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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, JANUARY 30.

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, Prince of Wales, Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes, the 15th of December 1797.

SIR,

I have to acquaint you, for the information of their Lordships, that Captain Western, in his Majesty's ship Tamer, has captured the undermentioned French privateers, belonging to Guadaloupe, and sent them into this Bay. The first was taken on the 4th instant, the latter the 7th, a few leagues to windward of Barbadoes.

Le Dragon schooner, of 12 guns and 80 men.

Le Dix-huit de Fructidor loop, of 10 guns and 75 men.

These vessels are very fast sailers, and were well equipped. The former had taken an American brig, which was recaptured by the Tamer; the latter had been out five days, and had taken nothing. I have the honour to be, &c.

HEN. HARVEY.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Sir Richard King, Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Plymouth, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated on board the Cambridge, in Hamoaze, the 26th of January 1798.

SIR,

I herewith transmit, for their Lordships information, a letter from Lieutenant Burdwood, commanding his Majesty's hired cutter the Penelope, acquainting me of his having captured La Venturer, French cutter privateer, with which he arrived this day.

I am, &c.

R. KING.

[Price Sixpence.]

SIR,

Penelope Cutter, January 26. 1798.

I have the honour to acquaint you, that on Wednesday the 24th instant, the Start bearing N. N. W. ten leagues, I captured the French cutter La Venturer, mounting 2 three-pounders, 6 swivels, and small arms, pierced for 8 guns, carrying 33 men; three days from Pleinpoul, not having made any captures. I have the honour to be, &c.

LANIEL BURDWOOD.

Admiral Sir Richard King, Bart.

Copy of a Letter from Capt. Moore of his Majesty's ship Melampus, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated in Cawland Bay, the 27th of January 1798.

SIR,

You will please to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that, on the 23d instant, in lat. 50 deg. north, long. 12 deg. west, after a close, but short action, we captured La Volage, a French ship corvette, lent to the merchants, mounting 20 nine-pounders and 2 eighteen-pounders, and 195 men, commanded by Citizen Defageneaux, captain of a frigate.

I am sorry to say, that two of the Melampus's seamen were mortally wounded, and are since dead, and three more dangerously wounded. The enemy had four killed and eight wounded.

The officers and ship's company of his Majesty's ship under my command behaved perfectly to my satisfaction.

La Valoge was three weeks from Nantz, fitted for a three months cruise, but had only taken an American ship, and destroyed an English brig from Belfast, bound to Lisbon with coals.

The captain and all the officers of La Volage are navy officers, with a conge for three months.

I am, &c.

GRAHAM MOORE.

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