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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, September 8. 1798.

Extract of a Letter from the Right Honourable Lord BRIDPORT, K. B. Admiral of the White, &c. to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated on board his Majesty's ship Royal George, at sea, the 1st of September 1798.

SIR,

HEREWITH you will receive for their Lordships information, the copy of a letter of the 31st ult. from Captain Stopford, of his Majesty's ship Phaeton, stating the capture of the French privateer ship Le Mercure.

I am, Sir, &c.

BRIDPORT.

Phaeton, at sea,
August 31. 1798.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship, that this day his Majesty's ship under my command, in company with the Anson, captured a French ship privateer of eighteen guns, (pierced for twenty,) and one hundred and thirty-two men, called Le Mercure. She sailed from Bourdeaux yesterday, bound on a cruize, is quite a new vessel, copper-bottomed and fastened.

I am, my Lord, &c. ROB. STOPFORD.

Right Hon. Lord Bridport, K. B. &c.

By letters received at this Office from the Honourable Captain De Courcy, of his Majesty's ship Magnanime, dated the 21st and 25th ultimo, addressed to Evan Nepean, Esq. it appears, that on the 16th of that month he had fallen in with and captured La Colombe French privateer, of twelve guns and sixty-four men, quite a new vessel, coppered, copper-fastened, and a very fast sailer; had been only four days from Bayonne, bound to the West Indies. That on the 24th following, at two P. M. two ships of war were observed steering to the S. E. under a crowd of sail, which

proved to be his Majesty's ship Naiad, Captain Pierrepont, in chase of a French frigate. At five P. M. the two British ships neared the enemy, who, after a well-directed fire for the space of one hour from her stern-chace guns, at the Naiad, struck, and was immediately taken possession of. She proves to be La Decade, commanded by Le Citoyen Villeneau, manned with three hundred and thirty-six men, and pierced for forty-four guns, ten of which however had been landed at Cayenne, from whence she had just returned. Captain Pierrepont makes the strongest acknowledgments of the ardour by which his officers and men were animated during an anxious chase of thirty-two hours, in constant expectation of battle, and most particularly of the services which he experienced from his First Lieutenant Mr Marshall.

Both his Majesty's ships with the prizes have arrived at Plymouth.

Copy of a Letter from Sir THOMAS WILLIAMS, Captain of his Majesty's ship Endymion, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated at Spithead, the 5th instant.

SIR,

You will be pleased to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that his Majesty's ship Endymion, under my command, is arrived at Spithead, having taken from the enemy the three ships herein described:

The Britannia English Extra India ship, from Bengal to London, valuably laden, taken by the Huron French privateer.

La Sophie French ship privateer, of twenty guns and one hundred and thirty men, eighty-two days out, had taken nothing. La Sophie is a very fine ship, quite new, and well adapted for his Majesty's service, being an extraordinary fast sailer, she having been

[Price Sixpence.]

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