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WHITEHALL, January 7. 1797.

BY dispatches received this day by his Grace the Duke of Portland, his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, from the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland and Mr Pelham, dated the 3d and 4th instant, it appears that a part of the French fleet had returned to Bantry-Bay, and that a further part had been seen off the mouth of the Shannon; but that both divisions had quitted their stations, and put to sea, on the evening of the 2d instant, without attempting a landing.

The accounts of the disposition of the country, where the troops are assembled, are as favourable as possible; and the greatest loyalty has manifested itself throughout the kingdom; and in the south and west, where the troops have been in motion, they have been met by the country people of all descriptions, with provisions and all sorts of accommodations, to facilitate their march; and every demonstration has been given of the zeal and ardour of the nation to oppose the enemy in every place where it could be supposed a descent might be attempted.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Jan. 7. 1797.

Copy of a letter from Captain WILLIAM CARTHEW, Commander of his Majesty's ship *Regulus*, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated in latitude 20 deg. 18 min. North, longitude 33 deg. 46 min. West, the 11th of November, 1796.

SIR,

I BEG leave to acquaint you, that on Wednesday the 2d of November, at one P. M. a sail was discovered, bearing about south from us, to which I gave chase, and upon nearing her could discover

she was a ship of war, and at which time she bore up, quartering, having been upon a wind before, which gave suspicion of her being an enemy. At ten, P. M. came within hale; and as she would not heave-to, or say of what nation she was, a broadside was given, upon which she struck, and proved to be the *San Pio*, Spanish corvette, of eighteen guns and one hundred and forty men. Having the day before received intelligence that Admiral Mann's squadron had been chased by the Spanish fleet, and also that they had taken an hospital ship from us, I deemed it justifiable to detain her.

The corvette was detained in latitude 36 deg. 18 min. north, 19 deg. 10 min. west longitude, having sailed from Cadiz the 10th of October, on a cruise of six weeks, twenty days of which were unexpired, and had taken nothing.

I have the honour to be, &c. W. CARTHEW.

Copy of a Letter from the Honourable Captain COLVIL, Commander of his Majesty's Sloop *Star*, to EVAN NEPEAN, dated at Spithead the 21st of December 1796.

SIR,

I beg you will inform their Lordships, that his Majesty's sloop under my command captured yesterday, off the Isle of Wight, a small French cutter privateer called *Le Coup d'Essai*, mounting two carriage guns, well found in small arms, and carrying 28 men.

She had taken, a few hours before we fell in with her, a light brig, called the *Anne* of Newcastle, which she had sent off for Cherbourg: We immediately made sail in pursuit of her, and were enabled to recapture her. I am, Sir, &c.

JOHN COLVILL.

(A.)

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