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WHITEHALL, Sept. 1. 1798.

**A** DISPATCH, of which the following is a copy, has been received here this day from Dublin.

SIR, *Dublin Castle, Aug. 29. 1798.*

In the absence of my Lord Lieutenant, I beg leave to acquaint you, for the information of his Grace the Duke of Portland, that early on the 27th instant, the French attacked Lieutenant-General Lake in a position he had taken at Cattlebar, before his forces were collected, and compelled him to retire. The Lieutenant-General reports that his loss of men is not considerable, but that he was obliged to leave behind him six pieces of cannon. It appears by a letter I have received this day from my Lord Lieutenant, that the French have advanced upon Tuam. His Excellency was assembling forces at Athlone. I have the honour to be, &c.

CASTLEREAGH.

*William Wickham, Esq. &c.*

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Sept. 1. 1798.

Copy of a letter from Vice-Admiral KINGSMILL, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Cork, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated 27th of last month

SIR,

PLEASE to lay before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the enclosed letter to me from Captain Butterfield, commanding his Majesty's sloop Hazard, giving an account of his having captured a large French Republican armed ship from the Mauritius, bound to Bourdeaux, manned with fifty-two seamen, and two hundred and seventy troops, after a long action. Captain Butterfield appears to have managed very judiciously in this affair.

Copy of a letter from Captain BUTTERFIELD of his Majesty's sloop Hazard, dated Cork harbour, 26th August, 1798, to Vice-Admiral KINGSMILL, &c. &c.

ON the morning of the 7th instant I fell in with and captured an American sloop which had been taken by a French privateer on the 4th; and, in consequence of the information given me by the American master, went in pursuit of the enemy. On the 12th I fell in with a French privateer mounting twenty-four guns, which I chased during two days. When we got nearly within gun-shot of her, I had the mortification to see her guns thrown overboard, by which means she started from us, and gained so considerably, that finding it impossible to come up with her, and seeing another suspicious ship to windward, being then in latitude 46 deg. 12 min. longitude 18 deg. 23 min. I altered my course and gave chase, and at four P. M. being within gun-shot, she hauled up her courses, hoisted French colours, and fired a shot. An action immediately commenced between us, which lasted an hour and fifty minutes, when she struck, and proved to be Le Neptune national armed ship, manned with fifty-two seamen, and two hundred and seventy troops on board, from the Isle of France bound to Bourdeaux, pierced for twenty guns, mounting ten, all of which she fought on the same side; during the action she attempted several times to board us; the soldiers in her kept up a very heavy fire of musquetry, and a privateer, with French colours flying, was in sight to leeward the whole time. The enemy had between twenty and thirty men killed and wounded; and fortunately only wounded six on board of us. I beg to recommend to your notice my first Lieutenant, Mr J. Fairweather, whose able assistance and good conduct on this and all other occasions

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