

94 gun ship getting away and none of our ships after them, nor could he think of preferring his own security, to the Glory and Interest of his Country, but ardently wish'd to go after them, and proposed it to capt. Saumerez in the Nottingham, and capt. Rodney in the Eagle, who were within hale of us, but capt. Saumerez being unfortunately kill'd by the first fire of the enemy, the Nottingham haul'd their Wind and did no more service, and the Eagle, came not nigh enough to do any; so that the Yarmouth had to deal with both of the enemy's ships for some time till at length they got out of the reach of our guns. I think so much bravery and noble spirit ought no to lie in oblivion. I shall only observe, from the two late battles which we have had with the French, that fighting them close we shall constantly get the better of them; which is confirm'd in the behaviour of the Neptune's men, who all quitted the upper Deck and run below, when the Yarmouth came near her, and that at a distance by the superior skill of their gunners, and the length of their guns, they can always get from us.

Yours, &c.

The Neptune had every Mast and Bow-sprit entirely carried away, and both sides fill'd with cannon-shot. The captain of her being killed, the command devolv'd on the Chevalier de Kerterec, Knight of St. Louis, who made a most gallant and obstinate defence. She had 8 officers killed outright, 1 mortally wounded, and when she struck had 8 Feet Water in her hold.

*A List of the Kill'd and Wounded on our Side.*

In the Kent,	kill'd	wounded
Eagle,	11	43
Defiance,	16	42
Portland,	7	12
Nottingham,	13	25
Edinburgh,	6	19
Devonshire,	14	52
Yarmouth,	22	70
Windsor,	8	59
Gloucester,	6	15
Tilbury,	No Account.	
Lyon,	20	79
Monmouth,	18	70
Princess Louisa,	12	62

L O N D O N.

November 24. Thirty transports are ordered to be victualled with all expedition, to sail to Williamstowt to bring over seven regiments of soldiers.

His royal highness the duke has desired all the officers of the Army to leave off wearing Ruffles; and will himself set the first example.

Last night the Merchants met at the Crown Tavern behind the Royal Exchange, when Mr. Godfrey was chosen Chairman, and a Committee was appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to the Lords of the Admiralty, thanking their Lordships for their prudent Conduct and past Favours, and requesting the continuance of them. They are to meet again on Tuesday next.

On Monday last a small French Privateer was taken, and sent into Portsmouth.

A courier has passed the Hague, dispatched from London to Petersburg, whither he carries the ratification of the subsidy treaty concluded with Russia for the 30,000 men for the service of her maritime powers. And after M. de Swart has signed this treaty, in qualification of minister plenipotentiary from the States General, at the court of Petersburg. they expect to hear of some day being fixed for the march of those troops; which are to consist of 15,000 foot, 10,000 horse, and 5000 Cossacks and Calmucks.

They write from Paris, that the Duke de Penthièvre, high admiral of France, who has been some months in Britany, continues there still, in order to finish the arrangements he has been making for the security of that province, particularly along the sea coast: And it is added, that such just measures have already been taken, and the militia have been so well exercised, that they have no dread of any more such enterprizes from England, as have been attempted within these two years past.—If they are not afraid of attempts from England, we have reason to believe that Admiral Hawke has left us no room to be afraid of enterprizes from France, which seem to have been designed by the capture of the Irish regiment along the coast.

*Extract of a Letter from Jersey, October 26.*

"A boat from St. Maloes brings advice, that seven privateers of 30 and 40 guns, sailed from thence the 18th instant,

with an intent to cruise in company, and wait for our Atlantic traders, &c. And also that two others of 50 guns were to go to sea in a day or two.

Admiralty Office, November 23. Capt. Shirley, Commandant of his Majesty's ship the Dover, being on a cruise in the Channel, on the 16th instant, at 4 o'clock in the morning, fell under his lee bow, to which he gave chase, and she came up with her, when she plied the Dover with her chase. At 12 the Dover brought down her main-top mast, which carried with it her fore-top mast, upon which she rode. She is called the Jean Frederic of St. Malo, mounts 24 guns, and carried 200 men. She is a new ship, and this her first cruise; had been out but five days, and had taken nothing. She is brought into Falmouth.

January 12. The town of Middleburgh in Zealand has already fitted out one privateer, of 38 guns and 270 men, to cruise upon the French; and is building two ships more for the same purpose, one of which is to mount 38 guns, and the other 40. They are likewise fitting out privateers at Flushing and other Places in that Province, but they do not tell us the number.

To prevent the Corn from being exported to France, and that Farmer or Landlord may not be detrimented, such that subscriptions will be opened, in most of the cities and towns in England, to raise money to purchase what can be spared, to lodge it in Granaries, till such time as there may be a great demand for it, or of less service to the enemy than at present. This Scheme is already begun in the City of Westminster.

Several fire hunting Horses have been lately brought in, and sent to France, which should be prevented. [*See page in Flags of Truce*]

The Pope, not content with having contributed a large sum towards the construction of the new Church at Berlin, has addressed a circular Letter to the Archbishops of his Religion, exhorting them to follow his Example, and expatiating upon the Benevolence of the House of Brandenburg, particularly his present Prussian Majesty, to those of the Roman Communion.

There is advice, that the Alcide, a French privateer, of 30 guns and 240 men, was lately lost going into Morlaix, and 70 were saved. This ship had a very smart engagement with an English Merchantmen, supposed to be captain O'Connell.

We hear that all the first and second rate men of war, as fast as possible, be reduced to seventy and eighty gun ships.

We have a very singular piece of News from Aix la Chapelle, which is, that a noble Palace being treated for there at a considerable Rent, it was apprehended that it must be for the French Plenipotentiaries, but that it is since believed, it is designed for the habitation of a certain great Prince of blood, who finding his Counsels slighted, and his Person neglected, is inclined to retire thither for the remaining part of his Life.

Yesterday morning fell down the River to Gravesend, a French privateer called the Hawke, esteemed one of the best ships hitherto fitted out: She carries 120 men, and is commanded by the brave capt. Wilcox, who formerly was Warren Galley privateer, and behaved in the most gallant manner in many engagements, and took several valuable prizes.

January 19. His Majesty's ships in commission, are 2 of 100 guns, 4 of 90, 12 of 80, 21 of 70, 28 of 60, 32 of 50, 97 of 40; in all 196. Besides above 30 sloops, frigates, &c.

Upon the exertion of our naval strength, and the force (which the French admiral observes crowns all) of some of our squadrons, the administration have at length gained satisfaction from their superintendents and censors, the public writers.

"If we did not own the justice of these measures (says the *Westminster Journal*), we might be thought guilty of partiality; ourselves in opposition; not the friends of our country, but enemies of Power. It behoves us to mention, with approbation, both the ministers who order, and the commanders who execute, this scheme of destroying the French trade, and ending their naval power.—After all the ill that has been said of the late earl of Oxford, we must do his memory the justice to allow, that tho' he suffered our trade to be neglected, and at last entered unwillingly into a war, he was always careful to keep up the fleet which he did not choose to employ. Tho' little was seen, during his long administration, but fleets of parade; we had the satisfaction to reflect, that the same fleets, in a day of trial, were ready for service."

[For the rest, See the SUPPLEMENT.]