

side of her, when, after a handsome Resistance of Three Quarters of an Hour, she struck.

She proves to be La Nereide, of 36 Guns, viz. 26 Twelve-Pounders on her Main Deck, 8 Six-Pounders and 2 Thirty-two-Pounder Carronades on the Quarter Deck, manned with 330 Men, commanded by Captain Canon; sailed from Rochefort Fifteen Days before, and victualled for Four Months.

It is with the highest Satisfaction I have to report the Degree of Ardor and Zeal manifested by my Officers and Ship's Company on this Occasion, which, in my Judgment, could not be exceeded.

From my First Lieutenant, Halliday, I experienced all the Support which I with Confidence expected from so gallant and skilful an Officer, which, amidst the Difficulties to be contended with in a Night Action, was an incalculable Advantage; and the Lieutenants Holland and Vaillant, Lieutenant Stewart, of the Marines, and Mr. Cole, the Master, were no less active and distinguished at their several Stations. Our Loss, in Killed and Wounded, is 1 Seaman, 2 Marines, killed; 5 Seamen, 5 Marines, wounded: That of the Enemy amounts to 20 Men killed and 55 Men wounded.

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

ROB. BARLOW.

Admiralty-Office, December 30, 1797.

Copy of a Letter from the Earl of St. Vincent, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the Coast of Portugal, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board the Ville de Paris, in the Tagus, the 9th of December, 1797.

S I R,

I inclose, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter from Captain Sotheron, of His Majesty's Ship the Latona, giving an Account of his having taken Two French Privateers, L'Aigle and L'Intrepide.

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

ST. VINCENT.

Latona, in the Tagus, December 7, 1797.

My Lord,

I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship, that His Majesty's Ship Latona, under my Command, captured, on the 29th Ultimo, in Latitude 39 deg. 24 min. N. Longitude 16 deg. W. Lisbon bearing E. by S. distant 107 Leagues, L'Aigle, a French Privateer Schooner belonging to Bourdeaux, pierced for 14, mounting 12 small Carriage Guns, with 62 Men, commanded by Fran. Harimendy. She sailed from Le Passaye, near Bayonne, on the 6th of last Month, had not taken any Thing.

I have also the Pleasure to inform your Lordship, the Latona captured, on the 3d Instant, in Latitude 36 deg. 45 min. N. Longitude 11 deg. 33 min. W. Lisbon bearing E. S. E. distant 40 Leagues, L'Intrepide, a French Corvette Brig, fitted out from Nantes as a Privateer, pierced for 18 Guns, carried 12 Six-Pounders, 2 Eighteen-Pound Carronades, and 1 long Brass Twelve-Pound Gun. She threw all of them overboard during the Chace, except the Brass Gun, and 1 Six-Pounder, which the kept as Stern Chasers, and fired without Effect until we got nearly alongside of her. She had 83 Men on Board, was commanded by Mons. Jean Caudeau; had taken

only a Galliot, a Bremener, from Faro, bound to Liverpool, loaded with Fruit.

I have the Honor to be,

My Lord,

&c. &c. &c.

F. SOTHERON.

*The Earl of St. Vincent,
Admiral of the Blue,
&c. &c. &c.*

St. James's, December 30, 1797.

THE following Address having been transmitted to the Duke of Portland, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been by his Grace presented to the King; which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Freeholders, and Justices of the Peace of the County of Lanerk, humbly beg Leave to approach your Majesty's Throne with our warmest and heartfelt Congratulations on the glorious Victory obtained over the Dutch by your Majesty's Fleet, under the Command of Lord Viscount Duncan. One more splendid and decisive does not grace the Annals of the History of Great Britain.

We acknowledge with grateful Hearts your Majesty's paternal Care in your repeated Endeavours to procure for your Subjects the Blessings of a safe and an honourable Peace, while we feel with Indignation the Insolence of Foes who seem to treat as a conquered People this great and powerful Nation, by rejecting the most moderate Propositions, and holding out Terms little short of unconditional Submission. The Insult offered to your Majesty's Ambassador we feel as an Insult offered to your whole People. Desirable as the Blessings of Peace are, we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, whilst our Enemies continue to retain that haughty and inveterate Spirit, we will support your Majesty with Firmness, and stand or fall by that Constitution to which, under Heaven, we hold ourselves indebted for that National Prosperity and Happiness we have so long experienced under your Majesty's auspicious Reign; the Continuance of which is our ardent Wish and Prayer.

Signed in Name, and by Appointment, of the Meeting.

Hyndford.

Hamilton, December 15, 1797.

[*Transmitted by his Grace the Duke of Hamilton.*]

Whitehall, December 30, 1797.

The King has been pleased to grant the Dignity of a Baronet of the Kingdom of Great Britain to John Knightly, of Fawley in the County of Northumberland, Clerk, and to the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten; with Remainder, in Default of such Issue, to the Heirs Male of the Body of Charles Knightley, of Preston Capes in the said County, Clerk, deceased, Brother of the said John Knightly, and to the Heirs Male of their Bodies lawfully begotten.