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FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

ADMIRALTY OFFICE—July 3.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Sir John Colpoys, K. B. Commander-in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Plymouth, to Sir Evan Nepean, Bart. dated the 1st inst.

SIR,

I TRANSMIT, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter from CAPT. MAITLAND, of his Majesty's ship Loire, giving an account of the success which has attended an enterprise he sent the boats of that ship on, under the orders of LIEUTENANTS TEMPLE and BOWEN. The good conduct and intrepidity of the officers and men employed on that service make it unnecessary for me to add any comment, persuaded that it cannot be lost sight of by their Lordships.

I am, &c.

JNO. COLPOYS.

Loire, off L' Ile de Bas, June 28, 1803.

SIR,

I have the pleasure of informing you, that, last night, three of the boats of his Majesty's ship Loire, commanded by LIEUTENANTS TEMPLE and BOWEN, in a most gallant manner boarded, and, after a severe conflict of nearly ten minutes on her deck, carried the national brig Venteux, bearing four long eighteen pounders, and six thirty six pound brass carronades, commanded by Mons. MONTFORT, LIEUT. DE VASSEAU, lying close under the batteries of the Ile of Bas.

When it is considered that the Venteux, perfectly prepared, manned with eighty two men, all of whom were upon deck, and covered with heavy batteries, was opposed to the crews of two of our boats, (as the third, from rowing heavy, did not get up till the brig was completely gained possession of) I feel confident that you will view it in the light that I do, as one of those brilliant

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exploits which add lustre to the British arms, of which, though so many instances occurred during the late war, no one has before been happy enough to have thrown in his way during the present.

The success of Mr TEMPLE's daring attempt speaks sufficiently for his conduct, and that of every one under his command, to render it superfluous for me to enter into any eulogium on the present occasion.

Mr BRIDGES has served his time and passed for Lieutenant nearly a year; of whose conduct Mr TEMPLE speaks in the highest terms, together with that of every officer and man under his command.

I am very sorry to add that the loss on our side is rather heavy, as Mr MCGUIRE, the boatswain, is so severely wounded as to render him incapable of doing his duty for a considerable time. Four seamen and a marine are also badly wounded, two of the seamen, I fear, past recovery.

The Venteux had her Second Captain and two seamen killed; the Captain, with four officers, all she had, and eight seamen, wounded. She was stationed at the Ile of Bas to guard the coast, and regulate the convoys of stores, &c. bound to Brest; is a vessel of large dimensions, being seventy four feet long and twenty four wide, and perfectly in a condition immediately to be employed.

I have the honour to be, &c.

F. MAITLAND.

Sir John Colpoys, K. B. &c.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. William Cornwallis, Admiral of the Blue, &c. to Sir Evan Nepean, Bart. dated the 26th of last month.

SIR,

You will be pleased to lay before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the enclosed letter from REAR-ADMIRAL CAMPBELL, informing me of the Doris having, on the 24th instant,

captured a small French privateer of twenty four tons, called La Pelagie, mounting four guns, having on board thirty seven men, from Nantes, on a cruize, and had not taken any thing.

I have the honour to be, &c.

W. CORNWALLIS.

His Majesty's ship Culloden, June 25.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you, the Doris yesterday afternoon captured, in shore, a small French privateer of twenty four tons, called La Pelagie, mounting four guns, and having on board thirty seven men, from Nantes, on a cruize, and had taken nothing.

She came through the Passage Du Raz, and intended to have gone through the Passage Du Four into the Channel.

CAPTAIN PEARSON has scuttled her by my directions.

I have the honour to be, &c.

GEO. CAMPBELL.

Hon. Admiral Cornwallis, &c.

WAR OFFICE—July 5.

2d Regiment of Life Guards—Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant George Treacher to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Neville, appointed Paymaster to the 19th light dragoons. James Dryden to be Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Treacher.

Royal Regiment of Horse Guards—Cornet George Augustus Fenwick, from the 14th light dragoons, to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Leslie, who retires.

3d Regiment of Dragoons—Major G. B. Munday to be Lieutenant Colonel, by purchase, vice Wade, who retires. Captain Henry Wood to be Major, vice Munday. Lieutenant William Satchell to be Captain, vice Wood. Cornet Robert Territt to be Lieutenant, vice Satchell.

1st Regiment of Foot Guards—John Baco to be Assistant Surgeon, vice Woodward, who resigns.

18th Regiment of Foot—Ensign Annas Deans to be Lieutenant, vice Veales, deceased.

25th Ditto—Lieutenant James A. Dollings, from half pay of 30th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Keeman, who exchanges.

