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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE.—Sept. 13.
Copy of a Letter from the Earl of ST VINCENT, K. B. Admiral of the White &c. to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated on board the Royal George, off Ushant. Sept. 7, 1800.

SIR,
I ENCLOSE letters from Rear Admiral Sir John Warren, this moment received by the Brilliant. I am, &c.

ST VINCENT.
Renown, Vigo-Bay, 2d September.
MY LORD, 1800.

I BEG leave to inform you that, on having ordered Captain Hood of the Courageux to lead into this bay, I received a letter from him on the same evening, and immediately ordered two boats from this ship, the Impeteux, and London, and refer your Lordship to a letter which accompanies this, for the account of a gallant action performed by the boats of Captain Hood's detachment under Lieutenant Burke's orders, whose merit upon this as well as former occasions will, I trust, induce your Lordship to recommend him to the favour of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, more especially as he has been severely wounded in the service.

I have the honour, &c.

JOHN WARREN.

Earl of St Vincent, K. B.

His Majesty's Ship Courageux,
Vigo Bay, August 30.

SIR,
PERCEIVING yesterday afternoon the French privateer in the harbour had removed for security near the Narrows of Redonda, close to the batteries, where I thought there was a probability of her being attacked with success; I ordered two boats from each ship named in the margin*, with those of the Renown, Impeteux, and London you sent me, and four from the Coura-

* Amethyst, Stag, Amelia, Brilliant, and Cynthia.

geux, commanded by Lieutenants volunteering their services, to be ready at nine o'clock, and placed them under the direction of Lieutenant Burke, of the Renown, whose gallant conduct has so often merited your commendation. About 40 minutes past twelve they attacked her with the greatest bravery, meeting with desperate resistance, her Commander having laid the hatches over to prevent her people giving way, and cheered as the boats advanced; but notwithstanding this determined opposition, she was carried in fifteen minutes.

I am sorry to add, Lieutenant Burke has received a severe wound, but I hope not dangerous. Our loss has been as per inclosed list, the greater part occasioned by the desperate conduct of her commander, who was mortally wounded; too much praise cannot be given to these deserving officers and men who so gallantly supported Lieutenant Burke, and towed her out with much coolness through the fire of the enemy's batteries. I need not, Sir, comment on the ability and courage of the commanding Lieutenant, his former services having gained your esteem; and I have no doubt the sufferings of his wound will be alleviated by that well known attention shewn to officers who have so gallantly distinguished themselves, for which I beg leave to offer my strongest recommendation.

The privateer is a very fine ship, named La Guipe of Bourdeaux, with a flush deck, 300 tons, pierced for 22 guns, carrying 18 nine-pounders, and 161 men, commanded by Citizen Dupan, stored and provisioned in the completest manner for four months. She had 25 killed and 40 wounded.

I have the honour to be, &c. &c.

SAMUEL HOOD.

A Report of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing in the Boats employed in taking the French Privateer La Guipe, in Vigo Bay, on the evening of the 29th of August 1800.

Lieutenant Henry Burke of the Renown, wounded. Lieutenant John Henry Holmes and James Nourie, of the Courageux, slightly wounded.

Three seamen and one marine, killed.

Three officers, twelve seamen, and five marines, wounded. One seaman, missing. SAMUEL HOOD.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord HUGH SEYMOUR, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at the Leeward Islands, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated Fort Royal-Bay, Martinique, 15th June 1800.

SIR,

I HAVE the satisfaction to enclose to you, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter which I have received from Captain Western, of his Majesty's ship Tamer, acquainting me that he had, on the 11th instant, fallen in with and captured, after a chase of eight hours, the French privateer ship General Massena. I am, &c. H. SEYMOUR.

MY LORD, Tamer, Barbadoes, June 3. 1800

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship, that on Sunday last, the 11th instant, I fell in with and captured, after a chase of eight hours, within gun-shot, (his stern chafes constantly flying over the Tamer,) the French privateer ship General Massena, pierced for eighteen guns, besides a bridle port, but had only sixteen on board, and one hundred and fifty men; his guns, except four brass twelve pounders, with all his boats, spars, &c. he threw overboard during the chase: she is forty days from Bourdeaux, and coming as a cruiser amongst these islands; he had captured the Adventure of Liverpool, laden with coals, bound to Demarara, and burnt her; and two Americans, one of which he burnt, and the other he sent to Guadaloupe. I am, &c.

T. WESTERN.

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