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ADMIRALTY OFFICE, APRIL 11.

Copy of a letter from Admiral Lutwidge, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the Downs, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated the 10th instant.

SIR,

It is with satisfaction I enclose to you, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter which I have this day received from Lieut. Irwin, commanding the Stag hired cutter, acquainting me with his having, yesterday evening, captured the French privateer *Le Poisson Volant*, of fourteen guns, and manned with fifty-five men; and that he had also recaptured a brig, her only prize since she last sailed from Dieppe.

I am, &c.

SKEFF. LUTWIDGE.

His Majesty's hired cutter Stag,  
Downs, April 10, 1801.

SIR,

I have the honour to acquaint you that, yesterday at six P. M. Beachy-Head bearing north ten or eleven leagues, we saw a lugger and brig on our weather bow, and immediately gave chase to them, and at half past seven captured them both. The lugger is called *Le Poisson Volant*, a French privateer belonging to Boulogne, commanded by Citizen Jacque Antoine Hedd, carries fourteen carriage guns and fifty-five men; had been out four days from Dieppe, and captured only the brig above mentioned. On the cruize before she captured six vessels, four of which have been recaptured. The privateer had two men killed and four wounded.

(Signed)

I am, &c.

JAMES IRWIN.

Skellington Lutwidge, Esq. Admiral of the Fleet, and Commander in Chief, &c.

[Price Sixpence.]

Copy of a letter from Captain Sir Edward Hamilton, Commander of his Majesty's ship *Trent*, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated at Plymouth the 7th instant.

SIR,

I have to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, with the arrival of his Majesty's ship *Trent* under my command, at this port, and to enclose the copy of a letter I have this day written to Lord Amelius Beauclerk, Captain of his Majesty's ship *Fortune*.

I am, Sir, &c.

E. HAMILTON.

Copy of a letter from Captain Sir Edward Hamilton, of his Majesty's ship *Trent*, in Cowland Bay, the 7th April, 1801, to the Right Hon. Lord Amelius Beauclerk, Captain of his Majesty's ship *Fortune*.

In obedience to your signal, the chase was continued until dark, at which time being becalmed among the rocks of the Isles of Brehat I anchored, and the next morning, (the 3d inst.) observing a large ship with French colours, under the protection of a cutter and lugger privateers, making sail with the flood from the anchorage of Brehat to Plampoul, the boats were immediately dispatched under the command of Lieutenant Chamberlayne, having under his orders Mr Scallon, Second Lieutenant; Mr Bellamy, Third; Mr Hofkiers, Master; and Mr Taite, marine officer, &c. the enemy seemed, at first, determined to resist and defend their vessels, and sent many boats from the shore to their assistance, who, with the lugger, took the ship in tow, but on the very spirited and near approach of the *Trent's*, the lugger and boats cast off the tow, and after main-

taining a severe conflict, aided by a continued fire from five batteries, they were at length subdued and chased from the rocks; after which the ship, in the face of open day, was most gallantly boarded by the First Lieutenant and Marine officer, who, I am sorry to say, has lost his right leg, and the very meritorious and spirited zeal with which all the officers and men were animated on this enterprize, reflects on them the highest honour.

The ship appears English built, about three hundred tons, with a cargo of corn, and various other articles, but not having made any prisoners, further particulars are unknown.

Enclosed I return you a list of killed and wounded; that of the enemy could not be exactly ascertained; two were killed on board the ship and several were drowned: the state of the prize requiring protection into port, and the wind being easterly, I judged it prudent to put into this place.

I am, &c. E. HAMILTON.

List of Killed and Wounded.

Two Seamen killed.

One Marine Officer wounded.

E. HAMILTON, Captain.

Copy of a letter from Lord Amelius Beauclerk, Captain of his Majesty's ship *Fortune*, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated at Spithead, the 5th inst.

SIR,

I have to acquaint you, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, on the 5th of this month, at the dawn of day, Rock Dcuivre, E. S. E. six miles, we captured *La Mascara* French privateer schooner, pierced for 12 guns, and 40 men, four days from Cherburgh.

I am, &c. A. BEAUCLERK.

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