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**ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, MAY 23.**

Copy of a letter transmitted by Rear-Admiral Ducrest, commanding at Jamaica.

His Majesty's sloop, Rein-Deer, off Montego Bay, Mar. 7, 1805.

SIR—I have the pleasure to inform you, that, after a chase of five hours and a half, in company with his Majesty's sloop Hunter, I have captured the Spanish schooner privateer Santa Rosalia Galundrina, commanded by Francisco de Naras, having on board 57 men.

Previous to our falling in with her, she appears to have mounted three guns, which were thrown overboard during the chase (one of eight and a half and two of four pounds calibre), and has on board musketry for the whole of her crew.

She fails remarkably fast; is victualled for 14 days; left Caliodam, in Cuba, yesterday, but belongs to St Jago; has taken nothing during her cruise.

The privateer I have sent into Port-Royal, under the protection of his Majesty's sloop Hunter, with the greatest part of her crew, having only 15 remaining on board the Rein-Deer. I have the honour to be, &c.

D. Atkins, Esq. commanding his Majesty's ship Seine.

**ADMIRALTY OFFICE, MAY 25.**

Copy of a letter transmitted by Commodore Hood commanding at the Leeward Islands.

Epervier, Tortola, Jan. 31, 1805.

SIR—I have the honour to acquaint you, that, on the 26th inst, Crab island bearing north, two leagues, I saw a suspicious sail to the southward, and after a chase of five hours in his Majesty's sloop under my command, came up with and captured L'Elizabeth French schooner privateer, belonging to Mariagalante, mounting four carriage guns, with muskets, pistols, cutlasses, &c. and manned with 34 men, one of whom was killed by their obstinate attempt to escape. The schooner had previously taken a sloop, belonging to Tortola, and sent her into St. Thomas. I have the honour to be, &c.

Sir Samuel Hood, Commander in Chief, &c.

[Price Sixpence.]

**WHITEHALL.—MAY 25, 1805:**

The following addresses 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 Hawkesbury, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, have by him been presented to the King; which addresses his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most gracious letter to this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland hath been received by us with the highest gratitude and respect.

Sensible that we owe the sanction of your royal authority to the importance of that institution of which we are members, and to the approbation which your Majesty is pleased to express of the firmness, the wisdom, and the moderation of former Assemblies, we will earnestly endeavour to preserve the same claims to your royal regard and protection.

We bless God that we live under the government of a Prince, who encourages our exertions in support of true religion and virtue, and who exhorts us to persevere in every effort, which can be beneficial to that sacred cause. We trust, that through the Divine blessing, we shall be enabled to profit by the salutary recommendation.

Our loyalty and attachment to your Majesty's person and government are fixed on the firmest foundation: experience of the happiness we enjoy under our invaluable constitution. For the security of that constitution we will not cease to labour, by inculcating upon all those who are committed to our charge, submission to the laws, a just veneration for constituted authorities, and disinterested zeal for the common welfare.

The renewed appointment of Lord Napier to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, is a most pleasing mark of your Majesty's paternal indulgence. The experience which we have had of his wisdom and integrity—his love of his country, and zeal in whatever concerns the interests of religion and virtue, make your Majesty's choice on this occasion most acceptable to us.

We rely with gratitude and confidence on the assurance, which your Majesty is pleased to repeat

of your unalterable resolution to maintain the Church of Scotland, in the full possession and enjoyment of all its rights and privileges, as by law established.

Your royal donation of one thousand pounds, to be employed for propagating our Christian faith in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, we receive with the warmest gratitude, as a pledge of your Majesty's confidence in us, and of your zeal for the interests of religion and virtue, and we shall study to apply it in the most prudent and effectual manner, for promoting the pious purpose for which it is bestowed.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may protect your Majesty's person, establish your government, and prosper your administration; that He may bless abundantly our gracious Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the members of your illustrious house; that He may long continue to us the blessings which we enjoy under your reign; and that He may bestow on you hereafter a heavenly crown, are the prayers of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders met in this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

Geo. HAMILTON, Moderator. Edinburgh, May 18, 1805.

**MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,**

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in our General Assembly, desire to approach the throne, in the present circumstances of national danger, for the purpose of expressing our affectionate and zealous attachment to your Majesty's person and government.

Deeply impressed with a sense of the invaluable blessings which our country has so long enjoyed under the operation of equal laws, and under your Majesty's mild and auspicious reign, we cannot look without much anxiety to the progress of a war, in which the avowed design of our inveterate foe is the subversion of our liberty and independence. And we lament that the conduct of another nation, under the influence of the enemy with whom we chiefly contend, has at length rendered

