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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, MAY 31, 1808.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral WHITSHED, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the Coast of Ireland, to the Hon. W. W. POLE, dated at Cork, the 24th instant.

SIR,

I have great pleasure in transmitting, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the inclosed copy of a letter from Captain Brace, of his Majesty's ship *Virginie*, who arrived this morning with a Dutch frigate in tow. The gallantry and officer-like manner in which this service has been performed, is as strongly exemplified in the modest terms in which it is related, as by the result, and affords an additional proof amongst many of what may be effected by that order and discipline which I have observed to be so well maintained on board the *Virginie*.

Inclosed is a return of the killed and wounded.

I have the honour to be, &c.

J. H. WHITSHED.

His Majesty's Ship Virginie, at Sea, the 20th of May 1808, Latitude 46° North, Longitude 14° West.

SIR,

I beg leave to detail for your information, the capture of the Guelderland Dutch frigate of thirty-six guns, commanded by Captain Pool, knight of the order of the kingdom, who is wounded. She was manned with two hundred and fifty seven-men, and had twenty-three passengers; a fortnight from Bergen.

It was after an hour and a half's gallant defence in a night action, on the 19th instant, that he surrendered; his masts being shot by the board, twenty five of his men killed, and forty severely wounded. The enemy wore three times, and in his effort to come round the fourth, fell

on board the *Virginie*, and did her the only damage worth notice; for I have been fortunate, having only one man killed and one badly wounded. The night was extremely dark, and the swell so great, that the boarders could not act.

If any credit is attached to this transaction, I entreat you to bestow it on the officers and men; who, under every circumstance in service, merit my warmest commendation; in this I include the officer of the royal marines, and the gallantry of his party.

Could any thing surpass the courage of the people, it was their dexterity in working the ship, which enabled me to keep close to the enemy; and their exertions in getting the boats out to rescue the men of the *Guelderland* from the flames, that ship taking fire soon after she struck; but through the firm discipline of the enemy, it was put out.

Allow me to mention the first lieutenant, Mr John Davies, a good officer, of eleven years standing; and Mr. Nathaniel Norton, a mate that has passed for a lieutenant.

I am, &c.

(Signed) EDWARD BRACE.

Vice-Admiral Whitshed.

A List of Killed and Wounded on board his Majesty's Ship Virginie, in action with the Dutch National Frigate Guelderland, on the 19th May 1808.

William Little, able seaman, killed.

John Woodcock, able seaman, wounded.

William Blanchard, landman, slightly wounded.

(Signed) E. BRACE, Captain.

WESTMINSTER, MAY 27, 1808.

This day the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by Sir Francis Molineux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majesty's*

Commission for declaring his Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers, to bear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for raising the sum of three millions by Exchequer bills, for the service of Great Britain for the year 1808.

An Act for raising the sum of one million five hundred thousand pounds, by Exchequer bills, for the service of Great Britain for the year 1808.

An Act to grant to his Majesty certain duties and taxes in Ireland in respect of carriages, dogs, fire-hearths, horses, male-servants, and windows, in lieu of the former duties and taxes in respect of the like articles.

An Act to repeal certain duties of excise in Ireland, and to grant certain stamp duties in lieu thereof, and also certain other stamp duties, and to amend the laws relating to the stamp duties in Ireland.

An Act to suspend until the 11th of June 1808 the payment of all drawbacks on spirits made or distilled in Great Britain or Ireland, and exported from either country to the other respectively.

An Act to suspend the granting of offices in reversion, or for joint lives, with benefit of survivorship, for one year after the passing of this Act, and from thence until six weeks after the commencement of the then next session of Parliament.

An Act to prevent the exportation of wool to Ireland, before bond given for the due landing thereof.

An Act for defraying the charge of the pay and clothing of the militia in Great Britain, for the year 1808.

An Act for making allowances in certain cases to subaltern officers of the militia in Great Britain, while disembodied.

An Act to revive and continue until the 25th day of March 1809, and amend so much of an Act, made in the 39th and 40th years of his present Majesty, as grants certain allowances to adjutants and serjeant-majors of the militia of England, disembodied under an Act of the same session of Parliament.

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