

Captain Temple, of His Majesty's Sloop *Jaloufe*, giving an Account of his having captured the French Lugger Privateer the *Fantaisie*, belonging to Dunkirk, which I had sent him in quest of on the 24th of last Month, and have no Doubt the uniform Zeal and Exertion of this Officer will meet with due Attention from their Lordships.

I am, &c.

DUNCAN.

His Majesty's Sloop Jaloufe, at Sea, Nov. 30, 1799.

MY LORD, Yesterday I had the good Luck to fall in with the Privateer your Lordship sent me in quest of, and after a Chace of Five Hours I captured her; she is a new Copper-bottomed Lügger, of Fourteen Guns and Sixty Men, called the *Fantaisie*, of Dunkirk, and had the Day before taken Four laden Colliers, close in with Flambro' Head; I determined to get towards Ostend, and this Day I retook the Sally of Lynn, one of her Prizes, the others I have great Hopes of falling in with; I feel great Pleasure in having rescued Four Masters and Thirty-five British Seamen from the Horrors of a French Prison. The Lugger is just refitted, well stored, cost Two Thousand Six Hundred Pounds Sterling, and I think well calculated for His Majesty's Service.

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

J. TEMPLE.

Right Honorable Lord Viscount
Duncan, Commander in Chief,
&c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, December 7, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lutwidge, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Downes, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 3d Instant.

SIR,

I Herewith transmit, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter I have received from Captain Lloyd, of His Majesty's Sloop *Racoon*, giving an Account of his having captured a French Lugger Privateer of Fourteen Guns and Four Swivels.

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

S. LUTWIDGE.

His Majesty's Sloop Racoon, Downes, December 3, 1799.

SIR,

I Beg Leave to acquaint you, that Yesterday Morning at Daylight, Portee E. S. E. I fell in with a French Lugger Privateer, to which I immediately gave Chace, and an Hour after I had the Satisfaction to capture her; she proves to be *Le Vrai Decide*, of Fourteen Guns, Four Swivels, and Fifty Men, (Nine of whom had been left on Shore when she failed,) commanded by Citizen Desgardri, belongs to Boulogne, out Thirty Hours, in Company with Three others, and had not taken any Thing. His Majesty's Ship *Cormorant* was in Sight, and joined in the Chace.

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

ROBERT LLOYD.

Skeffington Lutwidge, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the Red, &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, December 7, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lutwidge, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Downes, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 5th Instant.

SIR,

I Have the Pleasure of transmitting, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter which I have received from Captain Lloyd, of His Majesty's Sloop *Racoon*, giving an Account of his having captured on the 3d Instant *L'Intrepide* French Privateer, of Sixteen Guns and Sixty Men, belonging to Calais. The *Racoon* anchored in the Downes this Morning; and I have the Satisfaction of learning from Lieutenant Coxwell, that the Wound which Captain Lloyd has received in the Head from a Half-Pike is not dangerous. He also informs me, that soon after the Action the Stag Cutter joined, and went in Pursuit of the Brig mentioned in Captain Lloyd's Letter.

His Majesty's Sloop Racoon, Dover-Roads, December 4, 1799.

SIR,

I Beg Leave to acquaint you, that Yesterday at Ten P. M. Dover North about Five or Six Miles, I observed a Lugger board a Brig; I soon discovered her to be an Enemy, and made all Sail in Chace; after a running Fire of about Forty Minutes I laid her alongside, when we were received with a smart Fire from the Cannon and small Arms, which was immediately returned with Success; finding themselves unable to make any further Resistance, Bow-sprit and Foremast gone, they thought it fit to strike. She proves to be *L'Intrepide*, of Calais, mounting Sixteen Guns and Sixty Men, quite new, commanded by Citizen Saillard, sailed from Boulogne Four o'Clock Yesterday Evening.

I feel myself much indebted to Lieutenant Coxwell (the only Commissioned Officer I had on board) for the great Assistance I received from him, as well as the other Officers and Men for their Attention in obeying my Orders. It is with Satisfaction I have to state (through Providence) that there is only One Man wounded, and myself slightly. The Privateer has lost Thirteen in Killed and Wounded. I am sorry to state that the Brig captured was the *Welcombe*, from London to Plymouth with Malt; and it was out of my Power to pursue her as I must have lost my Foremast, all my Fore-shrouds being gone on the Starboard Side. It gives me particular Pleasure to have deprived the Enemy of a Vessel which they considered the largest and best Sailer from Calais; and have the Honor to be, &c.

ROBERT LLOYD.

To Skeffington Lutwidge, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the Red, &c. &c. &c. Downes.

Admiralty-Office, December 7, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lutwidge, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Downes, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 6th Instant.

SIR,

Enclosed I transmit, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter which I have received from Captain Griffiths, of