

have proceeded to England. Every Assistance shall be given to his Serene Highness to render these Corps an efficient Addition to our Force.

I am, Sir, Your's, **FREDERICK.**
The Right Honorable Henry Dundas,
Esq. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, September 21, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Lord Duncan, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the North Sea, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 19th Instant.

SIR,
I Transmit, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter from Captain Ommanney of His Majesty's Sloop Busy, giving an Account of his having, with his usual Alacrity, captured and sent in here Le Dragon, French Lugger Privateer, of Sixteen Guns, belonging to Dunkirk. I am, Sir, &c. &c. &c.

DUNCAN.

His Majesty's Sloop Busy,
Yarmouth Roads, September 18, 1799.

MY LORD,
I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship, that on the 16th Instant, I perceived a Lugger running close along the Dutch Coast, and after a short Chace drove her so close in Shore, that she was anchored in the Midst of a very heavy Surf, about Five Miles to the Southward of Egmont. Upon anchoring His Majesty's Sloop close alongside of her the Colours were struck: and though I scarcely entertained a Hope of saving her, by the Skill and good Management of Mr. Dewmat, the First Lieutenant, she was speedily got off. Ten of the Crew of the Lugger, to effect their Escape, took to the Boat, Eight of whom were drowned by the Violence of the Surf. She is named Le Dragon, commanded by Citoyen Liard, mounts Two Twelve-Pound Carronades, and Fourteen long Four Pounders, Eight of which were thrown overboard. She was returning to Dunkirk from the Coast of Norway.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

J. A. OMMANNEY.

Lord Viscount Duncan, Admiral
of the White, Esq. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, September 21, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Saint Vincent, K. B. Admiral of the White, Esq. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 17th Instant.

SIR,
I Enclose, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter I have received from Captain Brenton, of His Majesty's Sloop Speedy, giving an Account of the Capture of Three Spanish Armed Vessels.

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

St. VINCENT.

Speedy, Gibraltar, August 21,
1799.

MY LORD,
I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship, that on the 9th Instant, in Company with the Defender British Privateer, of Gibraltar, of Fourteen Guns, we captured the Spanish Armed Vessels, as

per Margin*, after an Action of Two Hours and a Half. Upon seeing us they ran into a small sandy Bay, Five Leagues to the Eastward of Cape de Gatte, and moored in a close Line, within a Boat's Length of the Beach: we engaged them an Hour and Three Quarters under Sail before we could gain Soundings, although not more than a Cable's Length distant from the Rocks; but finding the Enemy had much the Advantage, from our constant Change of Position, I determined to push for an Anchorage, and was fortunate enough to effect one within Pistol Shot of the centre Vessel: after Three Quarters of an Hour close Action the Spaniards took to their Boats, cutting the Cables of Two of the Vessels, which drove on Shore; they were, however, all brought off by our Boats, under a constant Fire of Musquetry from the Hills.

The Privateer having but Twenty-two Men was obliged to stand out to procure Assistance from a Boat she had in the Offing, and could not reach the Anchorage till the Conclusion of the Action. The Conduct of her Commander was highly meritorious throughout; and must have considerably accelerated the Event. The Officers and Men under my Command behaved in such a Manner as would have injured our Success against a more formidable Enemy.

The Speedy had but Two Men wounded, the Defender One, neither dangerous. We found Two Men dead on board the Spaniards. The Remainder of their Crews escaped on Shore.

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

JAH. BRENTON.

* Santo Christo de Gracia, Eight Guns, Six and Nine-Pounders.

Name unknown, Ten Guns, Six and Nine-Pounders.

Name unknown, Four Guns, Sixes.

Admiralty-Office, September 21st, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Jamaica, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 26th June, 1799.

SIR,

I Herewith transmit you, for the Information of the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, an Account of Privateers, Armed and Merchant Vessels, captured by the Squadron under my Command since my last Return, dated the 1st Instant, by His Majesty's Ship Camilla, which you will be pleased to lay before their Lordships.

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

H. PARKER.

An Account of Armed and Merchant Vessels captured and destroyed by the Squadron under my Command, since my last Returns, dated the 1st of June, 1799, by His Majesty's Ship Camilla.

Armed Vessels.

L'Esperance French Sloop Letter of Marque, of Four Guns, Fifteen Men, and Sixty Tons, laden with Sugar, Coffee, and Cotton: taken by the Aquilon.

L'Horison French Sloop, of Two Guns, Sixteen Men, and Thirty-five Tons, laden with Provisions and Dry Goods: taken by Ditto.

A Spanish Man of War Brig, pierced for Eighteen Guns, only Two on board, Forty Days from Co-