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FROM TUESDAY, MARCH 31. TO FRIDAY, APRIL 3. 1807.

AT the Court at the Queen's Palace, the 30th of March 1807.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day the Right Honourable Sir James Pulteney, Baronet, was, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board 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 Spencer Perceval, the oath of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster was this day, by His Majesty's command, administered to him accordingly.

His Majesty, in Council, was this day pleased to order, that in the absence of the Right Honourable Henry Earl Bathurst, the Right Honourable George Rose should be President of the Committee of Privy Council appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to trade and foreign plantations.

WHITEHALL, March 31. 1807.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint His Grace William Henry Cavendish Duke of Portland, Knight of the most noble order of the Garter, the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, William Henry Cavendish Scott Bentick, Esq. (commonly called Marquis of Titchfield,) the Honourable William Eliot, and William Sturges Bourne, Esq. to be Commissioners for executing the office of Treasurer of His Majesty's Exchequer.

The King has also been pleased to grant to the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval the offices of Chancellor and Under Treasurer of His Majesty's Exchequer.

The King has also been pleased to grant to Lieutenant-General John Earl of Chatham, Knight of the most noble order of the Garter, the office of Master-General of His Majesty's Ordnance of the United Kingdom.

The King has also been pleased to grant to the Honourable William Wellesley Pole the office of Clerk of the Ordnance of the United Kingdom.

The King has been pleased to grant to Mark Singleton, Esq. the office of Storekeeper of the Ordnance of the United Kingdom.

The King has also been pleased to grant to the Honourable Cropley Ashley the office of Clerk of the Deliveries of the Ordnance of the United Kingdom.

The King has also been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable Lieutenant-General Sir James Pulteney, Bart. to be His Majesty's Secretary of War.

Price Sixpence.

WESTMINSTER, March 25. 1807.

THIS day the Lords being met, and the Commons attending, the Royal Assent, by Commission, was given to the following acts. An Act to secure the payment of the duties on licences granted to persons in Ireland dealing in exciseable commodities.

An Act for the abolition of the slave trade.

An Act to continue until the 25th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and amend an Act, made in the thirty-ninth and fortieth years of His present Majesty, for the more effectual prevention of depredations on the river Thames and its vicinity, and to amend an Act, made in the second year of His present Majesty, to prevent the committing of thefts and frauds by persons navigating bum-boats, and other boats upon the river Thames.

And two private Acts.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, March 28. 1807.

Copy of a letter from Captain HENRY MATSON of His Majesty's ship *Venus*, to Rear-Admiral Sir ALEX. COCHRANE.

His Majesty's ship Venus, Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes, Jan. 18. 1807.

SIR—With great pleasure I report to you the capture, by His Majesty's ship under my command, of the French privateer brig *Determinée*, from Guadeloupe, mounting fourteen guns, with a compliment of one hundred and eight men. We saw her from our mast-head, on the forenoon of the 16th inst. about a hundred leagues east of Barbadoes, and she gave us a chase of sixteen hours. The *Determinée* is nearly new (being on her fourth cruize only), and a remarkable fine vessel, coppered and copper-fastened, out sixteen days, and had not taken any thing. I have, &c.

(Signed) HENRY MATSON.

The Hon. Sir Alex. Cochrane, Rear-Admiral of the White, &c. &c. &c.

Copies of letters from Captains SELBY and SAYER, of His Majesty's ships *Cerberus* and *Galatea*, to Rear-Admiral Sir ALEX. COCHRANE.

His Majesty's ship Cerberus, off Martinique, Jan. 3. 1807.

SIR—I beg leave to acquaint you, that in pursuance of your orders to me by Captain Pigot, I reconnoitred the ports of Guadeloupe and the Saints; after having so done, and perceiving no force of any consequence, except a brig of 16 guns, lying in the Saints, I left Captain Pigot of the *Cerberus*, off that port, and was proceeding to my former station in further pursuance of your directions, when on the 2d inst. as I was beating

to windward between Martinique and Dominique, I observed a privateer schooner, with a schooner and a sloop in company, standing for St Pierre's, with French colours flying; I gave chase and prevented them from reaching that port, upon which they all three anchored under a battery to the northward, near to the Pearl Rock, and very close to the shore.

It however appeared to me practicable to cut them out in the night. I consulted Lieutenant Coote on the occasion, who, with Lieutenant Bligh, volunteered the attack; when about eight o'clock, they very gallantly boarded two of the vessels, under a most tremendous fire of cannon and musketry from the shore, and brought them out, notwithstanding the enemy had taken the precaution to unbend their sails.

Our loss, however, upon this occasion, has, I am concerned to say, been considerable. Lieutenant Coote has received a most desperate wound in the head, which has deprived him of his eye-sight, and I very much apprehend will, eventually, his life. One Midshipman was wounded by a musket-ball in the leg, two men were killed, and eight more were wounded; a list of which I herewith inclose.

I cannot close this account without expressing in the highest terms, my entire satisfaction of the gallant conduct of Lieutenants Coote and Bligh, together with Messrs Hall, Master's Mate, Mr Sayer, Mr Carlewis, and Mr Selby, Midshipmen, whose bravery on this occasion, could not be exceeded; and which I feel assured will be the means of procuring them your approbation. Messrs Horopka and Ratkove, Russian young gentlemen, serving as midshipman, and Mr Collins, Boat-swain, are also entitled to my warm praise.

The privateer made her escape with her sweeps under cover of the darkness of the night. I herewith inclose you a list of the vessels captured (one schooner one sloop French); and have the honour to be, &c.

W. SELBY.

The Hon. Sir Alexander Cochrane, K. B. Commander in Chief, &c. Barbadoes.

A list of Officers and Men killed and wounded on board His Majesty's ship *Cerberus*.

Killed.

William Torbuert, ordinary seaman,
William Townshend, marine

Wounded.

William Coote, Second Lieutenant, dangerous,
George Sayer, Midshipman, not bad,
Peter Pipon, ordinary, since dead,
William Smith, landman, not dangerous,
John Burke, quarter gunner, ditto,

