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From Saturday September 14, to Tuesday September 17, 1799.

By the KING.  
A PROCLAMATION,  
GEORGE R.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Thirty-seventh Year of Our Reign, intituled, "An Act to shorten the Time now required for giving Notice of the Royal Intention of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, that the Parliament shall meet and be holden for the Dispatch of Business, and more effectually to provide for the Meeting of Parliament in the Case of a Demise of the Crown;" it is enacted, That whenever We shall be pleased, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue Our Royal Proclamation, giving Notice of Our Royal Intention that Parliament shall meet and be holden for the Dispatch of Business on any Day, being not less than Fourteen Days from the Date of such Proclamation, the same shall be a full and sufficient Notice to all Persons whatever of such Our Royal Intention, and the Parliament shall thereby stand prorogued to the Day and Place therein declared, notwithstanding any previous Prorogation of the Parliament to any longer Day, and notwithstanding any former Law, Usage, or Practice to the contrary: And whereas Our Parliament now stands prorogued to Tuesday the Twenty-ninth Day of October next, and forasmuch as for certain Causes We are desirous that Our Parliament should meet on an earlier Day for the Dispatch of Business, We, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, do by this Our Royal Proclamation, publish and declare Our Royal Will and Intention, that Our said Parliament shall meet and be holden on Tuesday the Twenty-fourth Day of this instant September, for the Dispatch of divers weighty and important Affairs: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs of the House of Commons, are hereby required to give Attendance accordingly at Westminster on the said Twenty-fourth Day of September.

Given at Our Court at Weymouth, the Ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and in the Thirty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

Admiralty-Office. September 14, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Middleton, Commander of His Majesty's Ship *Flora*, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Sea, the 16th of August 1799.

SIR,

Enclosed I send you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, Copies of my Letters to the Earl of St. Vincent, relative to the Capture of several of the Enemy's Privateers on this Station, together with a List of all the Captures I have made since the 1st of January last. I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

R. G. MIDDLETON.

*Flora*, in Lat. 46 Deg. 7 Min.  
N. Long. 8 Deg W. the

26th January 1799.

MY LORD,

I Have the Satisfaction to inform your Lordship that Yesterday, after a Chace of Eight Hours, I captured L'Intrepide French Privateer, of Twenty Bras Guns, Six's and Twelves, (Eighteen of which he hove overboard during the Chace,) and One Hundred and Sixty Men, out Forty-eight Days from Bourdeaux, commanded by Citizen Jean Baptiste Cherchy; has captured during her Cruise the Ships annexed, out of which I have recaptured as per inclosed List; the *Caroline* I have sent in chace of a Vessel in the S. W. which I understand, from the Captain of the Privateer, is the *Jane* of Liverpool, a Letter of Marque, which, much to the Credit of her Captain, engaged the Privateer for Forty Minutes.

When the Privateer struck, the Sea was running so high that it was with the utmost Exertions of Lieutenants Russell and Brown that I was enabled to take Possession of her, happily without the Loss of the People, as the Launch and Jolly Boat went down in the Act of boarding her; and I have this Morning been enabled to exchange the Prisoners. It is her first Cruise, is coppered, and in light Winds sails uncommonly fast: nothing but a Gale would have enabled me to come up with her.

I directed all my Prizes to proceed to Lisbon, but fear from the strong Gales we have had at S.W. they have been forced to bear up for the Channel.

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

R. G. MIDDLETON.

The Earl of St. Vincent, K. B. Admiral  
of the *Blue*, Commander in Chief,  
&c. &c. &c.