

Le Pleuvier French privateer, of 9 guns and 43 men, eight days from Carthagena, having taken nothing; sent to Algiers. Captured between Carthagena and Oran.

Le Canarde French privateer, of 10 guns and 64 men, from Marfeilles; out three months; captured one Prussian, one Russian, and one vessel under Turkish colours. Sent to Malta.

Two Spanish brigs in ballast, from Catalonia to Trieste, with \$900 dollars.

Jengin del Rosario, Spanish Tartan, from Barcelona to Minorca, with twenty recruits; the wind being to the southward, and scarce of water, sent all the prisoners on board of her.

With eight other Spanish merchantmen of small value.

Copy of a Letter from Captain STIRLING, Commander of his Majesty's ship Jason, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated Falmouth, the 5th of December 1797.

SIR,

ON the 21st ult. off Belleisle, his Majesty's ship under my command took La Marie, a French privateer brig, carrying 14 guns and 60 men.

I have, &c.

CHA. STIRLING.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Honourable Lord BRIDPORT, K. B. to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 5th of December 1797.

SIR,

You will herewith receive a copy of a letter from Captain White, of his Majesty's brig Sylph, which I transmit for their Lordships information.

I have the honour to be &c.

BRIDPORT.

Sylph, Cawsand Bay, Dec. 2, 1797.

MY LORD,

I BEG leave to acquaint your Lordship, that we sailed from this anchorage on the 19th ult. in order to rejoin the Squadron under Captain Keats, but, owing to thick and blowing weather, I was not able to fall in with him before he quitted the rendezvous. I have further to acquaint your Lordship, that since the above period we have made the following recaptures (between the latitude of Belleisle and Rochfort) and with the last of them we arrived here this morning.

On the 21st of November, Active schooner, from Newfoundland bound to Teignmouth, laden with fish and oil; she was captured on the 14th of November, by La Constance brig privateer, of Nantes.

On the 22d of November, a Prussian galliotte, from Amsterdam to Lisbon, laden with wheat, captured by Le Buonaparte ship privateer, of Bourdeaux, on suspicion of the cargo being Portuguese property; this vessel being very leaky, and her cargo much damaged, I suffered her to proceed (after taking out the Frenchmen,) to her original destination.

On the 23d of November, the brig Diana, from New Providence, bound to London, laden with cotton, sugar, and coffee, captured on the 12th of November by the Felix cutter privateer, of 14 guns, belonging to Nantes; besides the Diana, she had taken three English vessels from Newfoundland, and two Americans outward bound.

On the 30th of November, the ship Henniker, from London, bound to Martinique, laden with provisions on account of Government, was under convey of the Trent and Amphitrite, and captured in lat. 42 deg. 27 min. north, and long. 21 deg. 50 min. west, by Le Francois ship privateer, of Nantes, on the 23d of November.

The prisoners taken in the Diana inform me, that Le Felix, (the privateer to which they belonged) was upset on the night of the 16th of November, in a sudden and violent gust of wind, and, though not a quarter of a mile from her prize, not one of her crew was saved, which consisted of 115 men, exclusive of whom, I am sorry to add, perished 22 British and American sea-

men, belonging to the vessels; this privateer had captured. I have the honour, &c.

JOHN LE WHITE.

Right Hon. Lord Bridport, K. B. &c.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral the Earl of ST VINCENT, K. B. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the River Tagus, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 28th of November 1797.

I ENCLOSE, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter from Captain Westcott, commander of his Majesty's ship the Majestic, acquainting Rear-Admiral Sir John Orde with his having, on the 14th instant, captured the Spanish corvette Bolador, of 16 guns and 74 men.

Also, a letter from Captain Hotham, of his Majesty's ship the Blanche, to Captain Tayler, commander of L'Aigle, giving an account of his taking Le Coureur French privateer, of 14 guns and 90 men, the 20th of this month.

*Majestic, off Cape St Vincent,
November 15, 1797.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that, chasing from the Squadron under your command yesterday, I captured the Bolador, a Spanish corvette, of 16 guns and 74 men, schooner rigged, commanded by Don Antonio Rodriguez. He had been seventy-four days on his passage from the Caraccos, and charged with dispatches, which he had thrown overboard, during the chase.

I have the honour to be, &c. G. B. WESTCOTT.
Rear-Admiral Sir John Orde, Bart.

SIR,

Blanche, at sea, November 21, 1797.

THE officer who will have the honour of delivering this, is sent in with Le Coureur French privateer brig, of 14 guns and 90 men, taken by his Majesty's ship under my command on the night of the 20th instant, after a chase of three hours.

I have the honour to be, &c. HENRY HOTHAM.
*To Charles Tyler, Esq. Captain
of his Majesty's ship L'Aigle.*

WAR-OFFICE, Dec. 9, 1797.

2d Regiment of Life Guards—Charles Thomas Grant to be Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant, by purchase. Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant Charles Thomas Grant, to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Beresford, promoted.

1st Regiment of Foot Guards—Captain Charles Pinfold, from the 24th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Boyd, who exchanges.

5th Regiment of Irish Brigade—Serjeant Major Orchard, from the 62d foot, to be Adjutant, vice Pierce, deceased. Quarter Master Pike, from do. to be Quarter Master, vice Falvey, deceased.

6th Ditto—Richard Ryan to be Ensign, vice Blake, who resigns.

GARRISONS.

Corbet Hue, Clerk, to be Chaplain to the garrison of Sheerness, vice Ledwich.

James Poole to be Barrack Master in Newfoundland.

OFFICE OF ORDNANCE, Dec. 7, 1797.
Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Major John Smith to be Lieutenant Colonel, vice B. Marlow deceased. Brevet Major Bailey Willington to be Major, vice Smith—Both dated August 27, 1797. Captain Lieutenant William Spicer to be Captain, vice Willington—Dated September 29, 1797. First Lieutenant Henry Eveleigh to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Spicer. Second Lieutenant William Holcroft to be First Lieutenant, vice Eveleigh.—Both dated November 3, 1797. Gentleman Cadet Charles Pafley to be Second Lieutenant, vice J. Barns, promoted. Gentleman Cadet Thomas Hutcheon to be Second Lieutenant, vice J. Fead, promoted. Gentleman Cadet Abraham Paul to be Second Lieutenant, vice T. Parerfon, promoted. Gentleman Cadet Hon. R. L. Dundas to be Second Lieutenant, vice A. Wall, promoted. Gentleman Cadet James Brown to be Second Lieutenant, vice Henry Sturgeon, promoted. Gentleman Cadet I. B. Edgeworth to be Second Lieutenant, vice J. Haffard, appointed to the Corps of Royal Engineers. All dated December 1, 1797.