* Frigate.

On the 12th Instant I fell in with the above Frigate, Lat. 43 deg. 48 min. North; Long. 13 deg. 11 min. West, she being then in Chace of a French Privateer; we instantly joined in the Chace, which compelled the Enemy to haul her Wind, notwithstanding which, it was not until the 13th, at Three Quarters past Eleven P. M. that we found ourselves close