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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Oct. 10. 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 on board the *Overyffel*, the 9th instant.

SIR,

I HEREWITH inclose a copy of a letter I have received from Captain Horton, of his Majesty's sloop *Fairy*, giving an account of his having sunk a French lugger, which you will please to lay before their Lordships. I am, &c.

JOSEPH PEYTON.

On board his Majesty's sloop Fairy, the 8th of October at Sea.

SIR,

I HAVE to inform you, that on the 5th, at day-break, being off Blancnez, I discovered three luggers to the S. W. and one brig to the westward, which proved to be a prize to them; and after every effort to cut them off from the land proving unsuccessful, about eleven A. M. a little to the westward of Estaples, I anchored abreast of the brig, one of the luggers having regained her, and, after heaving as close in as I could, and attempting to drive the lugger's crew, soldiers and people assembled about the brig from her, as well as having sent my boats in twice to see if it was practicable to board the brig, in vain, I was under the necessity of leaving the brig, though not before I had the satisfaction to sink the lugger, which, from the manner they dismantled her at low water, I conceive to have rendered totally unserviceable.

As the tide flowed the enemy moved the brig close in shore under the batteries, and got her into Bologne.

The lugger appeared to have from 30 to 40 men on board, mounted swivels only. I have the honour to be, &c.

J. SYDNEY HORTON.

Admiral Peyton, &c. Downs.

[Price Sixpence.]

Copy of a Letter from Captain BARLOW, Commander of his Majesty's ship *Phoebe*, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated at Falmouth, the 6th of October, 1797.

SIR,

BE pleased to inform their Lordships of the arrival at this port of his Majesty's ships *Phoebe* and *Melampus*, under my command—the *Melampus* joined me off the harbour this morning, having on her return from seeing the *Janus* and her convoy safe into the Downs, captured a French lugger privateer—for the particulars of which I refer you to Captain Moore.

I have the honour to be, &c.

ROB: BARLOW.

Melampus, Carrick Roads, Falmouth,

October 6, 1797.

SIR,

I HAVE to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that yesterday, at four A. M. Caskets lights bearing south six leagues, after a chase of four hours, we captured *Le Rayon*, a French privateer lugger, mounting six carriage guns and eight cohorns, and fifty-four men, commanded by Jean Baptiste Leonard Goffelin. She sailed from Cherburgh ten hours before, on a six weeks cruize, between the Lizard and Cape Clear, was well appointed, and sails remarkably fast.

I am, &c.

GRAHAM MOORE.

Evan Nepean, Esq.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral the Right Hon. Lord BRIDPORT, K. B. to Mr NEPEAN, dated Royal George, at sea, October 2, 1797.

SIR,

HEREWITH you will receive, for their Lordships information, the copy of a letter from the Honourable Captain Stopford, Commander of his Majesty's ship

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