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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Feb. 13.

Extract of a letter from Admiral EARL St VINCENT, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships on the coast of Portugal, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. Secretary of the Admiralty, dated Ville de Paris, in the Tagus, the 26th of January.

I inclose an extract of a letter from Capt. Digby, of his Majesty's ship Aurora, relative to the capture of a Spanish schooner letter of marque from Luguira.

Extract of a letter from Capt. Digby, of his Majesty's ship Aurora, to Admiral EARL of St VINCENT, dated the 26th of January.

I have the honour to acquaint you, that I captured, on the 17th inst. to the westward of Cape Finisterre, La Casualided Spanish letter of marque (schooner rigged), mounting six guns and 17 men, Don Ysidro Orneze commander; forty-seven days from Caraccas, with a cargo of cocoa.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Feb. 13.

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 at Cork, the 4th instant.

SIR,

Please to lay before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the accompanying letter to me from Capt. Frazer, of his Majesty's ship Shannon, giving account of his having captured, off Cape Clear, on the 2d instant, a large French ship privateer, mounting 24 guns and 150 men, with which he arrived here last evening.—I have the honour to be, &c.

R. KINGSMILL.

SIR,

Shannon, Cove of Cork, Feb. 3.

I beg leave to acquaint you, that yesterday, at three P. M. being six or eight leagues to the southward of

Cape Clear, with his Majesty's ship under my command, I saw and gave chase to a ship in the N.E. She at first hoisted English colours, but on the Shannon's firing a shot towards her, she hauled them down, hoisted the national flag, and fired her stern chaces, continuing to do so (without effect) until the Shannon's shot fell far beyond her, when she struck her colours, and brought to at five P. M.

She is called Le Duguay Trouin, a privateer of St Malo, commanded by Citizen Legue, mounting 24 six-pounders, several of which were thrown over board during the chase, and armed with 150 men.

She sailed from St Malo the 3d of November, but having been forced into the River Benois, in Brittany, by bad weather, she had been only eight days from thence; she had taken nothing until early in the morning of the day I fell in with her, when she captured the Wilding of Liverpool, Henry Ward master, from Jamaica, 23 of whose crew I found on board her. I have to regret the extreme haziness of the weather all day, which prevented any object from being seen at more than four or five miles distance, otherwise I think I must have seen and recaptured that ship; but it blowing very fresh at west, it was late in the night before the prize could be secured and the prisoners shifted, which having done, I thought it necessary, from the number on board, and the state of the Shannon's rigging, which had suffered much in the late gales, to proceed for this port.

Le Duguay Trouin is 112 feet long on the gun deck, and 30 feet broad; she is very well found in every thing as a privateer, and sails fast.

I have the honour to be, &c.

ALEX. FRASER.

Vice-Admiral Kingsmill, Cork.

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