

*Borough of Cardigan.*

The Hon. John Vaughan, of Crosswood in the said County of Cardigan.

Admiralty-Office, July 2, 1796.

*Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Onslow, commanding His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Plymouth, to Mr. Nepean, dated June 30, 1796.*

HEREWITH I have the Pleasure to inclose a Letter from Captain Tomlinson, of His Majesty's Sloop La Suffisante, containing Particulars of his Success in capturing the Morgan French Privateer, and recapturing the Six English Merchant Ships named in the inclosed List, that had been taken by her, and which you will be pleased to lay before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

So complete a Piece of Service, performed by a Vessel of such small Force as the Suffisante, I am persuaded their Lordships will admit, reflects great Credit on Captain Tomlinson, his Officers and Men.

*La Suffisante, Plymouth, June 30, 1796.*

S I R,

I Beg Leave to acquaint you, that His Majesty's Sloop La Suffisante, under my Command, has retaken Two English Merchant Ships, on the 27th Instant, near the Ile de Bas, (from Oporto, loaded with Wine.) I gained Intelligence from the Prisoners that the French Privateer which they belonged to, carried Sixteen Guns and Ten Swivels; and that on the preceding Day she was to the Northward of Scilly, in Chace of several English Vessels; I therefore immediately dispatched the Prizes, with Orders to go to Plymouth, and stood in for the French Coast, between Uchant and the Ile de Bas, in Hopes of meeting her on her Return, or any other Prizes that she should send into Morlaix or Brest.

On the following Morning I had the good Fortune to discover the above-mentioned Privateer and Four loaded Merchant Ships (her Prizes) standing towards us; and, as I fetched within Gunshot of the Privateer, we gave her several Broadfides as we passed on opposite Tacks; and, on our putting about to follow him, he made the Signal for his Prizes to disperse. They were then about Seven Miles from us to the N. W.

At One P. M. we fetched very near her Lee Quarter, and opened a well-directed Fire of Musquetry upon them from forward, which obliged them to strike before we could get alongside to bring our great Guns to bear upon her.

As the greatest Dispatch was necessary to enable us to overtake the Prizes, which were endeavouring to escape by steering on different Directions, I ordered Lieutenant Pickford to take Command of the Privateer, to send the French Captain and Officers on Board the Suffisante immediately, and then to make Sail and assist me in taking the Merchant Ships, which Service was performed very much to my Satisfaction, he having taken Two of them, one of which I had not the least Hopes of his being able to come up with, as she was very far to the Windward.

To the spirited and active Behaviour of the Officers and Crew of the Suffisante, I consider myself in a great Measure indebted for our Success, which is as complete as I could wish it to be, for, exclusive of the Privateer, which is a fine Copper-bottomed

Brig, capable of doing much Mischief, we have likewise retaken Six valuable English Merchant Ships, which are all that she had captured.

Inclosed I have the Honor to transmit you a List of the Prizes and their Cargoes, and am, Sir, &c.

NICHOLAS TOMLINSON.

*To Vice-Admiral Onslow, Commander in Chief at Plymouth.*

*List of Vessels retaken by the Suffisante, Nicholas Tomlinson, Esq; Commander, on the 27th and 28th of June, 1796.*

Draper, Burthen 200 Tons, of Dublin, from Oporto, bound to Dublin, laden with 400 Pipes of Wine and 11 Bales of Cotton.

Brothers, Burthen 180 Tons, of Liverpool, from Oporto, bound to Liverpool, laden with 350 Pipes and 30 Hogheads of Wine and 72 Bales of Cotton.

Mary Ann, Burthen 170 Tons, of Dublin, from Oporto, bound to Dublin, laden with 272 Pipes of Wine, 11 Bags of Cotton, and 5 Casks of Vinegar.

Ann, Burthen 170 Tons, of Dublin, from Oporto, bound to Dublin, laden with 303 Pipes of Wine, 15 Boxes and 20 Baskets Lemons.

Vine, Burthen 110 Tons, of Lancaster, from Oporto, bound to Lancaster, laden with 108 Pipes and 4 Hogheads Wine, 175 Bags Cotton, 3 Tons and half Cork, Lemons, &c.

Eliza, Burthen 160 Tons, of Dublin, from London, bound to Dublin, laden with 250 Chests of Tea, 250 Barrels of Porter, a Quantity of Steel, and other Dry Goods.

NICHOLAS TOMLINSON.

*Commissions in the Royal Pembrokehire Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

John Freeman, Gent. to be Surgeon. Dated October 25, 1795.

John Freeman, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated November 14, 1795.

Thomas Jones, Gent. to be Quarter-Master, vice William Freeman, promoted. Dated January 25, 1796.

Ensign John Freeman to be Lieutenant, vice William Freeman, promoted. Dated February 14, 1796.

Anthony Innis Stokes, Gent. to be Ensign, vice John Freeman, promoted. Dated as above.

*Commission in the Norfolk Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

*Western Regiment.* James George Price, Gent. to Ensign. Dated June 20, 1796.

*Commission signed by His Majesty for the Army in Ireland.*

D. H. Sewell, from the 29th Dragoons, to be Lieutenant in the 4th Dragoon Guards. Dated May 29, 1796.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Ship's Company of His Majesty's armed Ship Atlantic, who were actually on Board at the Recapture of the Mary Restuge, that the Distribution of the Salvage arising from the said Recapture is now in Course of Payment.

John Saumarez.

*Guernsey, June 15, 1796.*