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FROM FRIDAY, JUNE 3. TO TUESDAY, JUNE 7. 1803.

At the Court at St James's, June 1. 1803,
PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day the Right Hon. George Tierney, Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy, was, by his Majesty's command, sworn of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, June 4.

Extract of a letter from the Hon. WILLIAM CORNWALLIS, Admiral of the Blue, &c. &c. to Sir EVAN NEPEAN, Bart. dated on board the Dreadnought, at sea, the 24th of May 1803.

Capt. Pearson, of the Doris, has just joined me with a French national lugger, which, I am sorry to say, upon his firing at to bring her to, returned the fire, and continued a running action, until the French Lieutenant, commanding the lugger, was killed, with several of his men;—luckily only one man was wounded on board the Doris.—I have the honour to inclose Capt. Pearson's letter.

SIR, Doris, at sea, May 23. 1803.

I have the honour to acquaint you, that, while in obedience to your order of the 18th instant, cruising off Ushant, in his Majesty's ship Doris, under my command, I fell in with the French Republican lugger L'Affronteur, commanded by Monf. Morce Andre Dutoya, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, mounting fourteen long guns, with ninety-two men. As she made fail to escape me, I fired a shot wide of her, with the hope that she would then have shortened fail, as I was gaining fast upon her: As this was without effect, I fired a second, which she returned, and kept up a running fire till the instant I laid her alongside; nor did she then give up a contest so fraught with temerity, until the First Captain and eight men were killed, and fourteen

wounded, one of whom is since dead of his wounds.

I am happy to add, that the damage on our side consists only in one man wounded, and a few shot in the hull and rigging.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

R. H. PEARSON.

Hon. Admiral Cornwallis, Commander in Chief, &c. &c.

Copy of a letter from Captain MANSFIELD, of his Majesty's ship Minotaur, to Sir EVAN NEPEAN, Baronet, dated at sea, 30th May 1803.

SIR,

I beg leave to acquaint you, for their Lordships information, that I this evening saw the French Republican frigate la Francaise safe off the Dodman, agreeably to signal made by the Hon. Admiral Cornwallis. She was captured by his Majesty's ship under my command, on the 28th of May, in company with his Majesty's ship Thunderer, having chased from the fleet, and during the chase was joined by the Albion, which ship had parted from the fleet some days before in thick weather. The prize proves to be the Republican French frigate la Francaise, from Port-au-Prince thirty-five days, Captain Jurien. She is pierced for twenty-eight twelve-pounders on her main-deck, and sixteen nine-pounders on the quarter-deck and fore-castle, ten of which were in her hold, and had on board 187 men.

WHITEHALL, June 4.

The following address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by Francis Lord Napier, his Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Hon. Lord Pelham, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been by him presented to the King; which address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

May it please your Majesty,

We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in

the General Assembly, humbly approach the throne to express our sincere and heartfelt congratulations on the providential discovery and defeat of the late most atrocious and daring conspiracy against your Majesty's person and Government. Enjoying the blessings of your mild and equitable administration, witnessing in your conduct the unceasing exercise of every public and private virtue, and convinced by long experience of your affectionate concern for the happiness of all your people; we look back with astonishment and indignation on the desperate plans of the disaffected, and with grateful hearts we bless the God of our fathers, who, in his great goodness, disappointed their counsels, and averted from us the projected horrors of insurrection and rebellion.

While we thus rejoice in the preservation of our gracious Sovereign, and of the domestic tranquillity of our country, we cannot, at this interesting crisis, reflect without anxiety on the renewal of hostilities with France. As servants of the Prince of Peace, lovers of our country and of mankind, we feel all the sentiments of concern and regret which become us on the commencement of war. But when we consider the spirit of ambition and encroachment which actuates the present Governors of the French nation, their violation of the rights of independent states, especially their undisguised determination to leave no expedient untried for diminishing the power and influence of Great Britain; their repeated and insulting attempts to interfere with the internal arrangements of this kingdom, and to procure, by menaces, an infringement of our free constitution; together with the arrogance or neglect with which they have persisted to treat the remonstrances made in behalf of the just rights of your Majesty's Crown and subjects; we cannot fail to be persuaded, that the hostile measures to which your Majesty has at last so reluctantly resorted, had become indispensably necessary for maintaining the honour and security of the nation. Deeply impressed with these considerations we shall omit no means, becoming our station, of cherishing in the people committed to our charge, that loyalty to the King, that submission to the laws, that zeal for the defence of their religion, of their liberties, and independence, which the circumstances of the times so imperiously demand. Proud of the privileges which Britons enjoy, the people of this happy land feel, as one man, the incalculable value of the great interests that are now at stake; they see with due solicitude, but without dejection or fear, the dangers that threaten them; and we are persuaded that, at this moment, we can do nothing which will be more acceptable to them, than to convey to the throne their fixed and unalterable resolution to defend, at all hazards, and against every aggressor, the honour and independence of their country.

We are thankful to Providence that the seditious spirit which a few years ago had infected some of your Ma-

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