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FROM FRIDAY, JULY 12. TO TUESDAY, JULY 16. 1805.

At the Court at the Queen's Palace, the 10th of July 1805,
PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.
His Majesty, in Council, was this day pleased to declare the Right Honourable John Jeffereys Earl Camden, Lord President of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and his Lordship took his place at the Board accordingly.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Robert Stewart, commonly called Lord Viscount Castlereagh, to be one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, he was, this day, by his Majesty's command, sworn one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State accordingly.

His Majesty having been graciously pleased to deliver the custody of the Seals of the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster to the Right Honourable Dudley Lord Harrowby, the oath of Chancellor of the said Duchy was, this day, by his Majesty's command, administered to his Lordship.

WESTMINSTER—July 12.
This day, the Lords being met, and the Commons having come, the royal assent by commission was given to several public and private bills, after which the Parliament was prorogued by a commission from his Majesty.

The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Friday July 12. 1805.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,
We have it in command from his MAJESTY to express the satisfaction with which he has observed the proofs you have given, in the course of the present Session, of your constant regard for the honour of his Crown, and the interests of his dominions; and particularly the measures which you have adopted for strengthening his MAJESTY'S

hands at this important juncture, by the augmentation of the disposable military force of the kingdom.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,
His MAJESTY has directed us particularly to thank you, in his MAJESTY'S name, for the zeal and liberality with which you have granted the large supplies which the necessity of the public service has required.

My Lords and Gentlemen,
His MAJESTY has not yet been enabled to communicate to you the result of the negotiations in which he is engaged with Powers on the Continent; but you may rest assured that no step will be omitted, on his MAJESTY'S part, for promoting such a concert as may afford the best prospect of restoring general and permanent tranquillity; or, may, if necessary, furnish the means of repelling with vigour the continued encroachments on the part of the French Government, which threaten every day more and more the liberty and independence of all the nations of Europe.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read. After which the LORD CHANCELLOR said:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,
By virtue of his MAJESTY'S Commission under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in his MAJESTY'S name, and in obedience to his commands, prorogue this Parliament to Thursday the twenty-second day of August next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the twenty-second day of August next.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE—July 13. 1805.
Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Daeres, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Jamaica, to William Morden, &c.

SIR, Hercule, Port Royal, April 21. 1805.
Herewith you will receive the copy of a let-

ter transmitted to me by Mr Smith, Midshipman of the Hercule, commanding the schooner Gracieuse, tender to my flag, giving an account of the destruction of a French national schooner that had just failed from Santo Domingo.

I am, &c. J. R. DACRES.
His Majesty's schooner Gracieuse, April 11. 1805.

SIR,
I beg leave to inform you, at one P. M. on the 9th instant, I fell in with and captured a large Spanish schooner, from St Domingo to Porto Rico, with passengers. At six A. M. saw a strange sail to the eastward. She proved to be a sloop under French colours. I chased her, firing several shots at her, within gun-shot of the forts of St Domingo. Finding it impossible to take her, I gave chase to a brig to the westward. She proved to be an American. At half-past four, saw a schooner standing out of St Domingo, steering direct for us. I was informed by the Spaniards on board that she was a French national schooner. I immediately hauled out with my prize, that I might have sea-room in case she attempted to retreat: this being accomplished, at eight shortened sail and hove to; with the prize under the lee-quarter. At half-past eight, the schooner, windward, edged down within musket shot, and opened a very heavy fire of musketry and great guns, which was immediately returned by the Gracieuse under my command. At nine, he bore down with an intention of boarding, but met with so warm a reception, that obliged him to haul his wind; he continued the engagement. At twenty minutes past nine made a second attempt to board. Finding it impossible, made all sail, firing his stern chasers and musketry. At eleven he tacked, and stood in for the land. I immediately opened a very heavy fire of grape and cannister, with

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