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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Aug. 9. 1806.

Copy of a letter from Captain R. D. OLIVER, of his Majesty's ship Mars, to Captain KEATS, transmitted by the Earl of St VINCENT.

Mars, at sea, July 29. 1806, lat. 45. 9. N. long. 4. 50. at noon.

SIR,
I beg leave to acquaint you, that I continued in pursuit of four of the enemy's frigates the night of the 27th instant; although I lost sight of them, as also of the squadron under your command, soon after it was dark, except the Africa, which we saw until about eleven o'clock, on the lee-quarter, when she was observed to burn some false fires. We steered about a point free the whole night, with a light in the stern, standing to the southward, and carried a press of sail; I was induced so to do from observing the course the enemy's squadron was steering when first seen, and judging that it would increase their difficulty of getting to leeward of us: It had that effect most fully, for at day-light yesterday morning they were discovered precisely on the same bearing as on the previous evening, though at a greater distance, except their sternmost ship, which we appeared to be gaining on; this induced the French Commodore to tack with his three headmost ships, and join her, and formed in line of battle on the larboard tack, I thought, and hoped, with a determination to try the fortune of war, which was what every one on board the Mars most anxiously wished; but after making some signals, about three in the afternoon he made off with three frigates, the other continued her course under an extraordinary press of sail, and finding that she was the only one we had gained on during a chase of one hundred and fifty miles, and the day far spent, I still kept after her till six o'clock, when in the midst of a violent squall of wind and hail we were ranging upon her lee quarter; after the first shot she struck her colours, just at the moment our broadside was about to open on her.—She proved to be La Rhin, a very fine French frigate of 44 guns, eighteen-pounders on the main

deck, and 318 men; only four years old, commanded by Captain Chesneau; the squadron was commanded by Monsieur Lamarre Lancherrie, in the Hortense, with the Hermione and Themis frigates, on their return from Porto Rico. Soon after the Rhin had surrendered, on the squall clearing away the other three frigates were seen standing to the south-east; and I regret that the weather, which has yet prevented our removing more than one-third of the prisoners, made it impracticable for me to pursue them further. I cannot conclude without expressing my admiration of the conduct of every officer and man in this ship during a chase of twenty-four hours, against so superior a force, with very bad weather, and incessant rain; several of our sails were split, and replaced with alacrity; and, in short, had the remainder of the French squadron waited our approach, from the great zeal manifested by every person on board, I have no doubt but our efforts would have been crowned with complete success in their destruction.

I have the honour to be, &c.

ROB. DUDLEY OLIVER.

To Captain Keats, of his Majesty's ship Superb, commanding a detached squadron, &c. &c.

P. S. The Rhin hove overboard in the chase six of her quarter-deck and fore-castle guns, and a bower anchor.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

THE Deceased ALEXANDER BIRNIE,

Writer in Alloa.

Under the act of Parliament the 33d of his present Majesty, cap. 74. Mr Robert Jameson, the trustee, requests a meeting of Mr Birnie's creditors within his writing chamber, at Alloa, on Thursday the 28th day of August next, at 12 o'clock, to chuse commissioners for auditing his accounts, and ascertaining his commission, and the net divisible fund, in place of those who have died; and he hereby intimates, that a final dividend will be ready to be paid by him on Tuesday the 30th day of September next. A state of the debts, and a scheme apportioning the fund of division among the creditors being to be open for their inspection, or their agents, in the trustee's hands at Alloa, for the space of one month preceding the day of payment. 12th August 1806.

TO THE CREDITORS OF
WILLIAM CRAIG & COMPANY,
Spirit Dealers in Glasgow, and of WILLIAM CRAIG, as an Individual.

That Robert Jeffrey, jun. spirit dealer in Glasgow, having been chosen trustee upon the said sequestrated estates, and his nomination having been duly confirmed, the Sheriff depute of Lanark has appointed Wednesday the 20th of August next, and Wednesday the 31 of September next, for the bankrupts to undergo their public examinations in the Sheriff court-house at Glasgow, at two o'clock afternoon. And, on the 4th of September, a meeting of the creditors will be held, in the writing office of Archibald Maxwell, writer in Glasgow, at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of chusing commissioners, and instructing the trustee as to the recovery and management of the estates; and notice is hereby given, that unless all claims and grounds of debt, with oaths of verity thereto, are lodged on or before the 24th of April next, the party neglecting shall have no share in the first distribution of the debtor's estates.

Glasgow, 6th August 1806.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

WILLIAM M'CORKLE, Carrier and
Grain Dealer in Glasgow.

In obedience to an interlocutor of the Lord Woodhouselee, Ordinary, officiating on the bills, of the 8th inst. intimation is hereby given to all concerned, that the said William M'Corkle, and the trustee on his sequestrated estate, have, with the concurrence of the creditors to the requisite extent, applied to the Court of Session to approve of the composition offered by the bankrupt, and to discharge him of all debts contracted prior to 13th February last, being the date of the sequestration, upon payment of said composition, and to exoner the trustee, &c. Edinburgh, 12th August 1806.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

JOHN GLAS & SON, Merchants in Stirling, and of JOHN GLAS, Sen. and JOHN GLAS, Jun. merchants there, as Individuals.

The trustee on the sequestrated estates of the above partnership and individuals, hereby appoints another meeting of the creditors to be held within the house of John Gibb, vintner in Stirling, on Tuesday the 2d of September next, at one o'clock, P. M. to decide upon an offer of composition made by the said John Glas and Son to the meeting held this day, and unanimously approved of by those present.

STIRLING, 7th August 1806.

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