

*Mercury, off Port Mahon, 22d of
January 1801.*

SIR,

I Put to Sea agreeably to my Intention, signified to you, in my Letter of the 17th Instant, the Moment our Prizes were moored in Safety, which was on the Morning of the 19th, the Day following I fell in with a Ship, (the Island of Sardinia bearing E. S. E. Forty Leagues,) which I soon discovered to be an Enemy; and after a Chace of Nine Hours, blowing very fresh, I had the Satisfaction to come up with and Capture: She is called La Sans Pareille, French National Corvette, commanded by Citoyen Gabriel Renault Lieutenant de Vaisseau, mounting Eighteen long Brass Nine-Pounders and Two Howitzers, and having on board a Complement of Fifteen Men: She sailed from Toulon the Day before her Capture, and was bound to Alexandria, in Egypt, quite laden with Shot, Arms, Medicines, and Supplies of every Kind for the French Army, and is as complete a Vessel in every Respect as I have seen, being quite new, and well found with Stores of every Description. I am, &c.

THOMAS ROGERS.

Captain Dixon, Genreux.

Admiralty-Office, March 24, 1801.

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant James Mein, commanding His Majesty's Schooner Netley, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated River Tagus, 26th of February 1801.

SIR,

I Beg Leave to enclose, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copies of Two Letters addressed to Admiral Lord Keith. I am, &c. JAMES MEIN.

*Netley, River Tagus, 26th of
February 1801.*

MY LORD,

I Beg Leave to inform your Lordship of His Majesty's Schooner under my Command having, on the 9th Instant, Ten Leagues S. W. of Oporto, captured the Spanish Lugger Privateer St. Francisco la Paula, armed with Two Carriage Guns, Four Swivels, and manned with Thirty-one Men.

I am, &c. JAMES MEIN.

Right Honorable Lord Keith, K. B.

Es. Es. Es.

*Netley, River Tagus, 26th of
February 1801.*

MY LORD,

I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship of His Majesty's Schooner Netley, under my Command, having on the 11th Instant, Eight Leagues S. W. of Oporto, captured the Spanish Privateer Schooner St. Josef, alias el Beloz, Don Juan Antonio de Amaza, Commander; a new Vessel, pierced for Fourteen Guns, but had when taken only Four long Twelve-Pounders mounted, Six Swivels, and manned with Forty-four Men.

Having received Information from some English Prisoners on board her, that several Ships of the Convoy from England had been taken the preceding Day, I manned the Prize Schooner, and ordered Mr. Buchan, Master of the Netley, to proceed on board and go in Chace of Two strange Sail bearing West, whilst the Netley went in Pursuit of Three others to the Northward: The first Vessel we came up with proved to be a Brig from Southampton, taken the Day before by a Spanish Privateer; the

next also proved a captured Brig from London, on board of which I sent a boat with a Midshipman and Six Men, and gave Chace to the Third Vessel, (a Lugger) who we drove on Shore Six Leagues to the Southward of Oporto.

I have every Hope of her being destroyed, as there was much Surf on the Beach at the Time.

I am, my Lord, &c.

JAMES MEIN.

Right Honorable Lord Keith, K. B.

Es. Es. Es.

Westminster, March 24, 1801.

THIS Day the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honorable House of Commons by Sir Francis Molyneux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of His Majesty's Commission for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate Attendance of the Honorable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to*

An Act for repealing the Rates and Duties of Postage in Great Britain, and granting other Rates and Duties in Lieu thereof; and on Letters conveyed to or from any Part of the United Kingdom from or to any Place out of the said Kingdom, and by Packet Boats from or to the Ports of Holyhead and Milford Haven.

An Act for granting to His Majesty additional Stamp Duties on Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, and Insurances, and on certain Indentures, Leases, Bonds, or other Deeds.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Additional Duties on Paper, Pasteboard, Millboard, and Scaleboard, made in or imported into Great Britain, and on Tea imported into and sold in Great Britain.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Additional Duties on Horses in Great Britain, and for exempting from Duty Horses kept for the Purpose of Husbandry by Persons holding Farms under a certain Value.

An Act to enable His Majesty to grant a certain Annuity to Captain Sir Sidney Smith, in Consideration for the eminent Services which he has rendered during his Command on the Coast of Egypt.

An Act for continuing, until the Twenty-fifth Day of March One thousand eight hundred and two, certain Acts of the last Session of the Parliament of Ireland for granting Duties to His Majesty.

An Act to prohibit, until the Twenty-fifth Day of March One thousand eight hundred and two, the making of Malt, and the distilling of Spirits from Corn or Grain in Ireland.

An Act to amend an Act made in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled An Act to permit Bakers to make and sell certain Sorts of Bread.