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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE—March 3.

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 to you, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, copy of a letter from Capt. CRACRAFT, of his Majesty's ship Anson, together with copy of one therein alluded to from Capt. 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 honour to transmit your Lordship the copy of a letter I have received from Capt. RAINSFORD, of his Majesty's brig Morgiana, acquainting me of her having captured La Maguerite French privateer, of four guns and 40 men, on the 15th instant.

I have the honour to be, &c.

W. E. CRACRAFT.

Right Hon. Lord Nelson, &c. &c. &c.

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

SIR,

I have the honour 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 gave 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 Marguerite 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 honour to be, &c.

R. RAINSFORD.

William Edward Cracraft, Esq. Captain of his Majesty's ship Anson.

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 16th Nov 1803.

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 12 4-pounders, with 6 swivels, and manned with 80 men; also Le Titus transport, having on board 96 soldiers, from Corsica, bound to Toulon. I am, &c.

NELSON & BRONTE.

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.

Extract of a letter from Captain George Hart, of his Majesty's ship Monmouth, dated Gibraltar Bay, the 9th December 1803, to the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Nelson, K. B. Duke of Bronte, Vice Admiral of the Blue, and Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

I HAVE great satisfaction in transmitting to your Lordship a copy of Captain GORE's letter to me of yesterday's date, giving an account of his having captured a French privateer off Cabrita Point, captured L'Esperance, of two 12 and two 6 pounders, with 70 men, and destroying another, by driving her on shore. I beg leave to refer your Lordship to the particulars of the capture, &c. as stated in Captain GORE's letter; and beg leave to add the high opinion I entertain of Captain GORE's great readiness in putting to sea, and of his able conduct throughout on the occasion, which I had the pleasure to witness.

His Majesty's ship Medusa, off New Gore Head, Gibraltar, Dec. 8. 1803.

SIR,

As from your situation you could not see the cause of the manœuvres of his Majesty's ship Medusa this day, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honourable Lord NELSON, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c. that at ten A. M. I observed a cutter standing in for the westward, and two French privateers (Felucca rigged) standing out from

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