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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, February 20.

Copy of a letter from the Right Hon. Lord BRIDPORT, K. B. to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 16th instant.

YOU will herewith receive, for their Lordships information, a copy of a letter from Captain Durham, of his Majesty's ship Anson, stating his having captured Le Jason ship privateer, of Nantes, coppered, mounting 12 guns and 108 men.

You will also receive a copy of a letter from Captain Herbert, of his Majesty's ship Amelia, dated the 14th instant, stating his having captured La Branche d'Olive, a French merchant brig, laden with flour, beef, wine, and brandy; and with his having fallen in with a small convoy in the Passage du Raz, and captured Le Cultivateur de Rochelle brig, and an armed chasse marée; but the latter having struck upon a rock, he was obliged to destroy her.—I am, Sir, &c. BRIDPORT.

MY LORD, Anson, at sea, February 8. 1798.

I beg leave to acquaint your Lordship, that I have this day captured Le Jason French privateer, of 12 guns and 108 men, belonging to Nantes, copper-bottomed, out two days, and made no captures.

I have the honour to be, &c. P. C. DURHAM.

Right Hon. Lord Bridport, K. B.

MY LORD, Amelia, Plymouth Sound, Feb. 14. 1798.

I have to inform your Lordship of the arrival of his Majesty's ship Amelia here this morning. Your Lordship will, from Captain Stirling, have heard of my parting from him in a heavy gale of wind on the 31st ult. As soon as the weather made it possible, I returned off Ushant, according to my orders. I made a night attempt to destroy a man of war, brig, and cutter, just to the northward of Point St Matthew's, but quitted it almost immediately, finding from their situa-

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tion it was impossible to effect it. At dark I came to an anchor off the Cap du Cherri, and sent all the boats armed close in to Point St Matthew's, in hopes of taking part of the convoy under the protection of the vessels above mentioned, if they attempted to go into Brest that night. One boat, however, only fell in with and captured La Branche d'Olive, a French merchant brig, of about 170 tons, laden with flour, beef, wine, and brandy. The next day, having seen her safe to the northward of Ushant, I got in, by dark, close to Point du Raz, and at day-light saw a convoy, of one brig and some chasse marées, under protection of a small lugger, coming through the Passage. The lightness of the wind enabled the lugger and most of the chasse marées to escape; but the brig Le Cultivateur de Rochelle, and an armed chasse marée, Le St Pierre's, were captured. The latter having struck on a rock in the Passage, I was obliged to destroy her, having taken out of her part of her cargo, consisting of officers baggage. The brig is about 130 tons, laden with brandy, wine, and groceries.—I am, &c. CHARLES HERBERT.  
Right Hon. Lord Bridport, K. B. &c.

WHITEHALL, Feb. 19.

The King has been pleased to appoint Charles Paulet, Esq. (commonly called Earl of Wiltshire), to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county of Southampton.

DUBLIN-CASTLE, Feb. 14.

The King has been pleased to grant the dignity of a Baroness of his Majesty's kingdom of Ireland unto his Majesty's truly and well-beloved Dame Rose Ffrench, widow of the late Sir Charles Ffrench, Bart. by the name, stile, and title of Baroness Ffrench, of Castle

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