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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, January 14. 1797.

Copy of a letter from Captain BARTON, of his Majesty's ship Lapwing, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated in Basse-terre Roads, December 3. 1796.

SIR,

A PACKET leaving this place to-day for England; I embrace the opportunity, for the satisfaction of their Lordships, to acquaint them, that I anchored at St Kitt's on the 25th ultimo, when an express boat had been sent from the island of Anguilla, to inform the Admiral that the island was attacked by two French men of war and several small vessels, containing four hundred troops. I felt it my duty (as the express boat returned here with the loss of her main-mast) to leave the service I was ordered on to endeavour to relieve that place. The wind, being to the northward, prevented my getting up there in time to stop them from burning the town; but I have the pleasure to say, after an action of near two hours, I effectually relieved that island, by taking the ship and sinking the brig. The ship proved to be Le Decius, mounting twenty-four six-pounders, two twelve-pound carronades, and two brass field-pieces, with one hundred and thirty-three men of her own complement, and two hundred and three troops, commanded by Citoyen Andree Senis, and the brig La Vaillante, mounting four twenty-four pounders, with forty-five men and ninety troops, commanded by Citoyen Labourique. The particulars of the action I have transmitted to Rear-Admiral Harvey, for the information of their Lordships.

I am, &c.

R. BARTON.

N. B. I am informed that they were picked troops from Victor Hugues, for the sole purpose of plundering and destroying the island.

R. B.

[Price 4d.]

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Jan. 14. 1797.

Extract of a letter from Vice-Admiral KINGSMILL, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Cork, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated L'Engageante, Cork Harbour, January 2. 1797.

PLEASE to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that his Majesty's sloop the Hazard has captured a fine coppered French ship privateer, La Mufette, of twenty-two guns, and one hundred and fifty men.

In this last cruize, she had, about thirty leagues westward of Cape Clear, taken two vessels, one of which, the Abbey of Liverpool, from Lisbon to Liverpool, is re-captured, and just brought in by his Majesty's ship Daphne.

Extract of another letter from the same to the same, dated January 2. 1797.

LES DEUX AMIS French privateer, of fourteen guns, and eighty men, a fine coppered schooner, of about one hundred tons, is just arrived, prize to his Majesty's ships Polyphemus and Apollo.

WHITEHALL, Jan. 14.

The following Address has been presented to the King; which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, inhabitants and visitors of the city of Bath, feel it our duty, at this momentous crisis, which has fully disclosed the extravagant ambition of our enemies, in their designs to subvert the liberties of Europe, and the power and independence of this country in par-

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