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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Nov. 8. Copy of a letter from Vice Admiral Lord Hugh Sev-MOUR to EVAN NEPEAN, Elq. dated on board the Abergavenny, Port-Royal, Jamaica, the 31st August.

I have very fincere pleafure in forwarding to you, for the information of the Lords Commiffioners of the Admiralty, a letter which I have received from Captain Milne, of his Majesty's ship Seine, describing an action which does great honour to him, his officers, and ship's company, and which ended in the capture of the French Republican frigate the Vengeance, a ship of very fuperior force to that which he commanded.

Captain Milne has done fo much justice to his officers and men by his report of their conduct on that occasion, that I have only to offer my congratulations to their Lordships upon the succefs which attended their exertions, and to express my hope that it will receive marks of their Lordships' favour proportioned to the satisfaction which they must derive from the event, which has brought forward the merit of those engaged in it. I am, Sir, &c.

H. SEYMOUR.

His Majesty's ship Seine, off St Domingo, August 22. 1800.

I have the fatisfaction to acquaint your Lordship, that on the morning of the 20th instant, I observed a ship on the starboard tack standing to the northward through the Mona Paffage ; I foon perceived she was an enemy, and made all fail in chace, with very light breezes; the wind

having come to the northward obliged her to tack, as she could not weather Cape Raphael on the St Domingo shore; she then stood E.S.E. and made all fail; by this time it was near funfet, and I could perceive she was a large frigate; it was near midnight before I could bring her to action, and then not so close as I could wish, as he always bore up and kept at long shot; she however did us considerable damage in our rigging and fails, but to appearance he fuffered equally; we separated for some time, and I took that opportunity to get our rigging, &c. again in complete repair.

On the morning of the 21st I had the pleafure of bringing him to close action; and after about an hour and a half hard fighting, an officer came out on her bowsprit (the only place he could be feen from, owing to the mass of confufion, by the loss of her foremast, mizenmast, and main-topmast having fallen on board), and faid they had struck to the British slag. She was immediately taken possession of, and proved to be the French frigate the Vengeance, Citizen Pitot, Capitaine de Vaisseau, Commander, mounting twenty-eight 18-pounders on her main-deck, fixteen 12-pounders, and eight 42-pounders carronades on her quarter-deck and forecastle, and brass swivels on the gunwale, with shifting guns on the main and quarter decks.. The weight of metal I have mentioned in French pounds. The behaviour of the officers and ship's company was

men. To my First Lieutenant, Mr Cheetham, I am greatly indebted for his cool and fleady: behaviour, and for the amazing fire kept up from the main deck, which nothing could furpais .-My Second Lieutenant, Mr George Milne, fell fighting nobly about the middle of the action. In: him his Majesty has lost a valuable and as zealous an officer as any in the service. To my Third Lieutenant, Mr Edeveair (whom I mentioned on a former occasion when gunner of the Pique), I am equally indebted for his fervices ; as likewise Mr Barclay, the Master, and Mr M'Donald, Lieutenant of Marines, who was taken down wounded, and came up again when: dreffed, but was obliged from a fecond wound to be taken below: But, I am happy to state, the life of this valuable officer will be faved to render further fervices to his Majesty. The behaviour of the petty officers, feamen, and marines, was fuch as does them the highest credit. The Vengeance is a very large frigate, five years old,. and exactly the dimensions of the Fisgard; in his Majesty's fervice, and is the ship which had the action some time since with the American frigate the Constellation. Previous to her leaving Curacoa she had a large supply of seamen from Guadaloupe, and was every way completely. found, and bound to France.

His Majelly's ship under my command has fuffered much in her malts and hull; fails and. rigging entirely cut to pieces. Your Lordship fuch as has always characterized the British sea- will perceive the Vengeance is superior in size, guns, and number of men to his Majesty's ship I have the honour to command; but nothing could withstand the steady behaviour of this thip's crew.

I have the honour of inclofing a lift of the killed and wounded. The loss of the enemy has been very great, but I have not yet got a I have the honour to be, &c.

DAVID MILNE.

Right Hon. Lord Hugh Seymour, &c.

A return of the Killed and Wounded on board his Majefly's Ship Scine, in the action with the French Republican frigate the Vengeance, 21ft August 1300.

One officer and twelve feamen killed.

Three officers, twenty-two feamen, three marines, and one boy wounded.

Name of Officer killed. George Milne, Second Lieutenant.

Names of Officers wounded. Archibald Macdonald, Lieutenant of marines. Andrew Barclay, Master. - Horne, Captain's Clerk.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Nov. 7.

Copy of a letter from Admiral the Earl of St Vincent, K. B. &c. to Evan Negean, Efq. dated Torbay, 4th November 1860.

I inclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, letters which I have received from the Captains Knight, Hotham, Bowen, and Lukin, of his Majelty's ships Montague, Immortalité, Argo, and Thames, giving an account of the veffels captured and recaptured by them during their respective cruizes. I am, &c. ST VINCENT.

Extract of a letter from Captain Knight, of his Majef-ty's flip Montague, to Admiral the Earl of St VIN-CENT, K. B. &c. dated at Sea, the 21st October 1800.

My Load, Since my letter of the 13th inft. informing your Lordship of having cut eleven vessels out of the port of Danenne, the boats of the Montague, under the command of acting Lieutenant Wells, have taken from under the walls of Port Louis a large brig laden with wine and brandy; in covering whom the ship has only received two shots in her hull, without any other damage.

I have the honour to be, &c.

JOHN KNIGHT.

Extract of a letter from Captain John Knight, of his Majetty's ship Montague, to the Right Hon, the Earl of St Vincent, K. B. dated at Sea, the 26th October 1800.

Since my letter of the 21st inst. a lugger going to Palais with firewood was cut off, which I deltroyed; and the Marlborough, while in company, captured a French brig, laden with butter, tallow, and hides.

I have now the honour to state, that, on returning from the Loire, which is very shallow at its entrance, in hauling round Croifie, the feveral batteries opened their fire with a view to defend a brig and two floops that lay under them, waiting the flood to get into the port; however the boats of the Montague, with great intrepidity and alacrity, brought them out. In this affair I have to lament the loss of a valuable seaman killed, one feaman and marine badly wounded, and :wo flightly.

While drawing near to those vessels, and previous to their crews abandoning them, it was observed the brig hauled down French colours at her ensign-staff, and substituted those of Hamburgh at her malt-head.

I have the honour to be, &c.

JOHN KNIGHT.

Extract of another letter from Captain Knight, of the Montague, dated off Isle Groa, Oct. 30.

On the 28th inft. a small ship and a few chasse marces were the only vessels that could be feen above Point Nazaire, in the Loire: Within the Two Spanist

liot (French), which the boats of the Montague boarded; and although in possession of them for a whole flood, so intricate and shallow were the channels on the flats where they lay, it was judged expedient to fire them.

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

The Earl of St Vincent, K.B.

My Lord, Immortalité, at sea, Oct. 24. 1800. I have the honour to report to your Lordship, that on the 12th September 1 captured a small Spanish vessel laden with stone, which I was obliged to scuttle, to enable me to chace 2 French privateer ships (Le Brave, and La Bellone), who have in fight (coming out of the Geronde), at the time I was boarding the Spaniard; but as it was late in the evening, and as they tacked, and stood from me under every fail, as soon as they discovered I.'Immortalité to be a man of war, they did not leave it in my power to get near them, although by steering the course in the night that I judged they would adopt to avoid me, I kept them in fight all the next day, but in the fecond night they escaped, after my having chaced them two hundred and fifty-nine miles to the westward.

However, on the 20th, I re-took an English ship (the Monarch) of fix hundred and fortyfive tons, laden with timber, which La Bellone had captured four days before, on her passage

from Quebec to London.

On the 22d of the fame month, in the latitude of Cordonan Light House, blowing hard from the westward, a French brig of war came in fight to the northward, to whom I got near enough by funfet to keep fight of after dark, and to ensure my coming up with her; but at half-past nine o'clock, when I was within musketthot, and about to bring her to, we both unexpectedly took the ground (going nine knots) on Noirmontier, where she was totally dismasted and destroyed; but I had the good fortune to get off at daylight the next morning, without any material damage, and with the loss only of a bower anchor and cable, and a boat.

Not having feen the land before dark, and not having run the distance of it by the reckoning, I was unable to ascertain what was my exact situation till the day broke, and as it was ebb tide when we went on shore, I was prevented from getting off before. In the morning having got the ship under weigh, and worked off from the land, finding myself able to keep the sea, I returned to my station; and the next morning, (the 24th), I fell in with a French schooner letter of marque, bringing coffee and fugar from Guadaloupe to Bourdeaux, but a Guernsey privatcer lugger who was also in fight, and nearer to the schooner than I was, brought her to before I got up with her.

I am, &c. H. HOTHAM.

Earl of St Vincent, K. B. Gc.

His Majesty's ship Argo, at sea, October 21, 1800. My Lord,

I have the honour to inform your Lordship, that yesterday his Majesty's ship, under my command, captured (after fifteen hours chace, blowing fresh), the Spanish letter of marque San Fernando, mounting twelve long fix-pounders and fifty-three men, pierced for and flewstwentytwo guns on one deck, five days from St Andero, bound to la Vera Cruz, laden with bar-iron and bale goods, of confiderable value, belonging to the Royal Phillipine company; they had government dispatches on board, which they funk. She is a fine vessel, quite new, measures near three hundred tons, coppered, and fit for his Majesty's fervice.

The vessels taken and destroyed as per margin*,

* French brig Maria Louisa, in ballast, sent in. Spanish barque Sel Vincento, laden with iron ore, sent

in.
Two Spanish barques, names unknown, laden with

exclusive of the above capture, is the sum of our fuccels.

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

P.S. We have not feen an enemy's cruizer during our cruize.

Earl of St Vincent, &c.

My LORD, Thames, at fea, Oct. 27. I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship, that on the 26th inst. the Tower of Caduan E. S. E. thirty-fix leagues, his Majesty's ship I command fell in with and captured le Diable a Quatre French ship privateer of fixteen twelve and fix pounders, and one hundred and fifty men; she was discovered at half past nine A.M. and after a chace of five hours, with the wind upon the quarter, blowing fresh. The Immortalité was feen directly a-head of the enemy; the immediately joined in the pursuit, and much facilitated the capture of this privateer, which is a fait failer, and is extremely well found, ha-

ving been out from Bourdeaux only one day. W. LUKIN. I am, &c.

The Earl of St Vincent.

Copy of a letter from the Earl of ST VINCENT, K. B. Admiral of the White, &c. to Evan Nepean, Efq. dated Torbay the 4th inft.

I inclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter I have received from Captain Keats, of his Majesty's ship Boadicea, transmitting one from the Hon. Captain Curzon, of his Majesty's ship Indefatigable, giving an account of his having captured La Venus French frigate, of thirty-two guns and two hundred men, from Rochfort bound to Senegal. I.am, &c. ST VINCENT.

Boadicea, off Ferrol, 25th October 1800.

My LORD,

The Indefatigable, which left the fquadron in chace on the 23d inft. has just rejoined with the Fifgard, and the French prize reported in Captain Curzon's inclosed letter.

I have the honour to be, &c. R. G. KEATS. Right Hon. the Earl of St Vincent, K. B.

Indefatigable, at Sea, Oct. 23.

The ship to windward I made the signal for, and afterwards chaced, was La Venus French National frigate, carrying thirty-two guns and two hundred men, from Rochfort bound to Senegal, and accounted a very fast sailer, which I had the good fortune to come up with and capture fo early as feven o'clock in the evening, owing to the Fifgard having come in fight in the afternoon directly in the wind of the chace, and turning her, fo that both ships crossed upon her course; we arrived up with her nearly at the fame time. I have the honour to be, &c.

H. CURZON.

Captain Keats, Boadicea.

Copy of a letter from Captain Wight, of his Majesty's floop Wolverine, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated St Helens, the 4th instant.

I have to acquaint you, for the information of their Lordships, that on Sunday morning, Cape Barsleur, light-house, W. N. W. about 4 miles, I discovered a French cutter beating under the land; from my fituation to windward, I was happy to have it in my power to prevent her getting round the Cape; I got so close up with her that she ran on shore inside of a reef of rocks, under the village of Gouberville, and under a battery, while my shot was going over her; the appeared to strike very hard on the shore, as there was a great sea running, and a fresh gale of wind having come on in the evening, the must inevitably be rendered useless. I am, &c. John Wight.

At the Court at St James's, Nov. 5. 1800. PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

This day the Right Hon. Charles Lord Whitworth was, by his Majesty's command, sworn of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

NOTICE.

CHARLES CAMPBELL, Merchant in Glafgow, truftee upon the fequetrated effate of JAMES GREENSHIELDS and CO. Merchants in Glafgow, and of the faid JAMES GREENSHIELDS as an individual, licreby intimates, That the bankrupt having, at the laft general meeting for chuning commissioners, offered a composition of eleven fhillings per pound upon the whole debts: A meeting of the creditors is to be held at his counting-house in Glafgow, upon Friday the 28th day of November current, at twelve o'clock noon, in order to decide upon said offer.—The creditors will advert, that none are entitled to vote except those who shall have produced their grounds of debt and oaths of verity.

GLASGOW, Nov. 4, 1800.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

LEXANDER FARQUHARSON, Grazier and Cattle Dealer in Achriachau, Banff-

The truftee requests a meeting of faid creditors on Saturday the 29th November curt. at T'welve o'clock noon, within the house of Milles Malices, vintners in Huntly, for the purpose of confidering the state of the proceedings in the Court of Session upon the bankrupt's application for a discharge on his ofter of a composition, and to give the trustee their directions relative thereto, and with respect to the general state of the bankrupt's assistant.

Edinburgh, 11th November 1800.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

IRS JANET MURRAY, late Brewer at the Back of Canongate.
Charles Wilson, folicitor at law, trustee upon the sequestered estate of the said Janet Murray, hereby intimates, that he has made up a state of the affairs of the bankrupt, in terms of the statute, and that the same will lie at his bouse for the inspection of the creditors until Friday the 12th day of December next; on which day the trustee requests a general meeting of the said creditors within John's Cossehouse, Edinburgh, at one o'clock afternoon, Edinburgh, Nov. 10. 1800.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN, in Leflie.

At a meeting of the creditors of the faid William Wightman, held upon the 20th of October last, Richard Tosh, writer in Kirkealdy, was chosen trustee upon the faid William Wightman's sequestrated estate, and his appointment has since been confirmed.

Upon his application, the Sheriff of Fiseshire has sixed Thursday the 20th current, and Tuesday the 9th day of December next, for the public examination of the bankrupt and others acquainted with his business, within the Sheriff Court-room at Cupar, at 12 o'clock noon on each of these days: And, on Wednesday the 10th of December next, a meeting of the creditors is to be held at Cupar, within the house of James Milaren, vintner there, at 11 o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of instructing the trustee as to the management and recovery of the citate. The creditors are hereby requested to produce in the trustee's hands their claims and vouchers or grounds of debt, with their oaths on the verity thereof, at or previous to the said meeting, if not already produced; and it is hereby intimated, that unless the said productions are made betwixt and the 22d day of June 1801, the party neglecting shall have no share in the first distribution of the bankrupt's estate.

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AVERAGE PRICES OF CORN,

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