

N<sup>o</sup> 21. Extract of a Letter from Captain Rupert George, of His Majesty's Ship *Huffar*, to Mr. Stephens; dated Halifax Harbour, 9th November 1793.

SINCE my Letters of 9th September and 12th October, Duplicates of which I have the Honour to enclose, I have been lying, in His Majesty's Ship under my Command, between George's Island and the Eastern Battery, to be in Readiness to man the Batteries in that Quarter with Part of my Ship's Company, in Consequence of Advices received from the Consul General at Philadelphia, and Captain Armstrong at New York, corroborated by Information received by his Excellency Lieutenant Governor Wentworth from the same Quarter, that *Le Jupiter* was new Manned and Officered, and (instead, as was before expected, that she would return to France) had joined *L'Eole* of 74 Guns, *Concord* and *Precieuse* of 40, and Two armed Brigs, and that they were preparing to go upon some Expedition under the Command of Admiral Cercey in *L'Eole*, supposed to the Northward, from the Quantity of warm Cloathing laid in; Mr. Bond supposed against Halifax, or the Fisheries.—To ensure the Safety of this Place, Lieutenant Governor Wentworth called in about 1200 of the Country Militia to join the Two Battalions of the Town, but I supposed they were too well informed of our Strength and Resources to risk an Attack. In order that his Excellency Sir Richard King should have the above Intelligence, I thought it my Duty to hire a small Brigantine (a Shallop at this Season being too small) and sent Copies of the Letters I received from Mr. Bond, the Consul General, and Captain Armstrong, to the Vice Admiral at St. John's the 17th, and Duplicates of them the 21st, by a Sloop loaded with Cattle; and at the same Time informed his Excellency that it was conjectured they meant to intercept the Newfoundland Convoy.