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Admiralty-Office, January 23, 1798.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Hon. Lord Bridport, K. B. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 20th Instant.

SIR,

YOU will herewith receive Copies of Two Letters from Captain Durham, of His Majesty's Ship Anson, and a Copy of One from the Hon. Captain Stopford, of His Majesty's Ship Phaeton, which I transmit for their Lordships Information.

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

BRIDPORT.

Anson, Cavendish Bay, January 17, 1798.

My Lord,

I BEG Leave to acquaint your Lordship, that in the Passage to England I have retaken the Harmony Galliot, from St. Ube's, bound to London, also the Active of Baltimore, American Ship, with a valuable Cargo, and the George Randolph, under Danish Colours: the latter being a Neutral Vessel, and not suspicious, after taking out the Prisoners, I permitted the Master to proceed on his Voyage.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

P. C. DURHAM.

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

Phaeton, at Sea, January 11, 1798.

My Lord,

I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship, that His Majesty's Ships Anson and Mermaid joined me on the Night of the 5th Instant, the former having captured the French Frigate the Daphne, on the Night of the 29th of December; for the Particulars of which I refer your Lordship to Captain Durham's Letter herewith inclosed.

This Capture gives me much Satisfaction, as the Daphne was the only British Frigate in the Possession of the Enemy.

The Alacrity with which she was discovered, chase and taken Possession of, upon a Lee Shore on the Coast of Arcaffon, reflects (in my Opinion) much Credit upon Captain Durham.

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

ROB. STOPFORD.

The Right Hon. Lord Bridport, K. B.
&c. &c. &c.

Anson, at Sea, January 4, 1798.

SIR,

IN consequence of your Signal on the Evening of the 29th of December for having discovered an Enemy in the S. W. steering to the E. S. E. with the Anson's Signal to keep a Lookout during the Night, the Moment it was dark I bore up, and steered the Course I thought most adviseable to cut off the Enemy, and have much Pleasure in informing you that I had the good Fortune to cross upon her during the Night; having exchanged a few shot, she struck, and proved to be the Republican Ship of War La Daphne (late His Majesty's Frigate Daphne) mounting 30 Guns, and having on Board 276 Men, among whom are 30 Passengers of various Descriptions, Two Civil Commissioners, Jaique-lin, and La Carze, charged with Dispatches for Guadaloupe, which were thrown overboard. The Daphne had 5 Men killed and several wounded. I feel much indebted to the Exertions of my Officers and Ship's Company.

I am, &c.

P. C. DURHAM.

Hon. Rob. Stopford, Captain of
His Majesty's Ship Phaeton.

War-Office, January 23, 1798.

2d Regiment of Dragoon Guards, ——— Levitt, Gent.
to be Veterinary Surgeon.

15th Regiment of Light Dragoons, John Trigge, Gent.
to be Veterinary Surgeon.

26th Ditto, Ensign Joan Eykyn Hovenden, from the 87th Foot, to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Nugent, appointed to the 4th Dragoon Guards.

12th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant-Colonel James Taylor, from the 61st Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Dowdeswell, appointed to the 60th Foot.

22d Ditto, Ensign James Buchanan, from the 39th Foot, to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice M'Donnel, who retires.

27th Ditto, Christopher, O'Brien, Gent. to be Ensign, by Purchase, vice Miffett, promoted.

31st Ditto, Ensign Michael Court to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Gordon, who resigns.

35th Ditto, Ensign James Monday to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Sibbald, promoted.

37th Ditto,