

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, APRIL 14.

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 Cove of Cork, the 6th inst.

SIR,

I herewith transmit, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter to me from the Hon. Captain De Courcy, of his Majesty's ship Magnanime, containing particulars of the capture of two French privateers.

I have the honour to be, &c. &c. &c.

R. KINGSMILL.

SIR,

Magnanime, Cork Harbour, April 6.

I avail myself of the earliest means of acquainting you, that when the service, assigned to me by your order of the 6th of March, had been nearly accomplished, chase was given by his Majesty's ship under my command to a French privateer brig, which, at the distance of about five miles, was, on the dawn of the 16th of the same month, observed to hawl athwart the fore foot of the little convoy submitted to my guidance.

The gale being fresh, and favourable to the Magnanime's best sailing, it was trusted she would very speedily arrive up with the object of pursuit; but that end was not attained till, at the expiration of twenty-three hours, a space had been run of 256 miles, although the privateer had, in her flight, given a very manifest advantage, by steering in a circuitous manner.

The satisfaction of capturing so fast sailing a privateer has been much increased by a knowledge, subsequently obtained, of its having been the design of her commander, in a confidence of his vessel's unrivalled sailing, to hover round the convoy till a favourable moment should occur for attacking its least protected part. The privateer is named L'Eugenie, was captured in lat. 42. and long. 12. was manned, when chased, with 107 men, and armed with 18 guns, eight of which appear to have been thrown overboard, whilst pressed in the pursuit.

Under similar circumstances of wind and weather, pursuit was again given, by the ship under my command, to a ship which reconnoitred us, early on the morning of the 1st of April.

The chase was continued with doubtful effect for some time, when at length, after a pursuit of 180 miles, in eighteen hours, she made a signal of surrendering. Her force consisted of 20 guns, (but pierced for 22) and 137 men, and, like L'Eugenie, appears to be coppered and perfectly new. Her name L'Audacieux.

The ease with which she ran round us, within six hours after being taken possession of, manifested how much we were indebted for the capture of her to her very bad steering. Sixteen of her guns were thrown overboard during the chase.

I have the honour to be, &c. &c. &c.

Vice-Admiral Kingsmill.

M. DE COUREY.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Peyton, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the Downs, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated on board the Overysell, April 10. 1798.

SIR,

I herewith enclose to you a letter I have received from Lieutenant Lowen, commanding his Majesty's hired armed brig Terrier, stating his having captured a French schooner privateer, armed with 1 six pounder and 8 swivels, with 21 men; which letter you will please to lay before their Lordships.

I am, &c.

JOS. PEYTON.

SIR,

His Majesty's armed brig Terrier, April 8.

I have the honour to inform you, that this evening, Ostend bearing S. S. E. 7 leagues, I fell in with and captured the Sans Paniel French schooner privateer, mounting 1 six pounder and 8 swivel guns, manned with 21 men, and commanded by Mons. Jacques Francois Dore, from Ostend this day, had not taken any thing.

I have the honour to be, &c. THO. LOWEN.

Admiral Peyton, &c. Downes.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Thomas Campbell, Commander of his Majesty's armed vessel the Wright, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated at North Shields the 8th instant.

SIR,

You will be pleased to acquaint my Lords Com-

missioners of the Admiralty, that I yesterday, about 6 leagues from Huntcliff, recaptured the three brigs named in the margin*, laden with coals, who had been taken by a French privateer the same morning. About three o'clock, the vessels being all secured, I gave chase to the privateer, who was running to the north-east; and being highly favoured by the winds, had the pleasure to take her at half past six; she proved to be the Merveilleuse schooner privateer, of Dunkirk, commanded by Pierre Lefevre, mounting 6 guns (five of which were thrown overboard in the chase) and 39 men. She had been eight days from Dunkirk, and had taken only one, a brig laden with coals, the day before we fell in with her.

I am, Sir, &c.

THO. CAMPBELL.

* Spalding of Boston; Ranger, of Yarmouth; Elizabeth, of Wells.

WHITEHALL, APRIL 3. 1798.

The King has been pleased to present the Reverend William Anderson, Minister of the Gospel, to the Church and Parish of St Fergus, in the Presbytery of Deer, and County of Aberdeen, vacant by the removal of the Rev. John Craigie, late Minister thereof, to the Church and Parish of Old Deer.

The King has also been pleased to present the Reverend James Gairie, to the charge and office of first Minister of the Church of Brechin, in the Presbytery of Brechin, and shire of Angus, vacant by the death of the Rev. John Bisset, late first Minister thereof.

WAR-OFFICE, APRIL 10. 1798.

2d Dragoons—James Beck, to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Wilson, promoted.

4th—Lieutenant George Scovell, from the Warwickshire Fencible Cavalry, to be Adjutant, vice Patrickson, who resigns.

11th Light Dragoons—Captain G. Thos. Thomas to be Major, without purchase, vice Gordon, promoted in the 29th dragoons.

16th—Frederick Villebois to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Boyer, promoted.

17th—Wm. Roycraft to be Adjutant, vice Mainwaring, who resigns.

29th—Lieut. Charles Paterfon, from the 90th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Naish, who exchanges.

2d Foot—Ensign Thomas St George Smyth, from the half-pay of Keppel's regiment, to be Ensign, vice Palmer, who exchanges.

5th—Ensign James Loch, from the 31st foot, to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Pratt, promoted.

22d—Alex. Innes to Ensign, without purchase, vice Montagu, who resigns.

48th—Joseph Berry Glew to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Wright, promoted.

60th—Major John Hughes to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by purchase, vice de Berniere, who retires.—Captain Edmund Burke, from the 52d foot, to be Major, by purchase, vice Herring, whose promotion does not take place.—James Lawson, late Lieutenant in the 66th foot, to be Paymaster.

62d—Edward Darley to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Taylor, promoted.

63d—Ensign Thomas Bourke Ricketts to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Maxwell, promoted.—Ensign Ja. M'Intosh to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice White, promoted in the 87th foot.

65th—Thomas Dickenson to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Wilson, who retires.

71st—Ensign Thomas Grant to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Kenneth M'Kenzie, who retires.

76th—Richard Sleeman to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Brown, promoted in the 61st foot.

79th—Volunteer Wm. Frazer to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Ferguson, deceased.—Quartermaster R. M'Donald, from Captain M'Donald's corps, to be Quartermaster, vice Stewart, who retires on the half-pay of M'Donald's corps.

81st—Captain Arthur Baynes, from the 11th foot, to be Ma-