

can, I fell in with and gave Chace to a Brig in the N. W. Quarter; at One P. M. I fired a Gun, when she hoisted Spanish Colours, and fired a Gun shotted, hove-to, and gave us a Broadside; at Half past One we came close alongside of her, and brought her to Action, which continued till Ten Minutes past Three, when she hauled down her Colours. During the Action she attempted several Times to set us on Fire, by endeavouring to throw on Board us Flasks filled with Powder and Sulphur. She is called the Piteous Virgin Maria, mounting Ten Carriage Guns, Four Six and Six Four Pounders, with Eight Swivels; had on Board at the Commencement of the Action Forty-two Men, and had been from Malaga Six Days.

I am happy to inform you that I lost no Men during the Action; the Enemy had One killed and Seven wounded dangerously, One of which is since dead. The Cutter received Forty Shot in the Main-Sail, and her Rigging was very much damaged and cut to Pieces; a Four-Pound Shot is lodged in her lower Malt. In Justice to the Officers and Men I beg Leave to observe, that they respectively did their Duty to my entire Satisfaction.

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

J. PENGELLEY.

To Sir John Jervis, K. B.
Admiral of the Blue, &c.
&c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, July 1, 1797.

Extract of a Letter from the Earl St. Vincent, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed on the Coast of Portugal, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board the Ville de Paris, off Cadix, May 28, 1797.

ON the Morning of the 24th Instant, a Brig Corvette was observed approaching the Squadron, under Spanish Colours, and the Signal was made for the Romulus and Mahonesa to take Possession of her; they run along-side her, under Spanish Colours, and the Mistake was not discovered until they hoisted English, by which Means the Nuestra Senora del Rosario, of Twenty Guns and One Hundred Men, commanded by Don Juan Antonio de Carega, was captured without a Shot fired.

Admiralty-Office, July 1, 1797.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Edward Bowater, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Trent, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Yarmouth Roads, June 27, 1797.

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YOU will please to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty of my having captured this Day, Ten Leagues to the Eastward of Yarmouth, a French Lugger Privateer, named the Poisson Volant, mounting Fourteen Carriage Guns and Fifty Men; the Guns were thrown overboard during the Chace, and Twenty-eight of the Men were in Two Prizes (a Ship and a Brig) she had taken some Days before off Buckiness.

The Lugger is quite new, well found, and sails fast; left Havre de Grace Eighteen Days since.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

EDWARD BOWATER.

ONE HUNDRED POUNDS REWARD.

General Post-Office, Thursday,

June 8, 1797.

JAMES SIBBERT, one of the Messengers to this Office, who is charged with having taken Hawk Neter out of Letters, having absconded on Saturday Evening the 27th of May last, in Company with his Wife; whoever shall apprehend, or cause to be apprehended, within one Month from the Date hereof, will receive a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS immediately upon his Commitment to Prison; and the further Sum of FIFTY POUNDS upon his Conviction.

The said JAMES SIBBERT resided at No. 38, Elliott's Row, St. George's Fields, is about Thirty Years of Age, thin made, dark Complexion, dark curly Hair tied behind, is pitted with the Small Pox, and is about five Feet ten Inches in Height; was dressed, when he absconded, in a brown Coat, red striped Waistcoat with green and white Clouds, and a round Hat. She was dressed in a Stormont Gown round made, long Sleeves, a black Cloak, trimmed all round with Lace, and a black Bonnet.

They had with them a dark coloured Hair Trunk about three Quarters of a Yard long, quite new, and an old Deal Box.

By Command of the Post-Master General,

Anthony Todd,
Francis Freeling, } Joint Secretary.

Navy-Office, June 30, 1797.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wednesday the 12th of next Month, at One o'Clock; they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to contract for the Land and Water Carriage of the following Timber, viz.

Land Carriage of about 549 Loads of Timber from Holt Forest to Farnham Wharf, Side of the Canal, Distance about Eight Miles, and Water Carriage of the same from thence to His Majesty's Yard at Deptford.

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

R. Nelson, Secretary.

Navy-Office, June 17, 1797.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wednesday the 5th of next Month, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, Commissioner Sir Charles Saxton will sell at the Pay-Office in His Majesty's Yard near Portsmouth, several Lots of old Stores, consisting of

Worn Canvas.
Old Canvas in Paper Stuff.
Hammocks with Clews.
Lashing, Rounding, &c.
Hemp Rubbish.
White Ocham.
Shakings, &c.

lying in the said Yard; where any Person 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.

R. A. Nelson, Secretary.