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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, April 25. 1797.

Copy of a letter from Admiral PEYTON, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the Downs, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 23d of April 1797.

SIR,

BE pleased to inform their Lordships, that I have received a letter from Captain Lloyd, of his Majesty's sloop *Racoon*, acquainting me, that at one A. M. on the 20th instant, Fairlight bearing N. N. E. distance about five or six leagues, he gave chase to a cutter, and at three came up with and captured *Les Amis* French privateer, mounting two carriage guns, four pounders, six swivels, and manned with 31 men, which left *Boulouge* the preceding evening at seven, and had only captured one vessel, which he had the good fortune to retake, the *Good Intent*, James Marshall, master, in ballast, bound and belonging to *Sunderland*.

I am, Sir, &c.

JOS. PEYTON.

Copy 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 21st of April 1797.

SIR,

ENCLOSED I transmit a letter from Captain Wittman, Commander of his Majesty's sloop *Suffisante*, acquainting me of his having captured *La Petite Helena* French lugger privateer, of two guns and thirty-three men, which he has brought into this port.

I am, Sir, &c. &c.

J. ORDE.

SIR,

La Suffisante, at Sea, April 21, 1797.

I BEG leave to acquaint you, that, with his Majesty's sloop under my command, I this day chased and captured *La Petite Helena* French lugger privateer, of two guns and thirty-three men, belonging to *Brest*, but lost from the *Idle de Basse*, and has not taken any thing.

I am, Sir, &c. &c.

J. WITTMAN.

Sir John Orde, Bart.

Copy of a letter from Admiral Sir JOHN JERVIS, K. B. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the *River Tagus*, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 31st of March 1797.

I HEREWITH enclose you a letter which I have this mo-

ment received from Captain Digby, of his Majesty's ship the *Aurora*.

His Majesty's ship Aurora, at Sea, March 29. 1797.

SIR,

I HAVE to inform you, that the French privateer *Nep-tune* was, on the 27th instant, captured by the *Aurora* after a chase of eight hours, thirty-eight leagues to the westward of *Cape Finisterre*. She had been out thirty-four days from *Nantes*, and had taken the vessels named in the margin*, is pierced for sixteen guns, six of which were thrown over-board during the chase, and had on board ninety men when she left *Nantes*. I am, Sir, Yours, &c. H. DIGBY.

Admiral Sir John Jervis, &c.

* *La Santissima Ritta*; the *Swift* brig, of *Plymouth*; a Spanish brig, prize to the *Thalia*; a brig from *Liverpool*, that had been ransomed for 1500l. having her mate on board as hostage.

Copy of a letter from Admiral Sir JOHN JERVIS, K. B. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the *river Tagus*, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated March 31. 1797.

I enclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter from Captain Bligh, of his Majesty's sloop the *King's Fisher*, relating the particulars of his capturing *Le General* French privateer, after a short resistance.

SIR,

King's Fisher, *Tagus*, March 30. 1797.

I BEG leave to acquaint you, that yesterday morning, *Oporto* bearing E. N. E. distant sixteen leagues, we discovered a brig to the westward, standing towards us. At nine A. M. we perceived she had tacked, on which I made sail chase, and at a quarter before four P. M. came up with her; when, after exchanging two or three broadsides, she struck, and proved to be *La General*, privateer, of *Bordeaux*, pierced for 18 guns, but mounting 14, four and three pounders, and manned with 104 men, one of whom was killed, and three wounded. We had not a man hurt. She had been out fifteen days, and had taken an English brig, from *Faro*, bound to *Falmouth*.

La General is exceedingly well equipped, and is said to be a fast sailing vessel, but had lost her fore top-gallant mast

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and bowsprit in the late gales, and was steering for Vigo to repair her damage.

I have the honour to be, &c. JOHN BLIGH.
Admiral Sir John Jervis, K. B. &c.

Extract of a letter from the Hon. WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE, Vice-Admiral of the Blue, to Mr NEPEAN, dated on board his Majesty's ship Flora, at Spithead, the 24th of April 1797.

I BEG that you will please to inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that I failed from Lisbon, with my flag on board his Majesty's ship Flora, Captain Middleton commander, on the 3d of this month, and arrived this day at Spithead, in company with the Pearl frigate.

On the 12th instant, I fell in with the above frigate, lat. 43 deg. 48 min. North; long. 13 deg. 11 min. West, she being then in chace of a French privateer; we instantly joined in the chace, which compelled the enemy to haul her wind, notwithstanding which it was not until the 13th, at three quarters past eleven P. M. that we found ourselves close alongside of her, and even this was owing to the privateer's being becalmed, and our carrying the breeze up with us. On the first broadside she struck. She is called L'In-croyable, mounts twenty-four guns on her main deck, and had on board two hundred and twenty men. She belonged to Bourdeaux, and failed from that port on the 2d instant.—She fortunately had made no capture, though reputed to be the fastest sailing vessel from France. I am informed by Captain Ballard that he had been in chace of her from the morning of the 11th.

—BANKRUPTS.—

John Robinson, of Spalding, Lincoln, baker.
Henry W. Pizcy, of Lavenham, Suffolk, baker.
Joseph Maud, parish of Leeds, county of York, clothier.
James Brookes, of Pinchbeck, county of Lincoln, miller.

TO CREDITORS.

ROBERT MILLAR, Tanner in Brechine, Trustee on the sequestrated estate of JOHN BRUCE and SON, Butchers in Brechine, as a Company, and of JOHN BRUCE, senior, and JOHN BRUCE, junior, as individuals, hereby intimates, That a state of the debts entitled to a share in the first distribution of the bankrupts estate, with a state of the funds still outstanding, what are in Bank, and what have been recovered, and a scheme or cast apportioning the free produce thereof amongst the Creditors, have been made up, and will lie in the Trustee's hands for their inspection, until Thursday the first of June next, when the dividends will be paid, and when a General Meeting of the Creditors will be held in his house at Brechine, by twelve o'clock noon, to give such directions as to them shall seem proper for the after management of the bankrupts estate.

TO CREDITORS.

THAT upon the application of CHARLES M'QUEEN, merchant in Dundee, with concurrence of Alexander and James Crum, merchants in Glasgow, his creditors to the extent required by law, the Lord Swinton, as Ordinary officiating on the bills, of this date sequestrated the whole real and personal estate of the said Charles M'Queen, in terms of the statute of the 33d of his Majesty's reign; and appointed a meeting of his Creditors to take place, in the house of William Gordon, vintner in Dundee, on Wednesday the 3d day of May next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of chusing an interim factor. And his Lordship appointed another meeting of the said Creditors, to be held in the house of the said William Gordon, on Wednesday the 31st day of the said month of May next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of naming a trustee on the said sequestrated estate: of which this intimation is given to all concerned.

EDINBURGH, April 27. 1797.

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