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Admiralty-Office, December 2, 1800.

Extract of a Letter from the Earl of St. Vincent, K. B. Admiral of the White, &c. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated in Torbay the 27th Ultimo.

I Enclose, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter which I have received from Captain Sir Richard Strachan, giving an Account of the Boats of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed under his Orders having destroyed a French Corvette and Two Merchant Vessels.

MY LORD, *Captain, at Sea, Nov. 18, 1800.*
 YOUR Lordship will perceive in the Narrative of my Proceedings, that a Convoy of the Enemy had got through the Teignouse Passage Yesterday, and that I was endeavouring to intercept them from the Morbihan, or Passage along the Coast; I had the Mortification in the Morning to perceive that the greater Part had got into the Morbihan; and that the others at the Entrance were only waiting the Tide, protected by the Batteries on each Side, and a Ship Corvette of Twenty Guns, the Commodore of the Convoy. By the skilful Management of the Nile Cutter, the first Vessel up, under the Command of Lieutenant Argles, the Corvette was kept from the North Shore; and soon after, upon the Magicienne getting near her, she ran into Port Navale, where she took the Ground, and her People began to quit her, and her Colours were struck; the Boats of the Magicienne, under Lieutenant Skottowe, and Rodney, attempted to board, but the Corvette fired upon them, having rehoisted her Colours, and making Sail, ran farther into the Port: the Magicienne recalled her Boats; but Lieutenant Rodney gallantly took a Merchant Vessel from under one of the Batteries as he was returning. As soon as I could get the Boats out I sent them all to be under the Orders of Captain Ogilvy, with Directions for them to be sent under the Orders of the Senior Officer of this Ship, Lieutenant Hennah, to destroy the Corvette, having under his Orders Lieutenant Clyde of this Ship, and Lieutenant Clark of the Marlborough; and the Boats were manned by the Captain and Marlborough's Men. The Enterprize was conducted with great Ability by Lieutenant Hennah, who, not-

withstanding a heavy Fire from the Shore on all Sides, bravely boarded the Corvette, and having set Fire to her, she soon after blew up. He speaks in high Terms of Commendation of those under his Orders; and I admire the Spirit that pervaded all the Officers and Men employed upon this Occasion: no Prisoners were taken; and the Conduct of Captain Ogilvy in the Guidance and Management of the Magicienne; by drawing the Fire of the Batteries from the Boats, contributed to the Service being effected with very little Loss.

I am, &c. R. J. STRACHAN.
The Earl of St. Vincent, K. B.
 &c. &c. &c.

A List of Men killed and wounded in taking the Vessel named below.

One killed belonging to the Suwarrow.
 Seven wounded belonging to the Captain.

List of Vessels.

- A Ship Corvette; destroyed by the Boats of the Squadron.
- A Merchant Ship; taken by the Magicienne's Boat under Lieutenant Rodney, and afterwards burnt.
- A Merchant Vessel; taken by the Nile Cutter, and afterwards burnt.

Whitehall, December 2, 1800.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Benjamin Smith the Younger, of Horblingen, in the County of Lincoln, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

War-Office, December 2, 1800.

- 5th Regiment of Dragoon Guards, John Brunskill, Gent. (late Adjutant of the 1st Irish Fencible Cavalry,) to be Cornet, without Purchase.
- 1st Regiment of Dragoons, Hospital-Mate George Crois to be Assistant Surgeon, vice Thomas, promoted.
- 15th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Francis Hurt, Gent. to be Cornet, by Purchase, vice Loftus, promoted.
- 17th Ditto, William J. Kent, Gent. (late Lieutenant in the Oxfordshire Fencible Cavalry,) to be Cornet, without Purchase.