

Admiralty Office, May 22, 1798.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Duncan, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 19th Instant.

S I R,
THE inclosed Letter I send, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and am,

S I R,
Your very humble Servant,
DUNCAN.

Astrea, Epsinour, May 2, 1798.

My Lord,
I Beg to acquaint your Lordship, that on the 22d of last Month, on the Dogger Bank, I captured the Renommée French Schooner Privateer, of 5 Guns, and 54 Men. Her Guns are Nine Pounders, fitted on Slides a-midship, so as to fight all on either Side. She is one of the most complete Vessels I ever saw, and sails remarkably fast.

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

R. DACRES.

*Admiral Lord Viscount Duncan,
&c. &c. &c.*

Admiralty-Office, May 22, 1798.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Wollaston, of His Majesty's Sloop Cruiser, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Sheerness, May 20, 1798.

S I R,
I BEG you will inform their Lordships, that on the 19th Instant, Lowestoff N. W. by W. Six or Seven Leagues, we fell in with Two French Republican Luggers, One of which carried away her Main and Foremast during the Chace, when we continued in Chace of the other until Five P. M. at which Time we could just see the other from the Mast Head to Leeward; as the Chace was then gaining on us, and the one that had struck was not secured, I left off Chace and stood for her: Upon taking Possession I found her to be Le Chasseur, from Honfleur, out 8 Days, mounting 4 Six-Pounders, and manned with 48 Men; had not taken any Thing. Her Comfort was La Dragon, mounting 4 Six-Pounders, both new Vessels, and sailed from Honfleur together, and were going to cruise on the Dogger Bank. During the Chace La Dragon hove overboard her Boat and several other Things, but I could not perceive whether she threw her Guns over or not.

I am, &c.

C. WOLLASTON.

Downing-Street, May 22.

The King has been pleased to appoint the Hon. Arthur Paget to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to the Elector Palatine, and Minister to the Diet of Ratisbon.

Crown-Office, May 22, 1798.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Ripon.

John Heathcote, of Ripon in the County of York, Esq; in the room of Sir George Allanson Wynn, Baronet, Lord Headley in the Kingdom of Ireland, deceased.

Borough of East Looe.

Frederic William Buller, of Pelynt in the County of Cornwall, Esq; in the room of William Graves, Esq; who hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Bonenham, in the County of Buckingham.

Commissions signed by His Majesty for the Army in Ireland.

Lieutenant Anthony Chester to be Captain, by Purchase, in the 13th Foot, vice Captain John Watts, who disposes of his Commission at the regulated Price. Dated May 1, 1798.

Lieutenant Edward Bonner, from the 1st Foot Guards, to be Captain, by Purchase, in the 64th Foot, vice Captain George Hogg, who disposes of his Commission at the regulated Price. Dated May 1, 1798.

War-Office, May 22, 1798.

MEMORANDUM.

The Appointment of Captain James Rooke, from the 80th Regiment of Foot, to be Major, by Purchase, in the 49th Foot, and his subsequent Appointment to be Major in the 16th Light Dragoons, as stated in the Gazettes of the 28th of October, 1797, and of the 10th of March last, have not taken Place.

ERRATUM in the Gazette of the 12th Instant. For, *Marshalsea and Palace Courts Volunteers*, Read, *The Knight Marshals Volunteers*.

Admiralty-Office, May 12, 1798.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Session of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol-Delivery, for the Trial of Offences committed on the High Seas within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England, will be held at Justice Hall in the Old Bailey, London, on Thursday the 7th Day of June next, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning.

Evan Nepean.

Whitehall, May 16, 1798.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that between the Hours of One and Two o'Clock in the Morning of the 27th of April last, a Fulling Mill, used in the Clothing Manufactory, situated in the Parish of Hungerford Farleigh, in the County of Somerset, belonging to Mr. Thomas Gordon, of the same Place, was discovered to be on Fire; by which the Whole of the said Premises, together with all the Wool, Yarn, and other Property contained therein, belonging to the said Thomas Gordon and his Under Tenants, were consumed, whereby the said Thomas Gordon and his said Under Tenants, sustained a Loss of upwards of Two Thousand Pounds; and that there is every Reason to believe the said Premises were maliciously set on Fire by some evil-minded Person or Persons unknown.

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the Felony above mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any of them (except the Person who actually set Fire to the said Premises) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

P O R T L A N D.

And, as a further Encouragement, a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered to any