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Copy of a Letter from the Earl of St Vincent, K. B. Admiral of the White, &c. to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated the 17th inst.

SIR,

By the Lord Nelson cutter I have this day received the enclosed letter from Captain Knight, of his Majesty's ship *Montague*, detailing a very meritorious piece of service performed by the boats of that ship and of the *Magnificent*; and Lieutenant Percy informs me that, on the 1st inst. in the *Lord Nelson*, he captured and burnt a sloop from Camaret bound to Bourdeaux, laden with empty casks; and on Monday last drove on shore, under a battery, three brigs and three sloops apparently empty, which had made their escape from within the Penmarks during the late gales of wind.

I am, &c.

ST VINCENT.

MY LORD,

*Montague*, at sea, Oct. 13.

On returning westward yesterday before L'Orient, I saw at noon a small convoy of brigs, sloops, &c. taking refuge in Port Danenne, which I approached and prepared the armed boats of the two ships to attack, and while placing this ship to cover them, dispatched the *Montague's* boats under the direction of Lieutenants Bysett and Knight, who were followed and ably supported by those of the *Magnificent*, in which were Lieutenants Dunlop and Griffiths, who, notwithstanding the fire kept up from two of the vessels who were armed, and a battery firing round and grape, (under which the vessels lay touching the ground,) they boarded, took possession, and brought out eleven vessels, and burnt one; another had been sunk by the enemy's shot, leaving only one, whose situation in the creek would not admit of getting her out.

Price Sixpence.

This little piece of service, completely and expeditiously performed with the loss only of one seaman killed and two wounded of the *Montague*, and one of the latter of the *Magnificent*, has won my approbation, and I trust will merit your Lordship's. On this duty Lieutenants Alex. Montgomerie, Mitchell, and Jordan, of the marines, were employed, as was Lieutenant Samarin, of the Russian navy, who volunteered his service, all entitled to applause, as were the seamen and marines for their regular and spirited conduct.

I have the honour, &c.

JOHN KNIGHT.

Admiral the Earl St Vincent, K. B. &c.

LIST OF VESSELS.

Three sloops, (one of them sunk), three brigs, and five luggers.

Copy of a letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Keith, K. B. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the Mediterranean, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated Gibraltar, Sept. 31.

SIR,

I have the honour of inclosing a copy of a letter from Captain Skipsley, of his Majesty's sloop *Termagant*, reporting the interception of a French national vessel destined with supplies for Egypt.

I am, &c. &c. &c.

KEITH.

MY LORD,

*Termagant*, Leghorn, Sept. 6.

I have to acquaint your Lordship, that on the 1st instant, in his Majesty's sloop under my command, 30 leagues to the westward of Corsica, after a chase of two hours, I captured a French national polacre called *La Capricieuse*, commanded by Citizen Ganderrand, Enseigne de Vaisseau, mounting 6 guns, manned with 68 men, was victualled for two months, had left Toulon three days, and was bound to Egypt.