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Copy of a letter from Admiral the Earl St Vincent, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels employed on the coast of Portugal, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated on board the Ville de Paris in the Tagus, the 20th of January 1798.

SIR,

I inclose letters from the Captains of L'Aigle, Alcmena, and Mercury, Speedy and King's Fisher sloops, reciting the captures of French and Spanish privateers made by the ships and sloops under their commands. The judgment displayed by Captain Pierrepont, joined to his spirited conduct; and that of the officers and crew of his Majesty's sloop King's Fisher, in the action with the Betsey, does credit to them and honour to his Majesty's arms; and the activity of all the cruizers under my command is worthy of commendation.

I am, &c. ST VINCENT.

MY LORD, L'Aigle, at Sea, Jan. 5. 1798.

I have the honour to inform your Lordship, on the 4th instant, off the coast of Corunna, I chased and captured a French privateer ship, of 20 guns and 90 men; been out eight days from L'Orient; she is coppered and a fast sailer; not made any capture.

I have the honour to be, &c.

CHA. TYLER.

Right Hon. Admiral Earl St Vincent, K.B. &c.

MY LORD, Alcmena, at Sea, Jan. 9. 1798.

I have the honour of informing your Lordship, that the Buonaparte French privateer, carrying 2 guns, some swivels, and 40 men, was last evening chased by the squadron under my command, and captured, after a few hours chase, by his Majesty's ship Lively; she has been out nine days from Cadiz, without taking any thing.

I have the honour to be, &c.

GEO. HOPE.

Right Hon. Admiral the Earl St Vincent.

[Price 6d.]

His Majesty's ship Mercury, at Sea,  
Jan. 15. 1798.

MY LORD,

I had the honour to acquaint you, in my letter of the 6th instant, of having captured Lie Benjamin French ship privateer, belonging to Bourdeaux. I have now the satisfaction to inform your Lordship, that this morning, Cape Finisterre bearing east half north 40 leagues, we discovered two fail to leeward, and, upon chasing them, soon found they were armed vessels. They continued near together until the Mercury came almost within gun-shot of the sternmost, intending, as I supposed, to support each other; but, upon being close pressed, they steered different courses, and I was enabled to come up with only one of them, after a chase of eight hours, who fired a few shot, and struck his colours. She proves to be Les Trois Sœurs French brig privateer, belonging to Rochelle, pierced for 18 guns, but mounting 16 six-pounders, and 100 men, copper-bottomed, sails remarkably well, and on five days out of port on her first cruize.

I have the honour to be, &c.

THO. ROGERS.

To the Earl of St Vincent, &c.

MY LORD, Speedy, off Oporto, Jan. 4. 1798.

I have the honour to acquaint you, that his Majesty's sloop Speedy, having under convoy the brigantine Sally and Active, to see them clear of the coast from the Spanish row-boats, captured, on the 1st inst. fifteen leagues west of Viana, La Oliva, a Spanish schooner privateer, mounting 4 carriage guns and 12 swivels, and manned with 40 men; she is new, and coppered, out from Vigo ten days, and has not taken any thing.

I have the honour to be, &c.

HUGH DOWNMAN.

Earl St Vincent.

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