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Admiralty-Office, March 3, 1804.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Viscount Nelson, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to Sir Evan Nepean, Bart. dated on board His Majesty's Ship the Victory, at Sea, the 16th November 1803.

SIR,

I HEREWITH transmit you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, Copy of a Letter from Captain Cracraft, of His Majesty's Ship Anson, together with Copy of one therein alluded to from Captain Rainsford, of the Morgiana, giving an Account of the Capture of a French Privateer.

I am, &c. NELSON & BRONTE.

Anson, off Cape Spartivento, Oct. 20, 1803.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the Honor to transmit your Lordship the Copy of a Letter-I have received from Captain Rainsford, of His Majesty's Brig Morgiana, acquainting me of her having captured La Maguerite French Privateer, of Four Guns and Forty Men, on the 15th Instant.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

W. E. CRACRAFT.

Right Honorable Lord Nelson, &c. &c. &c.

His Majesty's Sloop Morgiana, off Cape Spartivento, October 16, 1803.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to acquaint you that, being in chase of Two Vessels on the Morning of the 15th Instant, I observed a Vessel under lateen Sails, with her Sweeps out, haul out from under the Land, and give chase to us, with English Colours and a Red Flag flying. I continued my Course until she came within Gun-Shot, when, discovering us to be a Man of War, she made sail from us. I immediately gave chase, and fired several Shot at her, when she hoisted French Colours, and soon after came to an Anchor. I then sent the Boats under the Command of Lieutenant Lawrence, with Orders to examine her, and, if he met with Resistance, to bring her off.

This Service was executed with great Gallantry by him and the People under his Command, who boarded and carried her under a smart Fire of Grape-

Shot and Musketry. She proves to be La Maguerite French Privateer, mounting Two Six and Two Four-Pounders, manned with Forty Men, Three of whom only remained on board on taking Possession. I am sorry to add, that I had one Seaman badly wounded, who is since dead.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

R. RAYNSFORD.

William Edward Cracraft, Esq; Captain of His Majesty's Ship Anson.

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SIR,

YOU will please to acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that this Morning the Squadron under my Command captured Le Renard French National Schooner, mounting Twelve Four-Pounders, with Six Swivels, and manned with Eighty Men; also Le Titus Transport, having on board Ninety-six Soldiers, from Corsica bound to Toulon.

I am, &c. NELSON & BRONTE.

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Copy of another Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Viscount Nelson, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to Sir Evan Nepean, Bart. dated on board His Majesty's Ship Victory, at Sea, the 10th January 1804.

SIR,

I HEREWITH transmit you, for their Lordships' Information, an Extract of a Letter from Captain Hart, with a Copy of a Letter from Captain Gore, of the Medusa, giving an Account of the Capture of L'Esperance French Privateer, and the Destruction of Le Socier, on the 8th Ultimo; and beg Leave to express the very high Opinion I entertain of Captain Gore's Conduct in putting to Sea immediately on the Appearance of these Vessels, and his very able Manœuvres in capturing and destroying them. I am, &c. NELSON & BRONTE.