

to keep all together for the Protection of the Prize, which is of immense Value, having on board One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars, independent of a Cargo of equal Estimation. My Companions in Chace, Captains Gore and Digby, make the most favourable Report of the Zeal and Perseverance of their respective Officers and Crews: and in Justice to the Officers and Ship's Company I have the Honor to command, I can only say, that their Anxiety to get alongside the Enemy's Frigates whilst alone, was equal to what it was afterwards when my Force became superior; and on that, as on all former Occasions, I profited by the able Assistance of J. H. Marshall, my First Lieutenant, to whom I have given Charge of the Prize. I inclose a List of Killed and Wounded on this Occasion either by Shot or Casualties.

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

W. PIERREPONT.

Triton.—1 Seaman wounded.

Alcmene.—1 Seaman killed; 1 Petty Officer and 8 Seamen wounded.

Santa Brigida. — 2 Seamen killed; 8 Seamen wounded.

Right Honorable Lord Bridport, K. B.

Et c. Et c. Et c.

Admiralty-Office, October 25, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Twysden, of His Majesty's Ship Revolutionaire, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Cove, Ireland, October 15, 1799.

SIR,

Herewith you will receive a Copy of my Letter to Admiral Kingmill, acquainting him with my having captured Le Bordelais French Ship Privateer, which I inclose for their Lordships' Information.

I am, &c.

THOMAS TWYSDEN.

His Majesty's Ship Revolutionaire,
Cove, Ireland, Oct. 15, 1799.

SIR,

I Have the Honor to inform you, that on the 11th Instant, the Wind then blowing a heavy Gale from the S. S. W. we discovered a strange Sail to Leeward, which we immediately pursued, and had the good Fortune to capture at Five P. M. after a Chace of One Hundred and Fourteen Miles in Nine Hours and a Half; she is called Le Bordelais, belonging to Bourdeaux, pierced for Twenty-six Guns, mounts Sixteen long Twelve-Pounders Brads, with Eight Thirty-six Pounder Brads Carronades, and Two Hundred and Two Men, out Nineteen Days from Passage, and had captured One American Ship loaded with Tobacco, and One Portuguese Ship from Cork with Provisions. She is a most beautiful new Ship, well calculated for His Majesty's Service; was the largest, and esteemed the fastest sailing Privateer out of France: I send a Copy of her Dimensions for your Information.

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

T. TWYSDEN.

Length Aloft,	-	145 Feet.
Ditto at Gun-Deck,	-	136
Breadth of Beam,	-	32
Depth in Hold,	-	15½
Admeasures	-	620 Tons.

Admiral Kingmill, Et c. Et c. Et c.

Admiralty-Office, October 25, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Barlow, of His Majesty's Ship Phoebe, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Cove of Cork the 15th Instant.

SIR,

DE pleased to inform their Lordships, that on the 11th Instant, in Latitude 48 Deg. N. Longitude 24 Deg. W. His Majesty's Ship under my Command captured the French Privateer Le Grand Ferrailleux, of Sixteen Guns, Brads Six-Pounders, manned with One Hundred and Twenty-one Men. She had been out Sixteen Days from Bourdeaux and had not taken any Thing.

I am, &c.

ROBERT BARLOW.

Admiralty-Office, October 26, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Duckworth to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Leviathan, off Lisbon, the 13th Instant.

SIR,

YOU will please to lay before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty Copy of a Letter from Captain Brenton, of the Speedy, relating the Destruction of Three Spanish Vessels he chased on the 3d Instant. It is but Justice to this Officer to observe, that his Exertions and Gallantry at all Opportunities do him the highest Honor.

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

J. J. DUCKWORTH.

SIR,

Speedy, at Sea, October 4, 1799.

I Have the Honor to inform you, that Yesterday, whilst running through the Gut of Gibraltar in Sight of the British Convoy, I observed a Number of small Vessels coming out of Algeiras, and concluded they were Spanish Gun Boats endeavouring to cut off some of the Merchant Ships; I therefore steered for them in order to keep them as far as possible from the Body of the Fleet, but upon our near Approach, perceiving they were Spanish Coasters (Eight in Number), under the Protection of a Cutter and Schooner, made all Sail in Chace, and soon separated the Two sternmost from the Body: they ran under the Guns of a Castle which opened a Fire upon us, and prevented our bringing them off. We continued the Pursuit of the others, passing under the Shot from Tariffe Castle, and at Four P. M. came up with Four more in a Bay to the Eastward of Cape Trafalgar; One immediately anchored near a Fort, and the other Three under a Castle which had One Gun mounted: as it blew very heavy from the Eastward, and being on a Lee-Shore, we could not go as near them as I could wish, but anchored within Four Cables Length, and bringing our Guns to bear upon the Castle (which appeared to be in a very ruinous State and did not return our Fire); and the Vessels, in a short Time, compelled the Spaniards to abandon them all, first cutting their Cables, by which Means they drove on Shore. I then sent Lieutenant Parker to endeavour to bring them off, and shortly after Mr. Marshall (the Master) to assist; or, if that was not practicable, to set them on Fire; neither of which could be effected from the heavy Surf breaking entirely over them, and rendering the Approach dangerous to the Boats. They, however, boarded them, brought away some of their Fire-Arms, threw the Remainder overboard,