

Cleopatra, Falmouth, April 6, 1798.

S I R,
I Have to request you will inform the Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that, after Separation from Sir Edward Pellew, agreeable to his Orders, I had the good Fortune, on the 26th Ult. at Half past Two in the Morning, to discover a Ship standing to the Northward, and immediately gave Chace, and in an Hour and a Half came alongside, and, after giving her all our Larboard Guns, she struck, and proved to be the Emilie French Ship Privateer, en razeé; a very fast Sailer, from L'Orient, mounting 16 Six Pounders, and 2 Brass Twelves, manned with 110 Men, out Thirty-nine Days.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

ISRAEL PELLEW.

*Sir Edward Pellew, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.*

Copy of a Letter from Captain Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. of His Majesty's Ship Indefatigable, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Falmouth, April 5, 1798.

I Have the Honor to inform you, that His Majesty's Ship Cambrian anchored in this Port To-day, blown in by the late Gales.

I have the Pleasure to inclose a Letter from Captain Legge, giving an Account of his having captured Two Privateers and retaken an American Ship.

Cambrian, at Sea, March 27, 1798.

S I R,
I Have the Honor to inform you, that I have this Day captured Le César, a French Ship Privateer, of 16 Guns and 80 Men, belonging to St. Maloes, and 35 Days from Brest.

On the 21st, in Company with His Majesty's Ship Cleopatra, I recaptured the William Pen, of Philadelphia.

I remain, &c.

ARTHUR K. LEGGÈ.

*Sir Edward Pellew, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.*

Cambrian, at Sea, March 30, 1798.

S I R,
I Have the Honor to inform you, that I have this Day captured Le Pont de Lodi, French Ship Privateer, of 16 Guns and 102 Men; she was five Days from Bourdeaux, on her first Cruize, (being quite a new Vessel) and had not taken any Thing.

I remain, Sir, &c. &c. &c.

ARTHUR K. LEGGÈ.

*Sir Edward Pellew, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.*

*Prince of Wales, Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes,
December 15, 1797.*

S I R,
I Have to acquaint you, for the Information of their Lordships, that Captain Western, in His Majesty's Ship Tamer, has captured the undermentioned Privateers belonging to Guadaloupe, and sent them into this Bay. The first was taken the 4th Instant, the latter the 7th, a few Leagues to Windward of Barbadoes.

Le Dragon Schooner, of 12 Guns, and 80 Men.
Le Dix-Huit de Fructidor Sloop, of 10 Guns, and 75 Men.

These Vessels are fast Sailers, and were well equipped; the former had taken an American Brig, which was recaptured by the Tamer: The latter had been out Five Days and taken nothing.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

Evan Nepean, Esq;

*Prince of Wales, Fort Royal Bay,
Martinique, January 4, 1798.*

S I R,
I AM to acquaint you, for the Information of their Lordships, that Captain Totty, in His Majesty's Ship Alfred, captured the 16th Ultimo, off Martinique, La Decidée French Privateer Schooner, belonging to Guadaloupe, of 10 Guns and 89 Men, which he sent to this Bay. She had been out Three Days, but had not taken any Thing.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

Evan Nepean, Esq;

*Prince of Wales, Fort Royal Bay,
Martinique, February 9, 1798.*

S I R,
I Herewith enclose, for the Information of their Lordships, a Letter addressed to me from Captain Mainwaring, of His Majesty's Ship La Babet, relative to the Capture of the French Privateer Schooner La Desirée, by the Boats of that Ship, under the Direction of Lieutenant Samuel Pym, who performed the Service with great Gallantry and good Conduct.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

Evan Nepean, Esq;

*His Majesty's Ship Babet, off Fort-Royal-Bay,
Martinique, January 17, 1798.*

S I R,
IT is with great Pleasure I acquaint you, that Lieutenant Pym, of His Majesty's Ship under my Command, Yesterday Afternoon captured (in the Pinnace, the Launch following,) after a most desperate Resistance, the French Republican Schooner La Desirée, mounting Six Carriage Guns, and having on Board Forty six Men. I discovered her in the Morning, Half Way between Martinique and Dominique, standing towards me; soon after the Wind died away, and she, having made us out distinctly, took to her Sweeps, and rowed off, which Lieutenant Pym observing, in the handsomest Manner volunteered attacking her in the Boats. To this I alone consented from the Knowledge I had of his Resolution and good Conduct on former Occasions. I hope you will be of Opinion that he merited the Confidence placed in him, with every Encomium I can bestow, when you know that the Two Boats contained but Twenty-four Men, that he was Three Leagues from the Ship, and had been rowing Four Hours before he got within Reach of their Cannon, from which they kept up an incessant Firing till he boarded. He reports that the Officers and Men under him behaved with the greatest Coolness and Intrepidity. I am sorry to add that we lost a very valuable Seaman, and had Five wounded; amongst the latter a Mr. Aslinhurst, a young Gentleman of very promising Expectations, and a Volunteer on the Occasion. The Enemy had Three killed and Fifteen badly wounded, She had been out Six Days from Guadaloupe, had taken One American Brig from St. Vincent bound to Boston.

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

JEM. MAINWARING.

*Henry Harvey, Esq; Rear-Admiral
of the Red, &c. &c. &c.*