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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Nov. 24.

Copy of a letter from Sir JAMES SAUMAREZ, K. B. Rear-Admiral of the Blue, &c. to Sir EVAN NEPEAN, Bart. dated at Guernsey the 19th instant.

SIR,

I beg you will please to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that, having detached his Majesty's ship Poulette, on the breaking up of the late gales of wind, to watch the enemy's armaments on the French coast, and to reconnoitre the port of Cherbourg, Capt. Dunbar had the good fortune to fall in with a French convoy of about thirty sail, escorted by a national brig and other armed vessels, standing to the eastward, the whole of which were driven on the rocks of Cape La Hague; three of them were cut out by the boats of the Poulette, assisted by the Liberty brig, under a smart fire from the shore.

I herewith inclose Captain Dunbar's letter, and cannot too highly commend the zeal and good conduct displayed by him, his officers, and men, on this service, which has been effected without the loss of a single man.

I have the honour to be, &c.

JAMES SAUMAREZ.

His Majesty's ship Poulette, at sea,
November 15. 1803.

SIR,

As I was passing the island of Alderney this morning, about a quarter past eleven, I came up with a convoy belonging to the enemy, consisting of about thirty sail, steering to the eastward, escorted by several armed vessels, and in the act of rounding Cape La Hague.

I have great pleasure in acquainting you, that the attack made on them by his Majesty's ship under my command was such, as to compel their crews to run them on the rocks, where they became completely exposed to our shot, as well as

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the dangers incident to that situation. It is impossible for me to describe sufficiently the zeal and good conduct of those under me: Every officer and man volunteered their services in the boats, by which a brig, a lugger, and a sloop, the latter made fast with her cable to the shore, were cut out under a smart fire, while the ship was carried, and anchored within three cables length of the surf, to cover those engaged on this enterprise. As the rest were left dry by the tide, I am confident that several are totally lost.—Those that fell into our hands are new; and, from having sweeps on board, though not armed, evidently intended to aid the invasion. The Liberty took ashore, but the Moucheron could not get up in time. I am most happy to add, that not a man was hurt, and the loss of an anchor is all that we experienced.

I have the honour to be, &c.

J. DUNBAR.

To Sir James Saumarez, Bart. Commander
in Chief, &c.

At the Court at St James's, November 23. 1803.

PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day the Right Hon. Thomas Maitland, and the Right Hon. Nathaniel Bond, were, by his Majesty's command, sworn of his Majesty's Most Hon. Privy Council, and took their places at the Board accordingly.

ST JAMES'S, Nov. 24.

This day James Monroe, Esq. Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States of America, had a private audience of her Majesty: To which he was introduced by Lieut. Colonel Dibbrow, Vice Chamberlain to her Majesty, and conducted by Sir Stephen Cottrell, Knt. Master of the Ceremonies.

WHITEHALL, Nov. 15.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Ma-

jor-General John Stuart his royal licence and permission, that he may receive and wear the Insignia of the Ottoman Imperial Order of the Crescent, conferred upon him by the Grand Signior: And also to order, that this his Majesty's concession and declaration, together with the relative documents, be registered in the College of Arms.

WHITEHALL, Nov. 26.

The King has been pleased to grant the dignity of a Baronet of the united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to Brook Watson, of East Sheen, in the county of Surrey, Esq. Commissary-General to his Majesty's forces in Great Britain, and to the heirs-male of his body lawfully begotten, with remainders to William Kay, Esq. Deputy Commissary General to the said forces (great nephew of the said Brook Watson, Esq.) and to Brook Kay, Esq. brother of the said William Kay, Esq. an officer in the naval service of the East India Company, and their respective heirs male.

The King has been pleased to grant to William Henry Jervis, Esq. Captain in the Royal Navy, the office of Treasurer and Receiver General of his Majesty's Royal Hospital at Greenwich, in the room of Rear-Admiral John Willet Payne, deceased.

WAR-OFFICE, Nov. 17.

60th Foot.

Lieut. Thomas Hames, from the 10th foot, to be Captain of a company, by purchase, vice Cavenagh, who retires.

To be Lieutenants—Lieutenants C. F. Baring and Everhard Baring, from the half-pay of Lowenstein's levy; Ensign James Nethery, by purchase, vice Macmahon, promoted.

61st Ditto—Lieut. James Coghlan to be Captain of a company, by purchase, vice Leighton, who retires.

67th Ditto—Robert Johnstone to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Wood, who is superseded, being absent without leave.

