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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Dec. 10.

Extract of a letter from Vice-Admiral LUTWIDGE, Commandr in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the Downs, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 28th instant.

Lieut. Wildey, in the Camperdown cutter, has anchored in the Downs, and delivered to me the inclosed letter, stating his having captured yesterday evening, and sent into Dover, Le Republicaine French privateer, with twenty men and small arms.

SIR, Camperdown cutter, at sea, Dec. 7.

In pursuance of your orders of the 26th ult. I beg leave to inform you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, at eight P. M. I fell in with and captured, close to the South Foreland, the Republicaine French privateer lugger, burden twelve tons, from Boulogne, Citoyen Jean Baffite Carré, commander, carrying twenty men, with small arms, &c. had made no captures whatever, having failed in the afternoon.—I have the honour to be, &c.

HENRY WILDEY.

Vice-Admiral Lutwidge, &c.

Copy of a letter from Vice-Admiral Sir THOMAS PASLEY, Bart. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Plymouth, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 8th inst.

SIR,

Herewith I have the satisfaction to transmit to you, for their Lordships' information, two letters that I received from Lieutenant Tomlinson, commanding his Majesty's hired armed schooner the Speedwell, stating his having, in company with the Valiant lugger, commanded by Lieutenant Maxwell, captured the two French privateers therein mentioned; on which occasion much praise is due to these officers for their vigilant and alert conduct.

[Price 6d.]

The Speedwell and Valiant arrived last night with their prizes.

And the May brig belonging to Guernsey, that had been captured by the Providence French privateer on the 3d inst. and recaptured the following morning by his Majesty's sloop Suffisante off the isle of Bas, arrived here last evening; and the prize-master informs me he left the Suffisante in chase of the privateer, with every prospect of speedily coming up with her.

I am, &c. THO. PASLEY.

SIR, Speedwell at Sea, Dec. 5. 1799.

I have the honour to inform you, that I have this day, the Valiant in company, island of Guernsey bearing S. E. distant five leagues, after a chase of six hours, captured L'Heureuse Esperance French lugger privateer, of St Maloes, mounting 14 three-pounders, eight of which were thrown overboard before we came up with her. She had on board but twenty-four men, having manned four prizes since the commencement of this cruize. A brig belonging to Beaumaris she took this morning, after a considerable resistance, I am in hopes to fall in with before she reaches the French coast. I remain, &c. ROBERT TOMLINSON.

Sir Thomas Pasley, Bart.

SIR, Speedwell, at Sea, Dec. 6. 1799.

I have the honour to inform you, that, in addition to our success of yesterday, we have this evening, the Valiant in company, and Swin Islands bearing south about two miles, after a chase of nine hours (the last hour and ten minutes being a running fight), captured a French brig privateer, of 14 six-pounders, and fifty-eight men, called L'Heureux Speculateur, of Granville, Citizen Louis Joseph Quoniam Commander. She has been out four days without taking any thing. She is a

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