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WESTMINSTER, JUNE 5, 1805.

This day the Lords being met, and the Commons attending, the royal assent, by commission, was given to

An act for making perpetual certain additional duties of excise on wine imported into Great Britain, granted by two acts passed in the forty-third and forty-fourth years of his present Majesty, and to allow a drawback of the said duties to Admirals, Captains, and other commissioned officers for wine consumed on board his Majesty's ships of war.

An act for repealing so much of an act made in the thirty-fourth year of his present Majesty as exempts slate, the value whereof shall not exceed twenty shillings per ton, brought coastwise, within Great Britain, from the duty thereby granted.

An act to repeal certain parts of an act made in the forty-third year of his present Majesty, for granting a contribution on the profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices; and to consolidate and render more effectual the provisions for collecting the said duties.

An act for appointing commissioners for putting into execution an act of this Session of Parliament for continuing and granting to his Majesty a duty on pensions, offices and personal estates in England, and certain duties on sugar, malt, tobacco, and snuff in Great Britain, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and five; and an act made in the thirty-eighth year of his present Majesty, for granting an aid to his Majesty by a land tax to be raised in Great Britain for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

An act to continue, until the end of the next Session of Parliament, and amend an act, made in the forty-third year of his present Majesty, for appointing commissioners to enquire and examine into any irregularities, frauds, or abuses which are or have been practised by persons employed in the several naval departments therein mentioned.

An act to appoint commissioners to enquire and examine into the public expenditure, and the conduct of public business in the military departments therein mentioned, and to report such observations as shall occur to them for correcting or preventing any abuses and irregularities, and for the better conducting and managing the business of the said

departments, to continue in force for two years, and from thence until the expiration of six weeks after the commencement of the then next Session of Parliament.

An act for regulating licences for the sale of spirituous liquors, wine, beer, ale, and cyder, by retail, and for discouraging the immoderate use of spirituous liquors, in Ireland.

An act for making and repairing certain roads in the county of Elgin, and for levying a conversion in lieu of the statute labour; and otherwise regulating the making and repairing the high roads and bridges in the said county.

An act for assessing the proprietors of lands in the county of Ross, and such parts of the counties of Cromarty and Nairn, as lie in the said county of Ross, towards the expense of making and supporting such roads and bridges therein, as shall be approved of by the commissioners appointed by an act, passed in the forty-third year of his present Majesty, for making roads and building bridges in the Highlands of Scotland.

And to eighteen other local and private acts.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, JUNE 8, 1805.

Copy of a letter from Captain Snell, Commander of his Majesty's sloop the Avon, to William Marfiden Esq. dated at Lisbon, May 17. 1805.

SIR,

I have the honour to inclose herewith, a copy of a letter received by me from Lieutenant J. C. Carpenter, commanding his Majesty's schooner Milbrook; and am, &c.

F. J. SNELL.

His Majesty's schooner, Milbrook, off the Bayonna Islands, May 9. 1805.

I beg to inform you, that his Majesty's schooner under my command, captured on the 6th inst. off Oporto, the Spanish lugger privateer La Travefa, of three guns, with small arms, and 40 men; she had the day before captured a brig, laden with wine, from Oporto; on receiving the information, I made sail for Vigo, to which port I concluded she was sent. This morning, the Bayonna Islands bearing east about eight leagues, I observed a brig standing for the northern passage, I immediately made sail for the southern passage, and succeeded in capturing her within the Bayonnas, at the entrance

of Vigo River. She proved to be the Stork English brig, bound to Newfoundland, laden with salt, had been captured from the Newfoundland convoy on the 9th ult. by the Fenix Spanish privateer brig of 12 guns.

I have the honour to be, &c.

JOHN CARPENTER.

To F. J. Snell, Esq. Commander of his Majesty's sloop Avon, Lisbon.

Copy of a letter from Sir Richard Bickerton, Bart. Rear Admiral of the Red, to William Marfiden, Esq. dated on board the Royal Sovereign, at Gibraltar, the 13th May 1805.

SIR,

I herewith transmit to you, to lay before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a letter, dated the 8th inst. from the Hon. Captain Boyle, of his Majesty's ship Seahorse, to Vice-Admiral Lord Viscount Nelson, giving an account of his having attacked a Spanish convoy, from which he succeeded in capturing an ordnance brig, laden with powder. The conduct of Lieutenant Downie, who commanded the boats on this occasion, as well as of the other officers of the Seahorse, is highly spoken off by Captain Boyle, as their Lordships will observe.

I have the honour to be, &c.

R. BICKERTON.

His Majesty's ship Seahorse, Gibraltar Bay, May 8, 1805.

On the 4th instant, I learnt that a Spanish convoy was on the coast to the westward of Carthage, chiefly loaded on Government account, with gunpowder, ordnance, and naval stores for the gun boats at Malaga, Ceuta, and Algeziras. Conceiving the destruction of the same of consequence, I kept close along shore with the hope of falling in with them, and effecting my wishes; at two P.M. they were discovered from the mast-head; at five I observed them haul into St Pedro, an anchorage to the eastward of Cape de Gatte, under the protection of a fort, two armed schooners, and three gun and mortar launches, where I determined to attempt to destroy them; the vessel of greatest consequence to get out was an ordnance brig loaded with 1170 quintals of powder, and various other stores, commanded by Don Juan Terragut, master

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