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A telegraphic message has been received from Plymouth stating that 4 French line of battle ships & some frigates have escaped from L'Orient.

Lieut. King, with 4 British sail of the line who was watching L'Orient appears to have repaired off Brest where there maybe now collected about 8 or 9. sail of the line.

Capt. Halliday with two sail of the line is in Basque Roads.

The last French fleet under
the

The Armada & Antelope were
off Calcutta on the 12th
Near Admiral Durnford
will sail tomorrow morning
from Saint Helena with 4
sail of the line in quest of
the enemy & to cruise for
3 weeks to the westward of
Cape Fieris terre.