

sent in by His Majesty's Sloop Kangaroo. I now have the Pleasure to enclose, for their Information, a Copy of Captain Brace's Letter to me, giving an Account of the Particulars.

The very gallant and beneficial Services of that excellent Officer, in capturing the Enemy's Privateer at an early Period of her Cruize, and retaking Two valuable Merchant Ships, deserve every Recommendation; but it will, I trust, be needless for me to attempt pointing out to their Lordships, Conduct which has on this, as well as former Occasions, shewn itself to be so highly meritorious.

The French Prisoners who were on board the Kangaroo assert, that the French Brig, which made her Escape, was the Grand Decidé, of Eighteen Brass Twelve-Pounders, and One Hundred and Fifty Men.

I conclude the Two Officers of the Army, Captain Hearnes and Lieutenant Bournes, so handsomely mentioned by Captain Brace, were recaptured in the Ship Chance.

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

R. KINGSMILL.

His Majesty's Sloop Kangaroo, at Sea, the 25th February 1800.

SIR,
IT has been the good Fortune of His Majesty's Sloop under my Command to Capture and Recapture the Vessels named in the Margin*.

The Telegraph is a fine French Brig Privateer, quite New, and Sails remarkably fast; mounting Fourteen Carriage Guns of different Calibre, and having on board Seventy-eight Men.

I am pleased with having captured her in such Weather, with no other Accident than the First Lieutenant Mr. Thomas Toulerton, (a good Officer) having received a violent Contusion in the Face, from the Chace Gun being thrown off (by the Motion of the Sloop) whilst he was pointing her.

I now beg Leave to refer you to my Journal; you will perceive that I carried away the Main-Boom on the 23d Ultimo in Chace of a Ship Privateer; and that I parted Company with Le Telegraph, Lieutenant Tompson, in Chace of a Brig to Leeward.

In addition to that, I have to acquaint you, that at Eight A. M. on the 25th Instant, in Latitude 50 Deg. N. Longitude 12 Deg. W. I brought to Action a French Brig Privateer of Eighteen Guns, which after a warm Contest of an Hour, Fifty Minutes of it fought in good Style, close to each other, she began to make off, having damaged the Rigging and Sails so as to prevent my closing with her again, though every Exertion was made on the Part of the Officers and Men, being at the Time short of Forty-four Officers and Men away in Prizes, Six Men unable to attend their Quarters, Six wounded, and Four Centinels* over Seventy-eight Prisoners in the Hold, that considered, I trust

* Minerva, an American Ship, laden with Tobacco, retaken on the 22d Instant in Latitude 49 Deg. 44 Min. N. and Longitude 12 Deg. 37 Min. W.

Le Telegraph, Twenty Days out from St. Maloes; had on the 11th Instant taken the Elizabeth Brig from Lisbon, laden with Fruit.

Chance, West Indiaman, from Martinique; recaptured on the 24th in Latitude 49 Deg. 48 Min. N. and Longitude 13 Deg. W. and in Company on the 25th Ultimo.

it will appear to you that there is much Merit due to the Officers and Men on board.

I have to acknowledge myself indebted to Captain Hearnes of the 43d Regiment, and to Lieutenant Bournes of the 1st West India Regiment, for their Assistance; and I beg you will be pleased to recommend to my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, Lieutenant Toulerton, and Mr. Edward Verling the Master.

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

E. BRACE.

List of Men wounded in Action.

Mr. William Allen, Boatswain.

Thomas Marks, Seaman.

William Johnson, Ditto.

Henry Pitts, Ditto.

George Moore, Ditto.

William Milliard, Marine.

N. B. None killed.

Robert Kingsmill, Esq; Admiral of the Blue,
Esq. Esq. Esq.

Admiralty-Office, March 25, 1800.

Copy of another Letter from Admiral Kingsmill to Ewan Nepean, Esq; dated at Cork the 12th Instant.

SIR,

I Beg you will acquaint their Lordships, that another very fine French Ship Privateer called Le Coureur, arrived this Day, having been captured by the Revolutionnaire, as mentioned in the inclosed Copy of a Letter from Captain Twyfsden:

This Privateer will make a most capital Sloop of War, being perfectly New, and in every Respect fit for His Majesty's Service.

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

R. KINGSMILL.

His Majesty's Ship Revolutionnaire, at Sea, 5th March 1800.

SIR,

AT Eleven o'Clock last Night, the Revolutionnaire captured the French Ship Privateer Le Coureur, Twenty Days out from Nantes, pierced for Eighteen Guns, mounting Ten Six-Pounders, and Four Carronades, and One Hundred and Fifty-eight Men; on the 28th of last Month, she captured His Majesty's Ship Princess Royal, for Tortola; but I am happy to add, the Captain, with the greatest Part of the Crew, are retaken in the Privateer. Le Coureur is quite new, this being her first Cruize, Copper-bottomed, and sails delightfully.

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

T. TWYSDEN.

Robert Kingsmill, Esq; Esq. Esq. Esq.

Admiralty-Office, March 24, 1800.

Copy of another Letter from Admiral Kingsmill, to Ewan Nepean, Esq; dated at Cork, the 10th Instant.

SIR,

BE pleased to acquaint my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, His Majesty's Ship Phoebe arrived in Kinsale Yesterday, with the Heureux French Ship Privateer of Twenty-Two Brass Twelve-Pounders, and Two Hundred and Twenty Men. Copy of Captain Barlow's Letter to me with the Particulars, I enclose for their Lordships' Information.