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DOWNING STREET, September 19. 1799.

A dispatch, of which the following is a copy, was this morning received from Field-Marshal his Royal Highness the Duke of YORK, at the Office of the Right Hon. HENRY DUNDAS, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

SIR, The Helder, North Holland, 14th Sept.

I have to acquaint you with my arrival at this place yesterday evening, having sailed from Deal on board the Amethyst frigate on Monday morning the 9th inst.

Upon coming on shore I had great satisfaction in witnessing the disembarkation of eight battalions of Russian-auxiliary troops, consisting of seven thousand men, under the command of Lieut.-Gen. D'Hermann, which had arrived from Revel in the course of the preceding day and yesterday morning. I afterwards saw these troops upon their march towards the position occupied by the British near Schagen; and I have great pleasure in assuring you that, from their appearance in every respect, the most happy consequences may be expected from their co-operation with his Majesty's arms in this country: Lieut.-Gen. D'Hermann seems to enter most heartily into our views, and I form very sanguine hopes of receiving essential assistance from his zeal and experience.

I understand that Sir Ralph Abercromby has made you acquainted with his having repulsed the enemy in an attack made upon him on Tuesday last. I proceed to join him at his quarters at Schagen immediately.

I have had the pleasure to meet the Hereditary Prince of Orange here. His Serene Highness is occupied in arranging into corps a large body of deserters from the Batavian army, and volunteers from the crews of the Dutch ships of war which have proceeded to England.

Every assistance shall be given to his Serene Highness to render these corps an efficient addition to our force.

I am, Sir, your's, FREDERICK.
The Right-Hon. Henry Dundas, &c.

ADMIRALTY OFFICE, Sept. 21.

Copy of a letter from Admiral Lord DUNCAN, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the North Sea, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 19th instant.

SIR,

I transmit, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter from Captain Ommanney, of his Majesty's sloop Busy, giving an account of his having, with his usual alacrity, captured and sent in here Le Dragon, French lugger privateer, of sixteen guns, belonging to Dunkirk. I am, Sir, &c.

DUNCAN.

His Majesty's sloop Busy, Yarmouth Roads,
September 18.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to inform your Lordship, that on the 16th instant, I perceived a lugger running close along the Dutch coast, and after a short chase drove her so close in shore, that she was anchored in the midst of a very heavy surf, about five miles to the southward of Egmont. Upon anchoring his Majesty's sloop close along-side of her the colours were struck: And although I scarcely entertained a hope of saving her, by the skill and good management of Mr Dewmat, the First Lieutenant, she was speedily got off. Ten of the crew of the lugger, to effect their escape, took to the boat, eight of whom were drowned by the violence of the surf. She is named Le Dragon, commanded by Citoyen Liard, mounts two twelve-pound carronades, and fourteen long four-pounders, eight of which were thrown

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