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FROM *FRIDAY*, DECEMBER 15. TO *TUESDAY*, DECEMBER 19. 1797.

At the Court at St James's. the 13th of December,
1797.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty having been pleased to appoint William Dowdeswell, Esq. Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Bahama islands, he this day took the oaths appointed to be taken by the Governors of his Majesty's Plantations.

ADMIRALTY OFFICE, December 16. 1797.

Copy of a letter from Rear-Admiral HARVEY, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at the Leeward Islands, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated on board the Prince of Wales, in Fort Royal Bay, Martinique, the 5th of October, 1797.

S I R,

BE pleased to acquaint their Lordships, that his Majesty's sloop Bittern, commanded by Lieutenant Edward Kittoe, fell in with, the 13th ultimo, off Tortola, and captured, the French ship privateer P'Agreable, of 18 guns, nine and six pounders, and 115 men which had left Guadaloupe two days before, and taken nothing; had been just fitted out, is a fast sailer, and coppered.

The capture of this vessel under her first equipment is of much consequence; and the very spirited manner in which she was attacked and captured in the night, (although without resistance) does great credit to the conduct of Lieutenant Kittoe. I have the honour to be, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

Copy of another letter from Rear-Admiral HARVEY to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 5th of October, 1797.

S I R,

I AM to acquaint you for the information of their

Lordships, that his Majesty's ship Lapwing, on the 1st of August, being to the northward of Tortola, in lat. 22 deg, 20 min. captured Le Regulus French privateer sloop, belonging to Porto Rico, of 4 guns and 26 men, which Captain Barton sent to St Christopher; she had been out fifteen days, and had captured an American brig. I have, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

Copy of another letter from Rear-Admiral HARVEY to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 5th of October, 1797.

S I R,

BE pleased to acquaint their Lordships, that his Majesty's ship Scourge captured, the 28th ult. off Mariagalante, La Sarazine French schooner privateer, belonging to Guadaloupe, of 6 guns and 58 men, which Captain Warren sent to this island.

She had been out ten days, but had taken nothing. I have, &c. &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

Copy of another letter from Rear-Admiral HARVEY to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 5th of October, 1797.

S I R,

BE pleased to acquaint their Lordships, that his Majesty's ship Tamer, (Capt. Martin) has captured and sent to Barbadoes three French privateers belonging to Guadaloupe, the force of which, with their names, and the dates of their capture, are as follows:

4th Aug. 1797. Le Pont d'Arcoll, cutter, 4 guns and 48 men, off Mariegalante.

8th Ditto. Le Renard, cutter, 10 guns and 71 men, off Martinique.

10th Ditto. L'Utile, ship, 14 guns and 135 men, off Barbadoes.

They had been out a very short time, and the two former had not taken any thing, but the latter had captured one English and two American vessels.

I have the honour to be, &c. &c. HENRY HARVEY.

(A.)

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