

Camperdown Cutter at Sea, December 7, 1799.

S I R,

I IN pursuance of your Orders of the 26th Ultimo, I beg Leave to inform you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, at Eight P. M. I fell in with and captured close to the South Foreland, the Republican French Privateer Lugger, Burden Twelve Tons, from Boulogne, Citoyen Jean Bastite Carré, Commander, carrying Twenty Men, with small Arms, &c. had made no Captures whatever, having failed in the Afternoon.

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

HENRY WILDEY.

Vice-Admiral Lutwidge, &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, December 10, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Thomas Pasley, Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Plymouth, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 8th Instant.

S I R,

HEREWITH I have the Satisfaction to transmit to you, for their Lordships' Information, Two Letters that I received from Lieutenant Tomlinson, commanding His Majesty's Hired Armed Schooner the Speedwell, stating his having, in Company with the Valiant Lugger, commanded by Lieutenant Maxwell, captured the Two French Privateers therein mentioned; on which Occasions much Praise is due to these Officers for their vigilant and alert Conduct.

The Speedwell and Valiant arrived last Night with their Prizes.

And the May Brig belonging to Guernsey, that had been captured by the Providence French Privateer on the 3d Instant, and recaptured the following Morning by His Majesty's Sloop Suffisante off the Isle of Bas, arrived here last Evening; and the Prize-Master informs me he left the Suffisante in Chace of the Privateer, with every Prospect of speedily coming up with her.

I am, &c.

THO. PASLEY.

S I R,

Speedwell at Sea, Dec. 5, 1799.

I HAVE the Honor to inform you, that I have this Day, the Valiant in Company, Island of Guernsey bearing S. E. distant Five Leagues, after a Chace of Six Hours, captured L'Heureuse Esperance French Lugger Privateer, of St. Maloes, mounting Fourteen Three-Pounders, Eight of which were thrown overboard before we came up with her. She had on board but Twenty-four Men, having manned Four Prizes since the Commencement of this Cruize. A Brig belonging to Beaumaris she took this Morning after a considerable Resistance, I am in Hopes to fall in with before she reaches the French Coast.

I remain, &c. &c. &c.

ROBERT TOMLINSON.

Sir Thomas Pasley, Bart.

S I R,

Speedwell at Sea, Dec. 6, 1799.

I HAVE the Honor to inform you, that in addition to our Success of Yesterday, we have this Evening, the Valiant in Company, and Swin Islands bearing South about Two Miles, after a Chace of Nine Hours (the last Hour and Ten Minutes being a running Fight), captured a French Brig Privateer, of Fourteen Six-Pounders, and Fifty-eight

Men, called L'Heureux Speculateur, of Granville, Citizen Louis Joseph Quoniam, Commander. She has been out Four Days without taking any Thing. She is a remarkably fast Sailer, and has done a great deal of Mischief to the English Trade. The Enemy had a Man killed and Seven wounded, without, I am hapy to add, having done us any Damage.

I am, &c.

ROBERT TOMLINSON,

Sir Thomas Pasley, Bart. &c. &c. &c.

St. James's, December 3, 1799.

His Majesty was pleased to confer the Honor of Knighthood on Major-General Eccles Nixon.

Westminster, December 10, 1799.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed James Robinson, of Tenbury, in the County of Worcester, Gentleman, to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Stockholm, November 12, 1799.

On Saturday the 9th Instant, at Two o'Clock in the Morning, the Queen of Sweden was happily delivered of a Prince. Her Majesty and the Royal Infant are both as well as can be expected.

Stamp-Office, Somerset-Place,
December 3, 1799.

WE, His Majesty's Commissioners for managing the Stamp Duties, duly authorized by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, pursuant to Act of Parliament, to let to farm the Duties granted by "An Act of the Twenty-fifth of His present Majesty, "on Horses let to Hire for travelling Post and by "Time," do hereby give Notice, that we intend to let, at our Office in Somerset-Place, the said Duties to farm, on Tuesday the 7th of January next, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, according to the Districts in the Statement under-mentioned, and to put the same up at the Sumis placed opposite to each, for the Term of Three Years from the 1st Day of February next, to such Persons as may be willing to contract for the same. All Persons intending to farm the said Duties are to deliver in their Proposals to us at the Stamp-Office, in Somerset-Place, at least Three Days previous to the said 7th Day of January next, signed with their Names, stating the Places of their Abode, and specifying the District for which they intend to bid, or their Proposals cannot be proceeded on as directed by the said Act. No Persons licensed to let Horses for the Purpose of travelling Post, nor any Persons for their use, can be admitted to contract for the said Duties.

A Statement of Districts for farming out the Post-Horse, &c. Duties,

No.	DISTRICTS.	Produce.
1.	North Britain	£. 5,274
2.	Northumberland	} 3,508
	Cumberland	
	Westmorland	
	Durham	
3.	Yorkshire	8,166