

the Fore-sail nearly rendered useless, and the other Sails much torn.

The Three Frigates a Third Time made a distant and feeble Effort to protect and cover the distressed Frigate, but in vain; they did not dare to approach within the Distance to do so, and by great Exertions being enabled to wear round on the same Tack with the Frigate that had now struck her Colours, and substituted the English Ensign in its Place, I closed with and took Possession of her as before related.

During the Remainder of the Day we were lying to, fully employed in repairing the Rigging, bending new Canvas, and securing the Prize, in order to enable me, if possible, to go in Pursuit of the Three Frigates, which were making off close by the Wind to the N. W.

Now, my Lord, it is with the greatest and most heartfelt Pleasure to me that this Service has been effected with the probable Loss of only One poor Man, who has had his Thigh amputated, as likewise Mr. Patey, Midshipman, slightly wounded in the Shoulder; this Youth did not quit his Quarters in consequence of the Wound, and was, from first to last, particularly active: But, my Lord, there have been several miraculous Recoveries in the Lion, owing to the great Ability and humane Attention of the Surgeon, Mr. Young, I therefore never despair of a Man while there is Life.

I have now the Satisfaction of declaring to your Lordship, that nothing could exceed the cool and collected Bravery and determined Resolution of every Individual in the Lion: I have taken the Dorothea in Tow, as she has her Mizzen-Mast and Fore-Top-Mast carried away; and Sails and Rigging cut to Pieces, her Rudder and Main-Mast much damaged; as well as on Account of the necessary Attendance of the Surgeon to the Relief of the wounded Men on board, the Surgeon of the Dorothea being an inexperienced Man, and without the necessary Instruments.

I can get, my Lord, but an imperfect Account of the Killed on board the Dorothea; their Complement at the Commencement of the Action was called Three Hundred and Fifty, and now there are victualled on board the Lion Three Hundred and Fifty-one; many Volunteers embarked on board at Carthage; the Captain and Officers suppose there might be from Twenty to Forty killed in the Action, and the Wounded now on board the Lion are Thirty-two.

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

MANLEY DIXON.

*Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Vandeput, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Halifax, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on board the Asia, Halifax Harbour, 12th August, 1798.*

BY a Letter which I have received from Captain Hall, of the Lynx, dated the 13th July, he informs me, that the Ship he writes by, (an American,) called the Liberty, from Philadelphia bound to Liverpool, laden with Tobacco and Rice, having been captured by a French Privateer on the Edge of Soundings off the Coast, had been retaken by him Six Days afterwards in Latitude 35 Degrees, and in the Longitude of Bermuda; and that

he had likewise taken Two French Privateers, One only of Two Guns and Thirty Men, which he carried to Providence; the other, called the Mentor, he took on the 27th of June in Latitude 30 Deg. 30 Min. Longitude 71 Degrees; and sent to Bermuda; he says she is a fine Brig of Fourteen Six Pounders and Seventy-nine Men;

Notice is hereby given, that Application will be made to Parliament in the next Session for an Act to enable the Grimby Haven Company, or Company of Proprietors of the Grimby Haven Navigation, to finish and complete the said Navigation, and for amending the Act of Parliament passed in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, "For widening, deepening, enlarging, altering, and improving the said Haven."

By Order of the said Company,

Geo. Babb, Clerk.

1st September, 1798.

Notice is hereby given, that Application is intended to be made to Parliament in the next Session for Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpose of amending and extending the Powers of the Acts passed in the 6th and 10th Years of His present Majesty, "for making and maintaining a Navigable Cut or Canal from the River Severn, between Bewdley and Titton Brook, in the County of Worcester, to cross the River Trent, at or near Heywood Mill, in the County of Stafford, and to communicate with a Canal intended to be made between the said River Trent and the River Mersey;" the said Bill being intended to give Powers to make and maintain a Navigable Canal from the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal, at or near Ratford Bridge, to or near the Town of Stafford, in the Parishes of Berkswish, otherwise Baffage, Castle Forebridge, St. Philip, and St. Chad, Stafford, with other Collateral Cuts and Reservoirs, to supply the said Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal with Water.

Rivers Tone and Parrett.

Notice is hereby given, that Application will be made to the Honorable the House of Commons in the next Session of Parliament for Leave to bring in a Bill to explain Two several Acts, the one passed in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of the Reign of King William the Third, intituled, "An Act for making and keeping the River Tone navigable from Bridgwater to Taunton, in the County of Somerset;" and the other, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of the late Queen Anne, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual making and keeping the River Tone Navigable from Bridgwater to Taunton, in the County of Somerset;" and also for altering and enlarging the Provisions of the same several Acts, and likewise for improving and preserving the Navigation of the Rivers Tone and Parrett from the said Town of Bridgwater to the said Town of Taunton; and that the Parts of the said Rivers, the Navigation of which is intended to be improved, are situated in the Parishes or Townships of Bridgwater, Bower, Chedzoy, Durlcigh, Goathurst, North Petherton, Westonzoiland, Middlezoy, Othery, Aller, Lyng, Durlston, Stoke Saint Gregory, North Curry,

