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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, *January 20. 1797.*

Copy of a letter from Rear-Admiral HARVEY to Mr NEPEAN, dated on board the Prince of Wales, Fort Royal Bay, Martinique, December 4. 1796.

SIR,

YOU will please to acquaint their Lordships, that a few hours after I anchored with the Squadron in this bay, the 2d instant, I received a letter from Captain Barton, of his Majesty's ship Lapwing, acquainting me that he had destroyed the French ship Le Decius, and La Vaillante brig; off St Martin's, and that two French frigates La Thetis and La Penfee were at anchor off St Martin's, referring me to Lieutenant St Clair for further information.

In consequence of the two frigates lying at St Martin's, I immediately ordered the Bellona and Invincible to St Kitt's, and directed Captain Wilson to obtain such information as was necessary at that island, and then proceed towards St Martin's and Anguilla, using his best endeavours to take or destroy the French frigates, and protect the Island of Anguilla, and he failed the same evening on that service.

Captain Barton having referred me to Lieutenant St Clair, whom he detached in a Danish schooner with his letter, it appears that the French had landed about three hundred men on the Island of Anguilla, the 26th ultimo, and that after having plundered the island, and burnt several houses, and committed every devastation possible, attended with acts of great cruelty; that on the appearance of the Lapwing, they re-embarked their troops the night of the 26th, and the following morning early the Lapwing came to action with the Decius of 26 guns, and Valiant brig, mounting four thirty-two and twenty-four pounders, as a gun vessel; that after a close action of about an hour the brig bore away, and in half an hour after the Decius struck her colours. The brig ran on shore on St Martin's, and by the fire of the Lapwing was destroyed; that on the Lapwing taking possession of the Decius, it was found she had about eighty men killed and forty wounded, being full of troops; that the following day the Lapwing was chased by two large French frigates, and Captain Barton found it necessary to take the prisoners and his men out of the Decius, and set fire to her, when he returned to St Kitt's, and landed one hundred and seventy prisoners.

[Price 4d.]

I shall take the earliest opportunity of transmitting any further accounts which may be sent by Captain Barton; but it evidently appears that Captain Barton's conduct was highly meritorious by the capture and destruction of this force of the enemy; and saving the Island of Anguilla from further depredation.

The French troops employed on this service were picked men from Guadaloupe; and there is great reason to suppose the greatest part of them have been taken or destroyed. Many of the soldiers were drowned in attempting to swim on shore.

The Lapwing had but one man killed (the pilot) and six men wounded. I am, &c. HENRY HARVEY.

Extract of a letter from Vice-Admiral KINGSMILL, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's forces and vessels at Cork, to Mr NEPEAN, dated on board the Polyphemus, January 13. 1797.

PLEASE inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that his Majesty's ship Druid [is arrived at Kinfale, detached from the Unicorn and Doris, with a large French ship, armed en flute, captured by them, named La Ville de L'Orient, having on board four hundred of the enemy's hussars, completely equipped, besides some mortars, cannon, muskets, powder, cloathing, &c. being one of the ships on the expedition against this country; and that the Unicorn and Doris were left following up the intelligence they had received, for the further annoyance of the enemy.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Sir RICHARD KING, Bart. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Plymouth, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated January 17, 1797.

LIEUT. Gardiner, of his Majesty's ship Hind, arrived here this morning in the La Favorite national privateer of 8 guns, 4-pounders, and sixty men, captured by the Hind, in company with the fleet commanded by Lord Bridport, from whom he parted the 13th inst. in the latitude of 48 deg. north, longitude 8 deg. 30 min. west.

Lord Bridport looked into Bantry Bay on the 8th inst.—no French ships were there then.

Extract of a Letter from Admiral Sir RICHARD KING, Bart. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and

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vessels at Plymouth, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated January 17, 1797.

His Majesty's sloop Spitfire arrived this morning with the national brig L'Allerger, of 200 tons, laden with ammunition and entrenching tools, being one of the vessels on the expedition to Ireland, which she captured the 12th instant, about thirty leagues to the westward of Ushant, the Spitfire having been driven to that situation by strong gales of northerly wind.

Copy of a Letter from Captain BARLOW, Commander of his Majesty's ship Phoebe, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. Secretary of the Admiralty, dated Cawland Bay, January 13, 1797.

SIR,

I HAVE to acquaint you, for their Lordships information, that on the 10th instant, Cape Clear bearing N. N. W. distant about twenty leagues, his Majesty's ship under my command fell in with the French corvette L'Atalante, of 16 guns, manned with 112 men, commanded by Lieutenant Dordelin, which, after a chase of eight hours towards the N. E. quarter, she came up with and captured. The Atalante is a very fine brig coppered, having 80 feet keel, and is only three years old. Should their Lordships think proper to order her to be inspected, she will, I think, be deemed fit for his Majesty's service. As soon as I shall have landed the prisoners, and received the Phoebe's men from the corvette, I purpose proceeding to sea, in further execution of their Lordships order of the 3d inst.

I am, Sir, your very humble servant,

ROB. BARLOW.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, January 21, 1797.

Copy of a Letter from Sir EDW. PELLEW, Bart. Captain of his Majesty's frigate Indefatigable, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated January 17, 1797.

I HAVE the honour to make known to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that on Friday last the 13th instant, at half past noon, in lat. 47 deg. 30 min. N. Ushant bearing N. E. 50 leagues, we discovered a large ship in the N. W. quarter, steering under easy sail for France—the wind was then at west, blowing hard, with thick hazy weather. I instantly made the signal to the Amazon for a general chase, and followed it by the signal that the chase was an enemy. At four P. M. the Indefatigable had gained sufficiently upon the chase for me to distinguish very clearly that she had two tier of guns, with her lower deck ports shut, and that she had no poop.

At fifteen minutes before six, we brought the enemy to close action, which continued to be well supported on both sides near an hour, when we unavoidably shot a-head; at this moment, the Amazon appeared a-stern, and gallantly supplied our place; but the eagerness of Captain Reynolds to second his friend had brought him up under a press of sail, and after a well-supported and close fire for a little time, he also unavoidably shot a-head. The enemy, who had nearly effected running me on board, appeared to be much larger than the Indefatigable, and, from her very heavy fire of musketry, I believe was full of men. This fire was continued until the end of the action with great vivacity, although she frequently defended both sides of the ship at the same time.

As soon as we had replaced some necessary-rigging, and the Amazon had reduced her sail, we commenced a second attack, placing ourselves, after some raking broadsides, upon each quarter; and this attack, often within pistol-shot, was by both ships unremitting for above five hours: We then sheered off to secure our masts. It would be needless to relate to their Lordships every effort that we made in an attack, which commenced at a quarter before six P. M. and did not cease, excepting at intervals, until half past four A. M. I believe ten hours of more severe fatigue was scarcely ever experienced; the sea was high, the people on the main deck up to their middles in water; some guns broke their breechings four times over, some drew the ring-bolts from the sides, and many of them were repeatedly drawn immediately after loading; all our masts were much wounded, the main top-mast completely unrigged, and saved only by uncommon alacrity.

At about twenty minutes past four, the moon opening rather brighter than before, showed to Lieutenant George Bell, who was watchfully looking out on the fore-castle, a glimpse of the land; he had scarcely reached me to report it, when we saw the breakers. We were then close under the enemy's starboard-bow, and the Amazon as near her on the larboard; not an instant could be lost, and every life depended upon the prompt execution of my orders; and here is with heartfelt pleasure I acknowledge the full value of

my officers and ship's company, who, with incredible alacrity, hauled the tacks on board, and made fail to the southward. The land could not be ascertained, but we took it to be Ushant, and in the bay of Brest; crippled as we were, I had no particular fears; but before day we again saw breakers upon the lee-bow; the ship was instantly wore to the northward, and being then satisfied that the land we had before seen was not Ushant, the lingering approach of daylight was most anxiously looked for by all, and soon after it opened, seeing the land very close ahead, we again wore to the southward, in twenty fathoms water, and a few minutes after discovered the enemy, who had so bravely defended herself, lying on her broadside, and a tremendous surf beating over her. The miserable fate of her brave but unhappy crew was perhaps the more sincerely lamented by us, from the apprehension of suffering a similar misfortune. We passed her within a mile, in a very bad condition, having at that time four feet water in our hold, a great sea, and the wind dead on the shore; but we had ascertained, beyond a doubt, our situation to be that of Hodiern Bay, and that our fate depended upon the possible chance of weathering the Penmark Rocks. Exhausted as we were with fatigue, every exertion was made, and every inch of canvas set that could be carried, and at eleven A. M. we made the breakers, and, by the blessing of God, weathered the Penmark Rocks about half a mile.

The Amazon had hauled her wind to the northward, when we stood to the southward; her condition I think was better than ours, and I knew that her activity and exertions were fully equal to any thing that could be effected under similar circumstances;—the judgment with which she was managed during so long an action, and the gallantry of her attacks, could not but merit the highest commendation, and to the heart of a friend it was peculiarly gratifying.—I have full as much pleasure to speak highly of my own officers and men, to whom I owe infinite obligations. The Lieutenants Thomson, Norway, and Bell; Lieutenants O'Connor and Wilson of the marines, and Mr Thomson the master, have abundant claims upon my gratitude, as well as every inferior officer in the ship. The sufferings of the Amazon are unknown to me; and I am singularly happy to see that my own are inconsiderable. The First Lieutenant, Mr Thomson, a brave and worthy Officer, is the only one of that description wounded, with eighteen men, twelve of which number have wounds of no serious consequence, consisting chiefly of violent contusions from splinters.

I am, &c. &c. &c.

ED. PELLEW.

Extract of a Letter from Admiral-LORD BRIDPORT to Mr NEPEAN, dated at sea, the 16th of January 1797:

CAPTAIN COUNTESS, of the Dædalus, informs me, that on the 8th instant, off Ushant, in company with the Majestic and Incendiaire, he captured Le Suffrein, a French transport, which had been taken by the Jason, and recaptured by Le Tortu frigate, and was going to Brest. She had two mortars, a quantity of small arms, powder, shells, and some intrenching tools on board; which he sunk to prevent her falling into the hands of the enemy.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Sir THOMAS WILLIAMS, of his Majesty's ship Unicorn, to Mr NEPEAN, dated Cawland Bay, January 18, 1797:

In the evening of the 10th instant the wind changed to the N. W. when I shaped a course which I calculated would fall in with Lord Bridport. The following afternoon I took a private ship of war, L'Eclair, of eighteen guns and one hundred and twenty men, and the same evening joined the British fleet.

ST JAMES'S, Jan. 18.

This day being appointed for the celebration of the anniversary of the Queen's Birth-day, there was a very splendid and numerous appearance of the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, and other persons of distinction, to compliment their Majesties upon the occasion. The guns at the Tower were fired at one o'clock. There was a ball at the Court in the evening, and illuminations and other public demonstrations of joy in London and Westminster.

BERLIN, December 31, 1796.

His Royal Highness Prince Louis, second son of his Prussian Majesty, died here on Wednesday the 28th instant, in his twenty-fourth year.

WAR-OFFICE, Jan. 21, 1797.

Royal Regiment of Horse Guards—Thomas Ellis to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Walker, who retires.
2d Regiment of Dragoon Guards—John Denham Saunderson to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Adam, promoted.

14th Regiment of Light Dragoons—Lieutenant Brown, from the 34th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Fitzgerald, who exchanges.

15th Ditto—Cornet Walter Leitch, from the 16th light dragoons, to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Wilson, promoted.

2d Regiment of Foot.

To be Lieutenants—Ensign James Burkett, vice Ar. Johnson, deceased. Lieutenant Henry Maxwell, from Major-General White's regiment, vice Mitchell, deceased.

3d Regiment of Foot.

To be Lieutenants—Ensign Charles Straubensee, vice Taylor, deceased. Ensign James Gillespie, vice Bond, deceased. Ensign Carrigge, vice Galloway, deceased. Ensign Griffin, vice Cook, deceased.

14th Ditto—Ensign P. Ward to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Franklin, removed to the 24th light dragoons. 17th Ditto—Captain Tinning to be Major, vice Cosby, deceased.

21st Ditto—Second Lieutenant Hunter to be First Lieutenant, vice Holford, deceased. Lieutenant Stewart Home Douglas, from the 7th Fencibles, to be Second Lieutenant, vice Hunter.

22d Ditto—Quarter-Master-Serjeant John Poole, from the 67th foot, to be Quarter-Master, vice Vennell, promoted.

23d Ditto—Captain John Hall, from the 46th foot, to be Major, by purchase, vice Campbell, who retires.

25th Regiment of Foot.

To be Lieutenants—Lieutenant John Warrington, from Colonel Whitelocke's regiment, vice Darley, who exchanges. Ensign John Aulfin, vice Harvey, deceased. Ensign D'Arcy O'Brien, vice Henegan, deceased. Ensign Henry Hanson, vice Riollay, deceased.

To be Ensigns—Daniel, vice O'Brien. Ensign Irwin, from the South Devonshire militia, vice Aulfin. Watson, vice Hanson. Volunteer William Warcup, from the 96th foot, vice Prowle.

27th Regiment of Foot.

Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Graham, from Major-General Myers's regiment, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Horne, removed to the 48th foot.

To be Ensigns—Volunteer Neil Stewart, vice Straubensee, Joseph Hickey, vice Gillespie.

9th Ditto—Thomas Winifan to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Gardner, promoted in the 100th foot.

10th Ditto—Ensign Thomas Hames, from the 58th foot, to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Perkins, who retires.

11th Ditto—Ensign Jacob Elton to be Lieutenant, by purchase. Hen. Low Whitehead to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Elton.

27th Regiment of Foot.

To be Captains of Companies—Lieutenants John Chatterton, vice Gilman, deceased; and R. Darling, from the 15th foot, vice Bilbee, deceased.

To be Lieutenants—Ensigns William Cooke, vice Kirby, deceased, and Robert McGregor, vice Scott, deceased; Lieutenant Samuel Copperthwaite, from Major General Nicoll's regiment, vice Chatterton.

To be Ensigns—Serjeant Enraght, vice McGregor. Ensign Reed, from Maj. Gen. Nicoll's regiment, vice Cook

31st Regiment of Foot.

To be Captains of Companies—Lieutenant Hay, by purchase, vice Irwin, who retires. Captain Lieutenant Lewis Davies, vice Murray deceased.

To be Captain Lieutenant—Lieutenant William Sullivan, vice Davis.

To be Lieutenant—Ensign James Burke, vice Sullivan.

To be Ensigns—James Hay, without purchase, vice McGuire, promoted. Ensign H. Gazotte, from Major-General Campbell's regiment, vice Burke.

34th Ditto—Lieutenant James Bromhead, to be Captain, by purchase, vice Dodsworth, promoted. Lieutenant Edward Fitzgerald, from the 74th light dragoons, to be Lieutenant, vice Brown, who exchanges.

38th Ditto—Ensign H. C. Rivington to be Lieutenant, vice Oliver, deceased.

39th Ditto—James Robson to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Meller, promoted.

42d Ditto—Captain Lieutenant John Raitt to be Captain, without purchase, vice Stewart, promoted. Lieutenant David Stewart to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Raitt. Ensign John Dick to be Lieutenant, vice Stewart.

44th Ditto—Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Baillie, from the late 101st foot; to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Riddell, deceased. Ensign A. Graham to be Lieutenant, vice McLeod, deceased.

48th Ditto—Lieutenant-Colonel William Horne, from

the 27th foot; to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Campbell, deceased. Captain-Lieutenant John Ashe to be Captain, vice Wemyss, promoted. Lieutenant John Campbell to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Ashe. Ensign William Frye French to be Lieutenant, vice Wood, deceased.

To be Ensigns—H. W. Brooke, vice Smyth, deceased. Lachlan M'Lachlan, vice Whyte, deceased. Ensign Morrison from Major-Gen. Myers's regiment, vice French.

50th Ditto—Quarter-master Matthew Grant, from the late 97th foot, to be Quarter-master, vice Macon, who retires on the half-pay of the 97th foot.

53d Regiment of Foot.

To be Captains—Lieutenant P. T. Elwin, vice Robertson, deceased. Captain Thomas Dean, from Major-General Myers's regiment, vice Edwards, deceased.

To be Ensign—Richard Gordon, vice Brown, deceased.

54th Ditto—Edward Glover, clerk, to be Chaplain, vice Bevor, who retires.

55th Ditto—Captain Lieutenant Edward Richards to be Captain, vice Gore, deceased. Lieutenant William Lloyd to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Richards. Ensign Thomas Molloy to be Lieutenant, vice Lloyd. Ensign O. Wilkins to be Lieutenant, vice Garway, deceased. Serjeant A. Simson to be Ensign, vice Molloy.

57th Regiment of Foot.

Lieutenant B. Armstrong to be Captain, vice Baillie, deceased. Lieutenant O'Keefe to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Turnbull, deceased.

To be Lieutenants—Ensign Joseph Davis, vice Paterfon, deceased. Lieutenant A. McLean, from Major-General Nicoll's regiment, vice Buttle, deceased. Lieutenant John Burrows, from ditto, vice Scott, deceased.

To be Ensigns—Ensign Annelley, from Major General Nicoll's regiment, vice Davis. Lieutenant Ch. Coquet, from the Royal Foreigners, vice Patterfon, promoted. John Ross, vice Pemberton, who is superfeded, never having joined the regiment.

59th Regiment of Foot.

To be Lieutenants—Ensign Alexander Sealy, vice Anvyll, deceased. Ensign A. McGeachy, vice Fox, deceased.

To be Ensigns—William Moorhead, vice Sealy. William Buchanan, vice McGeachy.

63d Regiment of Foot.

To be Captains—Captain D. McNiven, from Major-General Nicoll's regiment, vice Mansell, deceased. Captain-Lieutenant James Stirling, vice Lushington, deceased. Lieutenant Lucas, from the 62d foot, by purchase, vice Luttrell, who retires.

To be Captain-Lieutenants—Lieutenant James Stirling, vice Le Mesurier, deceased. Lieutenant Samuel Ruxton, vice Stirling, promoted.

To be Lieutenants—Lieutenant Charles Maxwell, from Major General Myers's regiment, vice Stirling. Ensign Hugh Brady, vice Ruxton.

74th Ditto—P. Shank to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Maxwell, promoted in the 68th foot.

79th Regiment of Foot.

Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Patrick McDowall to be Lieutenant Colonel, vice Ashton, deceased.

Captain A. McLean to be Major, vice McDowall.

Captain Lieutenant John Urquhart to be Captain, vice McLean. Lieutenant N. Campbell to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Urquhart.

To be Lieutenants—Ensigns D. Cameron, vice McLean, deceased; A. Campbell, vice Cameron, deceased; D. MacNeil, vice Campbell; M'Crow, vice Graham, deceased.

88th Ditto—John Atkinson to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Robert Johnston, who retires.

New South Wales Corps.

Captain Joseph Foveaux to be Second Major. Ensign William Burns to be Lieutenant.

Major-General Myers's Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Lyle Carmichael, of the late 94th foot, to be Lieutenant Colonel, vice Graham, removed to the 27th foot.

Major-General Nicoll's Regiment.

Brevet Major Lyde Browne, from the 40th foot, to be Major, vice Cranfoun, promoted.

Colonel Whitelocke's Regiment.

Lieutenant George M. Darley, from the 25th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Warrington, who exchanges.

2d Regiment of the Irish Brigade.

Serjeant Major Dennis M'Crohan to be Adjutant, vice Misset, promoted. Hospital Mate Wynne to be Surgeon, vice M'Vea, who is superfeded.

3th Regiment Ditto.

Timothy O'Keefe, clerk, to be Chaplain, vice O'Brein, who retires.

INVALIDS.

Serjeant John Munro to be Ensign in Captain William Nairn's Independent Company of Invalids at Fort George, vice Mackay, deceased.

Alcock, late Serjeant Major to the 2d battalion of the Royals, to be Ensign in Captain M'Donnell's Independent Company of Invalids at Berwick, vice Reid, deceased.

STAFF.

Major George Fearon, of the 31st foot, to be Deputy Quarter Master General to the forces serving in the Leeward Islands, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the army, vice Brownrigg, who resigns.

Captain John Smith, of the 57th foot, to be Deputy Judge Advocate to the said forces, vice Fearon.

Captain Ralph Gore, of the 100th regiment, to be Assistant Quarter Master General to the forces in the district under the command of General Sir William Pitt, vice Mulcaster, who retires.

Ayrshire Fencible Cavalry.

To be Cornets—Thomas Collison, vice Ferguson, promoted in the Mid Lothian Fencible Cavalry. William Mihill, vice Parker, promoted. Edward George Maids, vice Burrows, promoted.

OUTSTANDING DEBTS TO BE SOLD.

TO BE SOLD,

By public roup, within John's Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 15th of February next, at one o'clock afternoon,

THE WHOLE OUTSTANDING DEBTS due to the Creditors of JOHN LAMOND, wright in Edinburgh.—A list of these debts may be seen, by applying either to Mr William Bruce, (at Mess. Seton, Wallace, and Company's) the Trustee for Mr Lamond's Creditors, or to Nathaniel Grant, wright in Edinburgh.

Not to be repeated.

To the CREDITORS of

PETER FORRESTER, Merchant in Edinburgh, and the different Companies in Edinburgh and Leith wherein he was concerned.

THE Trustee has made up a state of the funds recovered, with the disbursements and debts claimed from the 20th of June to the 20th of December last, which will be seen at his office, No. 4. North Castle Street, Edinburgh, until Tuesday the 21st of February next; on which day, at one o'clock, he requests the attendance of the creditors, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, to give such directions as they may think necessary in the present situation of the affairs. But as the question as to the mode of ranking is still in dependence before the Court of Session, no division can yet be made.

At the same time, there will be submitted to the creditors, certain objections made at last General Meeting to some of the accounts of expence.

To the CREDITORS of

DAVID MORTON, late Grocer in Edinburgh.

THE Creditors of the said David Morton are desired to call at the shop of James Reid, Luckenbooths, the trustee, on Monday the 20th February first, at twelve o'clock, to receive their dividends. Such of them as have neglected to lodge their claims, as required in former advertisements, are again requested to do so before the 31st inst.—and those who do not comply with this request will be cut off from any share of the funds, as it is expected the whole will be divided that day. EDINR. Jan. 23, 1797.

To the CREDITORS of

DANIEL MACNAB AND SON, Rope and Sail Makers in Leith.

A STATE of the debts of the said Daniel Macnab and Son, and of Daniel Macnab as an individual, together with a state of their funds so far as recovered and converted into cash, and also of the funds unrecovered, are made up and shall lie open for the inspection of the creditors or their agents, at the counting-room of Robert Jop, merchant in Leith, the trustee, for the space of one month, from this date, after which the trustee shall commence paying the dividends. JAN. 24, 1797.

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