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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, *March 25. 1797.*

Extract of a letter from Rear-Admiral Sir JOHN ORDE, Bart. Commanding Officer of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Plymouth, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 22d March 1797.

Inclosed I send you a letter from Lieut. Elliot, commanding the armed lugger Plymouth, acquainting me with his having taken and brought into this port a small French privateer of 4 guns and 29 men, in pursuit of which I had ordered him yesterday, in consequence of a signal from the Telegraph of an enemy's small cruiser being off the Start.

On board his Majesty's hired armed lugger the Plymouth, in Hamoaze, March 22. 1797.

SIR,

In pursuance of your orders of yesterday, I got his Majesty's hired lugger under my command under weigh, and went in pursuit of the enemy's cruiser, as denoted per signal, and I have the pleasure to inform you, that the Start being north, distant three leagues, I fell in with and captured this morning, after a short chase, La Epervier French privateer, mounting 4 carriage guns, two of which were thrown overboard in chase, three swivels, and otherwise well armed with small arms, is sloop rigged, and navigated with 29 men, Dick Poisson Captain, formerly an English thrawl boat; she is three days from Brest, and had taken nothing.

I have the honour to be, &c.

ROB. ELLIOT.

To Sir John Orde, Bart. Rear-Admiral of the White, &c.

[Price 4d.]

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, *March 25.*

Copy of a letter from Mr WILLIAM WESTON, Collector of the Customs at Weymouth, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated March 23. 1797.

SIR,

I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that yesterday evening arrived the Greyhound revenue cutter, Capt. Wilkinon, with a French privateer, lugger-rigged, called La Liberté, commanded by Citizen Barnard, Emanuel Papillon, with 4 swivel guns, plenty of small arms, cutlasses, &c. and manned with 18 men, which she fell in with the 21st instant, about 11 o'clock A. M. off the Owers, steering into a convoy, and, after a chase of eight hours, captured about three leagues from Cape Barfleur; she is entirely new, never was at sea before; sailed from Havre Sunday last, and had taken nothing. I am, &c.

WILLIAM WESTON.

WAR-OFFICE, *March 25.*

3d Dragoons—Lieut.-Gen. Francis Lascelles, from the 8th light dragoons; to be Colonel, vice Gen. Lord Southampton, deceased.

8th Light Dragoons—Gen. Sir Charles Grey, K.B. from the 20th light dragoons, to be Colonel, vice Lascelles, appointed to the command of the 3d dragoons.

20th ditto—Major-Gen. Lord Heathfield, from the 29th light dragoons, to be Colonel, vice Sir Charles Grey, appointed to the command of the 8th light dragoons.

29th ditto—Major-Gen. Richard Vyse, from the 1st dragoon guards, to be Colonel, vice Lord Heathfield, appointed to the command of the 20th light dragoons.

24th Foot—Brevet Lieut.-Col. John Blake to be Lieute-

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