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PARLIAMENT STREET, January 2, 1768.

A LETTER, of which the following is an extract, has been received from PETER LE MESURIER, Esq. Governor of the island of Alderney, by the Right Honourable HENRY DUNDAS, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, dated Alderney, the 25th of December 1797.

I HAVE the honour of informing you, that yesterday afternoon, at three o'clock, a French cutter privateer had the boldness to chase the Ann cutter, of Hastings, close under one of our batteries, which she was just on the point of boarding with her boat, when the battery opened and obliged the French to sheer off.

Having observed that the English vessel outfailed the enemy whilst there was a breeze, and that the privateer was not of great force, I judged it probable that she might be captured by the troops of the garrison, and therefore ordered a detachment, with an officer, to embark in the same vessel that had been chased, and in another, that fortunately happened to be in the Road, having previously promised some gratuity to the owners, and in a few hours I learned, with much satisfaction, that the privateer was brought into our harbour.

She proves to be the Epervier, Captain Pierce, with 24 men, mounting 3 guns, 2 swivels, and small arms, belonging to Dunkirk, but fitted out from Cherbourg, on fortnight's cruize from the 17th instant; had, on the 21st, taken the brig, Ann, Le Hirrel master, from Gaspé to Jersey, with fish, and yesterday morning a small vessel bound from hence to England, both which captures had been noticed from this island.

I cannot too much praise the readiness and alacrity

shewn by Major Gordon, the officers and soldiers of the garrison, in the execution of my orders on this occasion; for the day was so far spent that one quarter of an hour's delay might have frustrated all our exertions; but I am in duty bound to testify my particular obligations to Town-Major Haniell, who solicited to be employed, and instantaneously embarking, effected the capture without any loss.

I am further happy in reporting, that our battery was well served, as out of three shot fired within reach, one passed through the enemy's sails, and another killed a man on board.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, January 2. 1797.

Extract of a letter from Captain EDWARD GRIFFITH, Commander of his Majesty's ship Niger, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated at Spithead, the 26th ult.

YESTERDAY, the Start Point bearing north about seven leagues, I captured, after a few hours chase, the Delphine; a French privateer cutter, pierced for 10 guns, 4 mounted, and 38 men on board. She sailed from St Maloes six days ago, in company with a lugger; had captured the Active brigantine, of Jersey, and had been beat off the night before we fell in with her by an English letter of marque.

Copy of a letter from Captain DAVID LLOYD, Commander of his Majesty's sloop Termagant, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated at Hull, the 30th ult.

S I R,

You will be pleased to inform the Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that on the 28th instant, the Spurn Point hearing W. N. W. distant four leagues, I captured, after a chase of four hours, the French privateer schooner Le Victoire, of 14 guns

[Price Sixpence.]

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