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Admiralty Office, November 5.

CAPTAIN Daniel, Commander of his Majesty's Ship the Hampshire, has taken and brought into Plymouth, a French Frigate called the Castor, of 28 Guns and 211 Men; she was one of M. de L'Estenduaire's Squadron, and left the French Convoy the Night after the Engagement, and was returning to Brest. At the same Time the Tryton sent into Plymouth his Majesty's late Sloop the Hornet, retaken from the French.

Admiralty Office, November 6.

Captain Buckle, Commander of his Majesty's Ship the Ruffel, of eighty Guns, being bound from the Mediterranean to Lisbon, in order to strengthen the Convoy coming home from thence, with the three East India Ships and other Trade, on the 7th of last Month, off of Cape St. Vincent, fell in with five Sail of Ships and two Settees, to whom he gave Chace, and coming up with the Sternmost, she proved to be the King George Privateer, whose Commander informed him, that he and another of the Privateers had been engaged the Night before with a Spanish Ship of War; that he was greatly disabled in his Masts and Rigging; and that the other Privateers which he saw a-head, were then in Chace of the same Ship. Upon this Information he set all the Sail he possibly could carry, and soon after distinguished the Spanish Ship very plain, as likewise another which chased the Spaniard, and proved to be his Majesty's Ship the Dartmouth, of fifty Guns, commanded by Captain Hamilton, who being come up with the Enemy at One in the Morning, engaged him very hotly till half past Three, when the Dartmouth blew up. The Privateers Boats were immediately hoisted out, and saved 14 Men, but the Cause of the Accident could not be learnt. At One in the Morning, on the 8th, the Ruffel came up a-long-side of the Spaniard, within Musket-shot, in which Posture they engaged until Six, when a lucky Shot carrying away the Spaniards Main-top-mast, she immediately struck. The Ship proves to be the Glorioso, of 70 Guns and 700 Men, commanded by Don Pedro Messia de la Zeeda, bound from Corcubion, a Port in Galicia, to Cadiz, to refit, in order to proceed to Vera Cruz. The Ruffel had but 400 Men on board when she began the Engagement, 20 of whom were sick, and not

able to come to their Quarters. Both the Ships being much shattered in the Engagement, are put into Lisbon.

His Majesty's Ships Norfolk and Princess Carolina, in their Passage home from the Mediterranean, with our Trade under their Convoy, fell in with 27 Sail of the Outward bound French Fleet of Merchant Ships, but it being very hazy Weather, and the French right to Windward, and the English, fearing to lose Company with their own Convoy, they took but two of them.

Office of Ordnance, October 27, 1747.

The Principal Officers of his Majesty's Ordnance do hereby give Notice, that they intend to sell by publick Auction, at their Office in the Tower, on Wednesday the 2d of December next, several Lots of Waggon, Parchment and Paper Cartridges, Tann'd Hides, Sword Belts, Lanthorns, Junk, Miscb, Sheepskin, Horse and Mens Harness, Blocks, Bedding, Intrenching Tools, Handscrews, Swords, Bayonets, Rope, Woolpacks, Gun Barrells, and other old and unserviceable Stores, which may be viewed at the Tower of London; where printed Lists of the Lots will be delivered to such Persons as apply for the same.

*By Command of the Board,
Charles Bush.*

Equivalent Office, Nov. 4, 1747.

The Court of Directors of the Equivalent Company give Notice, That the Transfer Books of the said Company will be shut on Wednesday the 23d of December next, and continue so till Wednesday the 6th of January next, in order to settle the Dividend of Two per Cent. due at Christmas next; and that the Warrants for the said Dividend will be ready to be delivered out and paid on the said 6th of January, and afterwards every Wednesday, from Eleven in the Forenoon till One in the Afternoon, at the Equivalent House in Freeman's Court in Cornhill, London, and at their Office in Edinburgh.

James Mathias, Secr.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of his Majesty's Ship Windsor, then commanded by Peter Denis, Esq; that were on board at the taking the Expedetif, from Bayonne, and the Leopard Privateer, that their respective Shares of the Produce of the said Ships, and Bounty for the Leopard Privateer, will be paid them on board the said Ship at Plymouth, on Saturday the 28th Instant; and such Shares as shall not then be demanded, will be paid on the first Tuesday in every Month, at Mr. Payne's in Bow Church yard. N. B. The first R. al to be on the 5th of January.

[Price Two-pence.]

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