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**ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, September 18. 1797.**

Copy of a letter from Admiral the Earl of ST VINCENT, K. B. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's fleet on the coast of Portugal, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq, dated on board the Ville de Paris, off Cadiz, the 21st of August, 1797.

SIR,

I HAVE this moment received the inclosed report from Captain Downman, of his Majesty's sloop the Speedy, stating the capture of a Spanish privateer. I am, &c.

ST-VINCENT.

MY LORD; *Speedy, in the River Tagus, Aug. 16. 1797.*

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that on the 1st instant, twenty leagues S. W. of Oporto, we captured El Domini Lucas, a Spanish lugger privateer, of two four-pounders, twelve fwivels and twenty-eight men, after a chase of five hours. She is new, had been out sixteen days, and had not taken any thing. I have the honour to be, &c.

HUGH DOWNMAN.

*The Earl of St Vincent, K. B.*

Copy of a letter from Admiral Sir RICHARD KING, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Plymouth, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq, dated on board his Majesty's ship Cambridge, in Hamoaze, Sept. 16. 1797.

SIR,

I HEREWITH transmit, for their Lordships information, a letter I received from Captain Scymour, of his Majesty's sloop Spitfire, acquainting me of his having captured a French schooner privateer, with which the Spitfire arrived this morning.

I am, &c.

R. KING.

*His Majesty's sloop Spitfire, Lizard, N. N. E.*

SIR,

THE Spitfire has captured the French privateer schooner L'Incroyable, of three six-pounders, and thirty-one men, out fourteen days from St Maloes, had taken nothing. I have, &c.

MICH. SEYMOUR.

Copy of a letter from Vice-Admiral KINGSMILL, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Cork, dated September 13. 1797, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq.

I REQUEST you will acquaint my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that his Majesty's ship Dryad returned here yesterday; and also that you will lay before their Lordships the

accompanying letter from Lord Amelius Beauclerk, giving account of his having sunk a French brig privateer, La Cornelié, of Nantz, mounting 12 guns.

SIR,

*Dryad, Cork Harbour, Sept. 12. 1797.*

I HAVE to inform you, that on the 9th instant, at eight P. M. in latitude 50 deg. longitude 13 deg. we discovered a sail to the S. E. At half past nine we came alongside of her, after various manœuvres on her part to get away; the consequence of which was, I was under the necessity of firing several shot at her, which proved in the end her destruction; running alongside of her for some time, frequently desiring of her to bring to, but without effect; when all of a sudden I heard a great noise from her, and was informed his vessel was on fire. Fearing the consequence of that, I sheered off a little, but soon found he was sinking, upon which I ordered him to run on board of us; but I believe she was then too far gone, as I perceived her to settle very fast, and in a few minutes she went down. I immediately hoisted the boats out, though it blow fresh, and the sea run high, and every exertion made on the part of the ship's company. I am sorry to say we could only save seventeen, and them owing to the perseverance of my senior Lieutenant, Mr Palmer, and a few seamen, in the launch. She proved to be La Cornelié French privateer brig, of Nantz, mounting 12 guns, and 90 men; had been out sixteen days, and only captured a Danish ship.

I am, &c.

A. BEAUCLERK.

*Robert Kingmill, Esq.*

**WAR-OFFICE, Sept. 16. 1797.**

Royal Regiment of Horse Guards—Augustus John Foster to be Cornet, without purchase, vice Thorpe, promoted.

3d Regiment of Dragoon Guards—P. Hipworth to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Bayfield promoted.

14th Regiment of Light Dragoons—Hospital Mate Kellaly to be Assistant Surgeon.

20th Ditto—Richard M'Namara to be Cornet, by purchase, vice O'Brien, who retires.

17th Regiment of Foot—Major John Burnett, from the 43d foot, to be Lieutenant Colonel, vice Hallam, who is superseded.

18th Ditto—Ensign Edward Walker, from the 59th foot, to be Lieutenant, by purchase.

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[ Price Sixpence. ]

