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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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