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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, JULY 14.

Extract of a letter from Vice-Admiral Vandeput, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Halifax, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated on board the Asia, Halifax Harbour, June 23, 1798.

On the 15th of April, I put to sea with the squadron, and proceeded to the S. E. as far as latitude 29 deg. 30 min. and longitude 76 deg.; on the 22d, we fell in with La Amiable Juana, a Spanish privateer of six guns and 46 men, which was captured by the Hind, and was sent to Halifax. On the 27th, we fell in with, and, after a chase of fifteen hours, the Resolution captured a schooner French privateer from Curacoa, of four guns and 35 men; this privateer had some time before taken an American vessel belonging to Baltimore. On the 15th of May, with the Topaze and Hind in company, having gotten intelligence that three privateers were cruising off Charlestown, I ordered Captain Larcon to go in search of them, and then, with the Topaze, I proceeded towards this port, where we arrived on the 28th ultimo. On the 7th instant, arrived a French schooner privateer called the Revenge, of 14 guns and 84 men, a prize to the Thetis, who took her in latitude 38. longitude 72; she had not taken any thing.

On the day following came in the Thetis and Rover, the former from a cruise, in which she had taken a French privateer of 6 guns, which was sent to New Providence. The Rover, on her passage towards Bermuda, on the 17th of May, captured and sent in a French sloop privateer of 14 guns with 57 men; she was lost from Porto Rico, and had taken three American ships, as below\*.

\* Ship Thomas, from Liverpool to Philadelphia.  
Ship Merchant, from New York to Bristol.  
Ship Diana, from New York to Demerara.

[Price Sixpence.]

Copy of a Letter from the Right Hon. Admiral Lord Bridport, K.B. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on board the Royal George at sea, July 11, 1798:

The inclosed copies of letters will inform their Lordships of the taking of La Seine, and the loss of his Majesty's ship La Pique. On both these events I can add nothing more than to express my satisfaction on this important capture, and real concern for the accidents that have attended it. Captain Milne, with all his officers and people, are on board La Seine.

I am, &c.

BRIDPORT:

MY LORD,

Jafon, Pertuis Breton, July 2.

On Friday last, at seven A. M. his Majesty's squadron under my command, consisting of the ships named in the margin\*, gave chase to a French frigate off the Saintes: At eleven at night the Pique brought her to action, and continued a running fight, till the Jafon parted between the two. At this instant, the land near the Point de la Trenche, was seen close on our larboard bow, and before the ship could answer her helm, she took the ground close to the enemy, which we immediately perceived had grounded also, most unfortunately, as the tide rose, we hung only forwards, and therefore swung with our stern close to the enemy's broadside, who, although he was dismasted, did not fail to take advantage of his happy position; but a well-directed fire was kept up from a few guns abaft, and at half past two she struck. Our opponent, called La Seine, was commanded by Le Capitaine Brejot, her force 42 guns, 18 and 9-pounders, with cannonades, and 610 men, including troops; she sailed from L'Isle de France three months ago, bound to L'Orient.

In the early part of the battle, I had the mortification to be wounded, and was obliged to leave the deck; but my misfortune is palliated by the reflection that the ser-

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