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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Dec. 19. 1797.

Copy of a letter from Vice-Admiral KINGSMILL, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels on the coast of Ireland, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated on board the Penguin, at Cork, the 11th of December 1797.

SIR,
 I HAVE the satisfaction to inclose, for the information of my Lords-Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter to me, from Captain Faulknor, of his Majesty's ship Diana, giving an account of his having captured a fast sailing French corvette, La Mouche, of 18-guns and 122-men; fitted out from La Rochelle as a privateer, with which the Diana arrived here yesterday.

I have the honour to be, &c. R. KINGSMILL.

SIR, Diana, at sea, December 8. 1797.

I HAVE the pleasure of acquainting you, that on the 5th instant, being in lat. 50 deg. 17. min. long. 21 deg. I fell in with, and captured, after a chase of four hours, La Mouche, a national corvette, fitted in every respect for a six weeks cruize by the merchants at Rochelle; had been from that place fifteen days, without making any English captures; she sent in, five days prior to my falling in with her, an American, from the Isle of France, bound to Bourdeaux, which he detained on suspicion, having no French pass on board.

La Mouche is a ship of considerable force, having eleven ports of a side, but only 16 twelve-pounders on board when I fell in with her—six of which were thrown overboard during the chase. The Captain of her informs me she had a thorough repair and was new coppered in September last.

That she sails remarkably fast there is no doubt of, as had it not been for her carrying away her fore-

top-mast during the chase, the determined way in which she continued on after that, notwithstanding the Diana's shot going over her; gave me reason to fear, from the evening's coming on very thick and foggy, I might have lost her. She has run most of the war with great success in annoying our trade, which makes the capture of a ship of her description add considerably to the pleasure of,

SIR,
 Your most obedient humble servant,
 JONATHAN FAULKNER.

WAR-OFFICE, Dec. 19. 1797.

1st Regiment of Dragoon Guards—Lieutenant-Colonel William Tooley Hawley, from the 29th light dragoons, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Hay, removed to the 2d dragoon guards.

2d Ditto—Lieutenant-Colonel James Hay, from the 1st dragoon guards, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice the Earl of Pembroke, promoted to the command of the 6th dragoons.

6th Regiment of Dragoons—Major-General George Earl of Pembroke to be Colonel, vice Johnstone, deceased.

29th Regiment of Light Dragoons—Brevet Colonel John Callender, from the 13th Light Dragoons, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Hawley, appointed to the 1st dragoon guards.

16th Regiment of Foot—Major-General Henry Bowyer, from the 89th foot, to be Colonel, vice Bruce, deceased.

GARRISON.

General Staates Long Morris to be Governor of Quebec, vice Johnstone, deceased.

—BANKRUPTS.—

Stephen Creagh, late of Westminster, money- scrivener.
 Henry Redhead and Eliza Ward, of St Mary-le-bone, Middlesex, perfumers.

James Brown, of Scarborough, York, master-mariner.
 William Bainbridge, of Soho, Middlesex, carver and gilder.
 George Bridgman, of Dartmouth, Devon, money- scrivener.

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