

Admiralty-Office, May 6, 1797.

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 May 3, 1797.

S I R,

ENCLOSED I transmit a Letter from Captain Seymour, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Spitfire, acquainting me of his having captured L'Aimable Manette, French Brig Privateer, of 14 Guns and 69 Men, which he has brought into this Port; she appears a beautiful Vessel, is quite new, and half coppered.

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

J. ORDE.

His Majesty's Sloop Spitfire, Plymouth Sound,
May 3, 1797.

S I R,

I Have the Honor to inform you of the Spitfire's Arrival with L'Aimable Manette, French Brig Privateer, of Nantes, 14 Guns and 69 Men, out Thirteen Days; had taken nothing; captured, after a Chace of Eight Hours, on the 1st Instant.

The Evening before she was taken she had fought an outward-bound English Yellow-sided Ship, carrying 16 Nine-Pounders, which had killed and wounded Fifteen of her Crew, and obliged her to sheer off.

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

M. SEYMOUR.

Sir John Orde, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

Navy-Office, April 27, 1797.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Tuesday the 9th of next Month, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, Commissioner Fanshawe will put up to Sale, at his Office in His Majesty's Dock Yard, near Plymouth, several Lots of old Stores, consisting of

- Fir Deals, Blank, and Square Timber.
- Old Canvas.
- Hammocks.
- Rope.
- Boltroupe.
- Rounding and Lashing.
- Flyings.
- White Ocham.
- Toppings.
- Hemp Rubbish.

lying in the said Yard; where any Person wishing to become Purchasers, may have the Liberty of viewing them during the common Working Hours of the Yard till the Day of Sale.

Inventories and Conditions of Sale may be had here and at the Yard.

Navy-Office, April 28, 1797.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Thursday the 11th of next Month, at One o'Clock, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to contract for a Quantity of Swedish Iron and Spanish Squares and Plates, to be delivered at His Majesty's Yards at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Port-

smouth, and Plymouth, Distributions of which, and a Form of the Tender, may be seen at this Office.

No Tender will be received after Twelve o'Clock nor any noticed unless the Party, or an Agent for him, attends.

Transport-Office, April 29, 1797.

THE Commissioners of His Majesty's Transport Office do hereby give Notice, that there is Money in the Hands of the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy to pay the Principal and Interest of the Bills registered on the Course of the Transport Office between the 1st and 29th of February, 1796.

And all Persons possessed of the same are desired to bring them to this Office to be assigned for Payment.

All Persons who hold the said Bills are desired to subscribe their Names and Places of Abode at the Bottom of each Bill.

Admiralty-Office, March 31, 1797.

NOTwithstanding the Notices which have already appeared in the London Gazette, requiring all Lieutenants of His Majesty's Navy, who shall be unemployed, to give Information to this Office of the Places of their Abodes, many of them have omitted to comply therewith; It is therefore the Direction of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that such Lieutenants do immediately transmit hither the Information above required; and that such of them as are incapable, either from Age or bodily Infirmity, of further Service, do, at the same Time, transmit an Affidavit from a qualified Surgeon of such Inability, specifying therein the Cause or Causes thereof, that their Lordships may judge how far it may be proper to call for the further Services of such Lieutenants.

In case the same Disregard should be paid to this, as hath been shewn to the former Notices, it is their Lordships Intention to mark their Disapprobation of the Conduct of such Officers in the strongest Manner, by striking their Names off the List of Lieutenants of His Majesty's Navy.

Evan Nepean.

Office for Sick and Wounded Seamen,
September 15, 1796.

THE Appointment of Surgeons to His Majesty's Ships and Vessels being vested in the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded Seamen, it is the Direction of the said Commissioners, that all Surgeons, not at this Time employed in the Service, do forthwith give Notice here of their Place of Abode, and that they continue to do the same as often as they shall change their Places of Abode. It is also desired that all Surgeons, as well those employed as unemployed, do transmit to this Office a List of the Ships they have served in, and their Stations, specifying the Time they respectively belonged to each.

Pay-Office, Horse Guards, May 6, 1797.

THE Right Honourable the Pay-Master General of His Majesty's Forces having ordered Six Months Half-Pay to be issued to all the Reduced Officers of His Majesty's Land Forces, from the 25th of June to the 24th of December, 1796, both Days inclusive; also Six Months Allowance to the Officers and private Gentlemen of His Majesty's late Third and Fourth Troops of Horse Guards to the same Time: Notice is hereby declared, that on Thursday next, the 11th Instant, Attendance will be given at the above Office for Payment of the same accordingly.

K. Stables, Cashier of Half-Pay.