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Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Kingmill, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the Coast of Ireland, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Cove of Cork, the 6th Instant.

S I R,

I Herewith transmit, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter to me from the Hon. Captain De Courcy, of His Majesty's Ship Magnanime, containing Particulars of the Capture of Two French Privateers.

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

R. KINGSMILL.

Magnanime, Cork Harbour, April 6, 1798.

S I R,

I Avail myself of the earliest Means of acquainting you, that when the Service, assigned to me by your Order of the 6th of March, had been nearly accomplished, Chace was given by His Majesty's Ship under my Command to a French Privateer Brig, which, at the Distance of about Five Miles, was, on the Dawn of the 16th of the same Month, observed to hawl athwart the Fore Foot of the little Convoy submitted to my Guidance.

The Gale being fresh, and favourable to the Magnanime's best sailing, it was trusted she would very speedily arrive up with the Object of Pursuit; but that End was not attained till, at the Expiration of Twenty-three Hours, a Space had been run of Two Hundred and Fifty-six Miles, although the Privateer had, in her Flight, given a very manifest Advantage, by steering in a circuitous Manner.

The Satisfaction of capturing so fast sailing a Privateer has been much encreased by a Knowledge, subsequently obtained, of it's having been the Design of her Commander, in a Confidence of his Vessel's unrivalled sailing, to hover round the Convoy till a favourable Moment should occur for attacking it's least protected Part. The Privateer is named L'Eugenie, was captured in Latitude 42 and Longitude 12, was manned, when chased, with 107 Men, and armed with 18 Guns, 8 of which appear to have been thrown overboard whilst pressed in the Pursuit.

Under similar Circumstances of Wind and Weather, Pursuit was again given, by the Ship under my Command, to a Ship which reconnoitred us, early on the Morning of the 1st of April.

The Chace was continued with doubtful Effect for some Time, when at length, after a Pursuit of One Hundred and Eighty Miles, in Eighteen Hours, she made a Signal of surrendering. Her Force consisted of 20 Guns, (but pierced for 22) and 137 Men; and, like L'Eugenie, appears to be coppered and perfectly new. Her Name L'Audacieux.

The Ease with which she ran round us, within Six Hours after being taken Possession of, manifested how much we were indebted for the Capture of her to her very bad steering: Sixteen of her Guns were thrown overboard during the Chace.

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

M. DE COURCY.

Vice-Admiral Kingmill.

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Copy of a Letter from Admiral Peyton, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Downs, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board the Overijssel, April 10, 1798.

S I R,

I Herewith enclose to you a Letter I have received from Lieutenant Lowen, commanding His Majesty's hired armed Brig Terrier, stating his having captured a French Schooner Privateer, armed with 1 Six Pounder and 8 Swivels, with 21 Men; which Letter you will please to lay before their Lordships.

I am, &c.

JOS. PEYTON.

*His Majesty's Armed Brig Terrier,
April 8, 1798.*

S I R,

I Have the Honor to inform you, that this Evening, Ostend bearing S. S. E. 7 Leagues, I fell in with and captured the Sans Parier French Schooner Privateer, mounting 1 Six Pounder and Eight Swivel Guns, manned with 21 Men, and commanded by Monf. Jacques Francois Doré, from Ostend this Day, had not taken any Thing.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

THO. LOWEN.

Admiral Peyton, Esq; Esq; Esq; Downs.