

Admiralty-Office, December 2, 1797.

*Copy of a Letter from the Right Honorable Admiral Lord Bridport, K. B. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Cricket, the 29th of November, 1797.*

S I R,

YOU will herewith receive Two Letters from Captain Keats, of His Majesty's Ship Boadicea, acquainting me with the Capture of Le Railleur Privateer, of 20 Guns with 160 Men; also of the Recapture of an American Brig, of some Value.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

BRIDPORT.

*Boadicea, at Sea, November 17, 1797.*

My Lord,

I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship, that Le Railleur, a Ship Privateer of 20 Guns (most of which were thrown overboard in Chace) and 160 Men, quite new coppered, and One Day from La Rochelle; was this Morning captured by His Majesty's Ships Boadicea and Anson.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

R. G. KEATS.

*To the Right Honorable Admiral Lord Bridport, K. B.*

*Boadicea, at Sea, November 21, 1797.*

My Lord,

HAVING recaptured a Brig, of some Consequence from her Cargo, and the Anson beginning to be rather short of Water, I hope under these Circumstances my sending the Anson to England will meet with your Lordships Approbation.

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

R. G. KEATS.

*The Right Honorable Lord Bridport, K. B.*

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*Extract of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Sir Roger Curtis, Bart. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board His Majesty's Ship Prince, in Torbay, November 28, 1797.*

THERE arrived here Yesterday Evening an American Ship, laden with Sugar, Cotton, &c. which had been taken Possession of by a French Privateer, and was recaptured by the Cleopatra, off the Hondiorne Bay, on the Coast of France, on the 24th Instant. The Cleopatra also, on the same Day retook an English Brig called the Jane.

The Penelope Cutter, commanded by Lieutenant Burdwood, arrived here this Day, with a small French Cutter Privateer he took on Sunday last off the Start. The Privateer had made no Capture.

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*Copy of a Letter from Captain John Drew, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Cerberus, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Cork, the 20th Ultimo.*

S I R,

FOR the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, I have to acquaint you, on the 12th Instant, in the Lat. 49 deg. 48 min. N. Long. 22 deg. 18 min. W. I captured the French Private Ship of War L'Epervier, carrying 16 Four-Pounders, pierced for 20, and her Complement 145 Men. On the 13th recaptured the Adelphi, from

Quebec, bound to London, taken by the above Ship. On the 14th captured Le Renard, carrying 18 Six-Pounders, pierced for 20, her Complement 189 Men; both Privateers are Copper bottomed, sail very fast, and are quite new; we likewise chased the Buonaparte, carrying 32 Guns and 250 Men, but carrying away all our steering Sails and Main Top-Gallant Mast, it enabled her to get off, after doing her considerable Damage with the Bow-Chace Guns, and I have every Reason to believe she is returned to France, from her having thrown every Thing over Board.

*St. James's, December 2, 1797.*

THE following Address has been presented to the King; which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The dutiful Address of the Mayor, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, Clergymen, Merchants and other Freemen of the Borough of Lancaster, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, in Common Hall assembled.

SIRE!

YOUR dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Freemen of Lancaster, duly sensible how inestimable the Value is of that Constitutional Form of Government which distinguishes this happy Isle, grateful for the Blessings enjoyed under your Majesty's auspicious Reign, and at the same Time impressed by peculiar Motives of Attachment to the Person and Royal State of a Sovereign, from the Princely Favour of whose Progenitors were derived the still subsisting Privileges which have long benefited your Palatinate of Lancaster, and especially this its County Town, do with all Humility, but with Feelings proportioned to such strong Incitements solicit from the Father of his People, that he will graciously accept their Congratulations, the warmest and most cordial, on the Result of those Councils and Exertions, which blessed by Providence, have so often added; during this eventful War, to the Naval Annals of our Country; Achievements the most brilliant, and which, when Recollection dwells on the avowed Intentions of your malignant Foes, and their attendant Circumstances, must call upon admiring Britain with Extacy to own, how much, how principally she stands indebted for averting threatened Evils, and for the Hope of future Good to those Exploits of British Judgment, Skill and Intrepidity, those Victories so glorious, so compleat, as with never fading Laurels grace the Brows, of Howe, of Jervis, and of Duncan; and to proclaim how justly merited have been the Honors by your Majesty's Munificence conferred upon those Heroes.

That the Almighty may from every private Machination and open Violence carefully protect, and in Health and Safety long preserve your Majesty to govern a loyal, free and grateful People; and that he may so prosper your righteous Cause and strenuous Endeavours for the Public Weal, as that suffering Humanity may witness the Termination of the present Warfare in a speedy, honorable, safe and lasting Peace, is the Prayer of,

S I R E,

Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects,

[Presented by John Dent and R. Penn, Esqrs. Representatives in Parliament for that Borough.]