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Lord Chamberlain's-Office, January 11, 1800.

SUCH Ladies as desire to dance Minuets at the Ball which is to be at St. James's, on Saturday the 18th Instant, are requested to send their Names and Rank, in Writing, to this Office, on or before Thursday the 16th, and to send for their Tickets the next Day (Friday) between the Hours of Eleven in the Morning and Three in the Afternoon.

And to prevent the Inconveniencies which have arisen from the Space before their Majesties, which is allotted for Minuet Dancing, being exceedingly crowded, it is requested, that those Ladies only who mean to dance will send for Dancers' Tickets, and sit in those Places, as the Seats have been found too few to accommodate the Dancers.

Admiralty-Office, January 14, 1800.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lutwidge, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Downs, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 13th Instant.

SIR,

I Beg Leave to inclose, for their Lordships' Information, a Letter from Captain Baker, of His Majesty's Ship Nemesis, acquainting me with his having captured (in Company with the Savage Sloop) the Renard Luggier Privateer, of Fourteen Guns and Sixty-five Men; and that the Savage had recaptured the Atlas, an English Brig, her Prize. I also inclose a Letter from Mr. Butcher, Master of the Nile (Third) Luggier, (Lieutenant Whitehead being sick on Shore, but has since rejoined her,) acquainting me with his having captured the Privateer mentioned in Captain Baker's Letter.

The Nemesis, Savage, and Nile, with the Prizes, have anchored in the Downs.

I am, &c. SKEFF. LUTWIDGE.

SIR, *Nemesis, Downs, January 13, 1800.*

YOU will be pleased to hear of my having boarded and taken the French Privateer Luggier Le Renard, mounting Fourteen Four-Pounders, Two Swivels, with Sixty-five Men, Jean Jacque Fourmintin, Master. She sailed from Boulogne Yesterday Morning in Company with Six other Luggiers, and had captured a Brig called the

Atlas, from Lisbon off Dungeness, but fortunately the Savage was in Company with me, and Captain Thompson quickly complying with a Signal I made him, retook the said Brig, which I was obliged to pass in Chace of the Luggier. I have also to inform you, that soon after I had taken Possession of Le Renard, Two other Luggiers were seen to Leeward. We instantly chased them, and came up with La Moderè, a French Privateer Luggier that the Nile Hired Armed Cutter was in the act of boarding. I beg therefore to refer you to the Master of her for any Information you may require, as I had then no Opportunity of questioning him, my Time being taken up in placing the Force, accidentally in Company with me, in such a Situation to retake any other Captures that might have been made from the Narcissus's Convoy as she passed up Channet.

I accordingly gave Lieutenant Guyon, of the Union Hired Armed Cutter, Orders to post himself off Boulogne; the Master of the Nile Luggier off Calais; and Captain Thompson, a Choice of either of those Ports his Judgment best approved. The Stag Cutter likewise joined me during the Night, and I thought proper to give the Master of her Directions to watch those Ports narrowly till the Morning.

The Two Luggiers and recaptured Brig being under my Charge, and having, I hope, sufficiently provided against the Enemy's Depredations, I thought it most prudent to repair with them to the Downs, where I have the Honor to inform you I arrived at Five o'Clock this Morning.

T. BAKER.

SIR, *Nile, (Third) Downs, Jan. 13, 1800.*

I Beg Leave to inform you (Lieutenant Whitehead being sick on Shore) that His Majesty's Hired Luggier under my Command, at Twelve A. M. captured Le Moderè French Luggier of Four Four-Pounders, and Forty-two Men, belonging to Boulogne; she only sailed about Six Hours previous to her being captured, and had not taken any Thing.

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

STEPHEN BUTCHER, Master.

Sheffington Lutwidge, Esq; Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c. Downs.

