

La Pomone, at Sea, July 24, 1797.

An Account of Two Vessels belonging to the French Republic, which were burnt in Hodiern Bay on the 23d of July, 1797, by the Boats of the Squadron under the Orders of Sir John B. Warren, K. B.

La Fidelle Brig, laden with Wine and Wads.
La Henri Sloop, in Ballast.

JOHN WARREN.

*The Right Hon. Lord Bridport,
&c. &c. &c.*

Admiralty-Office, July 29, 1797.

Extract of a Letter from Admiral Sir Peter Parker, Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Portsmouth, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 25th of July, 1797.

PLEASE to acquaint their Lordships, that His Majesty's Armed Cutter Telemachus arrived here Yesterday Evening, with La Hardi French Privateer Lugger, of Four Carriage Guns and Thirty Men: That active Officer, Lieutenant Newton, also brought in with him Two Brigs, which had been captured by a French Privateer, and were retaken by the Telemachus the 23d Instant, as reported in the inclosed Letter.

Telemachus Cutter, Spithead, July 25, 1797.

S I R,

I Have the Honor to inform you, that Yesterday, at Half past Two o'Clock A. M. off Cape La Hogue, His Majesty's Cutter under my Command captured Le Hardi, a French Lugger Privateer, mounting Four Carriage Guns, Small Arms, &c. and manned with Thirty Men; she had been out from Cherbourg about Five Hours, and had not taken any Thing; and I have the Pleasure to add, that I retook Two Merchant Brigs the same Day, that had been captured by a French Privateer.

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

THOMAS NEWTON.

Admiral Sir Peter Parker, Bart.

Admiralty-Office, July 29, 1797.

Extract of a Letter from Admiral Sir Peter Parker, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Portsmouth, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board the Royal William at Spithead, July 27, 1797.

INClosed is a Letter from Lieutenant Garrett, of the Trial Cutter, giving an Account of his having captured Le Courier de la Mer, French Privateer, of 12 Guns and 20 Men, and captured a Brig taken by the said Privateer.

Trial, Spithead, July 27, 1797.

S I R,

I Have the Honor to acquaint you that, on Monday Evening last, observing the Signal on Portland Point for an Enemy's Cruizer, I ordered the Chaffe Marées to anchor in Portland Roads, and proceeded in His Majesty's Cutter under my Command in Quest of her; at Half past Two, Tuesday Morning, I discovered Two Brigs standing to the Southward, which I immediately gave Chace to, and soon perceived them to be a French Privateer and her Prize; about Half past Four I got within Gun-Shot of the Privateer, and at Five, after giv-

ing us Two Broadfides, (which fortunately did us no Damage) she struck, Portland bearing N. E. by E. Three Leagues; she proved to be the Courier de la Mer, André Mouilleron, Captain, mounting 12 small Carriage Guns, and had, when she failed, 51 Men, but when taken only 20. She had been out Four Days, and had taken Three Prizes, one of which I have since retaken; having so many Prisoners on Board I thought proper to return here.

I have, &c.

HENRY GARRETT.

Admiralty-Office, July 24, 1797.

Copy of a Letter from S. Pellew, Esq; Collector of His Majesty's Customs at Falmouth, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Falmouth, July 24, 1797.

S I R,

I Have the Honor to acquaint you, for the Information of their Lordships, that the Hind Revenue Cutter, stationed at this Port, Mr. Murray, acting Commander, has captured and sent into this Port L'Incrovable French Privateer, mounting Two Carriage Guns and Twenty-one Men, out Four Days from St. Maloes; also retaken the Sloop Three Brothers, John Collison, Master, from Neath, laden with Coals, Prize to the said Privateer, the only Capture she had made since she left St. Maloes.

I am, &c.

S. PELLEW.

St. James's, July 26, 1797.

THIS Day His Majesty was pleased to invest the Right Honourable George Earl of Morton with the Ensigns of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

The Sovereign having signed the several Instruments for that Purpose, which were presented to His Majesty by Matthew Robert Arnott, Esq; Gentleman Usher of the Order, in his Mantle, and carrying the Green Rod, the Earl of Morton was called into the Royal Presence, being preceded by His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence, one of the Knights Brethren of the Order, and supported on each Side by the Duke of Roxburgh and the Earl of Galloway, the Two Senior Knights present, one of His Majesty's Gentlemen Ushers (in Place of the Green Rod) carrying the Sword of State. At the Entrance into the Royal Presence, a low Reverence was made, a second about the Middle, and a third on being advanced up to the Sovereign. The Earl of Morton being presented by the Two Senior Knights, and kneeling down, the Gentleman Usher drew the Sword of State, which he delivered to His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence, who presented the same to His Majesty, who thereupon knighted his Lordship; the Earl, having kissed His Majesty's Hand, rose up, and the Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod administered the Oath to his Lordship. Then Green Rod, having received the Ensigns of the Order, presented the same upon a Crimson Velvet Cushion (kneeling) to the Sovereign, who put the Ribbon over the Earl's Left Shoulder. Upon which his Lordship had again the Honour of kissing His Majesty's Hand; after which the Earl rose up, and making three low Reverences, withdrew in the same Manner he had entered.

The Ceremony was performed soon after the Levée in His Majesty's Closet, several Great Officers of State and of the Court being present.