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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, January 14. 1797.

Copy of a letter from Captain BARTON, of his Majesty's ship Lapwing, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated in Basse-terre Roads, December 3. 1796.

SIR,

**A** PACKT leaving this place to-day for England; I embrace the opportunity, for the satisfaction of their Lordships, to acquaint them, that I anchored at St Kitt's on the 25th ultimo, when an express boat had been sent from the island of Anguilla, to inform the Admiral that the island was attacked by two French men of war and several small vessels, containing four hundred troops. I felt it my duty (as the express boat returned here with the loss of her main-mast) to leave the service I was ordered on to endeavour to relieve that place. The wind, being to the northward, prevented my getting up there in time to stop them from burning the town; but I have the pleasure to say, after an action of near two hours, I effectually relieved that island, by taking the ship and sinking the brig. The ship proved to be Le Decius, mounting twenty-four six-pounders, two twelve-pound carronades, and two brass field-pieces, with one hundred and thirty-three men of her own complement, and two hundred and three troops, commanded by Citoyen Andree Senis, and the brig La Vaillante, mounting four twenty-four pounders, with forty-five men and ninety troops, commanded by Citoyen Labourique. The particulars of the action I have transmitted to Rear-Admiral Harvey, for the information of their Lordships.

I am, &c.

R. BARTON.

N. B. I am informed that they were picked troops from Victor Hugues, for the sole purpose of plundering and destroying the island.

R. B.

[Price 4d.]

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Jan. 14. 1797.

Extract of a letter from Vice-Admiral KINGSMILL, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Cork, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated L'Engageante, Cork Harbour, January 2. 1797.

PLEASE to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that his Majesty's sloop the Hazard has captured a fine coppered French ship privateer, La Mufette, of twenty-two guns, and one hundred and fifty men.

In this last cruize, she had, about thirty leagues westward of Cape Clear, taken two vessels, one of which, the Abbey of Liverpool, from Lisbon to Liverpool, is re-captured, and just brought in by his Majesty's ship Daphne.

Extract of another letter from the same to the same, dated January 2. 1797.

LES Deux Amis French privateer, of fourteen guns, and eighty men, a fine coppered schooner, of about one hundred tons, is just arrived, prize to his Majesty's ships Polyphemus and Apollo.

WHITEHALL, Jan. 14.

The following Address has been presented to the King; which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, inhabitants and visitors of the city of Bath, feel it our duty, at this momentous crisis, which has fully disclosed the extravagant ambition of our enemies, in their designs to subvert the liberties of Europe, and the power and independence of this country in par-

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ticular, and when they have audaciously attempted an invasion of the sister kingdom, to renew our professions of attachment to your royal person, and to the Constitution under which we have the happiness to live.

We humbly beg leave to assure your Majesty, that we have hearts to feel and understandings to comprehend the paternal care and benevolent principles which have influenced your Majesty's recent endeavours to restore peace to these realms, and to put a stop to the further effusion of human blood. We sincerely regret, as the friends of humanity, the failure of your Majesty's efforts. We are thoroughly impressed with a sense of the moderation and good faith displayed in your Majesty's pacific overtures, and we deeply resent the indignity offered to the Throne, and to our national honour, by the insolent and abrupt rejection of them on the part of the enemy. We rely, however, with the utmost confidence, that the superintending goodness of Divine Providence will enable your Majesty, by the vigour and energy of your government, and the unanimity and valour of our countrymen and allies, to repel the danger threatened to Europe; and that, animated by the spirit of our ancestors, our struggles, however arduous, will be crowned with success. We beg leave to express our determination to support your Majesty, with a steady zeal, in the prosecution of the just and inevitable contest which the pride and haughtiness of our enemies compel us to prolong. We will, readily and cheerfully submit to such farther burdens as the exigencies of the war may require, and the Legislature shall, in its wisdom, think necessary to impose; and we are satisfied that we speak the voice of an united people, with whose general sentiments and dispositions, in the various and most distant parts of the Empire from which we are assembled, we have opportunities of being well informed.

[Presented by Lieutenant Colonel Strode, of the Somerset Fencible Cavalry, accompanied by the Master of the Rolls, one of the Representatives in Parliament for the said City.]

ST JAMES'S, Jan. 11.

THIS day, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Common Council of the city of London, waited upon his Majesty, being introduced by the Marquis of Salisbury, Lord Chamberlain of his Majesty's Household, with the following Address, which was read by Sir John William Rose, the Recorder—

To the KING'S Most Excellent Majesty.  
The humble Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled,

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

We your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the city of London, in Common Council assembled, beg leave to approach the Throne, most humbly to thank your Majesty for your gracious communication to both Houses of Parliament, of the measures adopted by your Majesty on the recent Manifesto of the Court of Madrid, abruptly declaratory of an unprovoked war with Great Britain.

Your Majesty's faithful Citizens of London sincerely lament that your Majesty's endeavours to preserve peace with Spain, and to adjust all matters in discussion with that Court by an amicable negotiation, have been rendered ineffectual, and the calamities of war thus unavoidably extended.

Nevertheless, relying on the justice of your Majesty's cause, the resources of the country, the wisdom of your Majesty's Councils, and the bravery of your Majesty's fleets and armies, we doubt not that, under the protection of Divine Providence, your Majesty will be able to repel this unprovoked aggression, to subdue all your enemies, and finally to obtain the blessings of peace, to secure the dignity of your Majesty's Crown, and to advance the prosperity of these kingdoms. Signed, by order of Court,

WILLIAM RIX.

To which Address his Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:

I receive with great satisfaction this loyal Address from my City of London.

I sincerely lament the failure of my endeavours to preserve peace with Spain; but, from the justice of my cause, the experienced valour of my fleets and armies, and the spirited and generous exertions of the nation at large, I trust, under the protection of the Divine Providence, that this aggression will be effectually repelled, and that the blessings of peace will be restored upon terms consistent with the honour of my Crown, and with the security and interest of my people.

They were all received very graciously, and had the honour to kiss his Majesty's hand.

After which his Majesty was pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on William Herne, Esq. Alderman.

WAR-OFFICE, January 11.

Life Guards— Bloxham to be Veterinary Surgeon.

5th Regiment of Foot—Ensign Callander, from the 67th foot, to be Lieutenant. Ensign Henry Ridge to be Lieutenant. Thomas Colkerill to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Ridge.

9th Ditto—Lieutenant Charles Philip Belfon, from the 41st foot, to be Captain, by purchase, vice Burbridge. John Brown, Clerk, to be Chaplain, vice Wood, who retires.

13th Ditto—Ensign John Gordon Cluws, from the 99th regiment, to be Lieutenant.

23d Ditto—Montague to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Corry, promoted. William Smyth to be Ensign, vice West, promoted. Lewis Davison to be Ensign, vice Mansergh, promoted.

34th Ditto—Quarter-Master Serjeant William Furs to be Quarter-Master, vice Wood, who resigns.

37th Ditto—Ensign Edward Barwick to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Fitzmaurice, promoted.

46th Ditto—Ensign Archibald Douglas to be Lieutenant, vice O'Bre, deceased. Colin Campbell to be Ensign, vice Douglas.

67th Ditto—Ensign A. W. Simons, from the Essex Fencibles, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Callander, promoted in the 5th foot.

68th Ditto—Lieutenant James Cassidy, from Major-General Whyte's regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Speed, who exchanges.

79th Ditto—Lieutenant Ambrose Soden, from the 56th foot, to be Captain without purchase, vice Steele, promoted.

Major-General Whyte's Regiment.

Lieutenant William John Speed, from the 68th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Cassidy, who exchanges.

INVALIDS.

Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Harry Dittmas, from the 15th foot, to be Captain of an Independent Company of Invalids at Plymouth, vice Fletcher, deceased.

Independent Officer.

Captain Thomas Steele, from the 79th foot, to be Major of Infantry.

Glengary Regiment of Fencible Infantry.

Captain Archibald Fraser to be Major, vice McAlister, who retires.

West Lowland Fencible Infantry.

John Clugston to be Ensign, vice Colquhoun, who retires.

2d Battalion of the Breadalbane Fencibles.

Alexander McLean to be Ensign, vice Philips, promoted.

1st Battalion of the Rothfay and Caithness Fencibles.  
 John Pringle to be Surgeon, vice Sommerville, who retires.  
 Roxshire Fencible Infantry.  
 Captain Colin Mackenzie to be Major Commandant.  
 Perth Volunteers.

Major James Sharpe to be Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant.

Captain James Paton to be Major, vice Sharpe.  
 First Lieutenant Charles Archer to be Captain of a company, vice Paton.

To be First Lieutenants—Second Lieutenant James Proudfoot, vice Archer. Second Lieutenant Robert Rofs.

To be Second Lieutenants—David Beatson, vice Proudfoot. William Rofs, and William Gray.

Royal Montrose Volunteers.

Captain Alexander Gardiner to be Major Commandant.  
 First Lieutenant Alexander Lyall to be Captain of a company, vice Gardiner. Edward Green, Esq. to be Captain of a company.

Second Lieutenant John Glegg to be First Lieutenant, vice Lyall. William Gibson to be First Lieutenant. Alex. Scott to be Second Lieutenant, vice Glegg.

*BANKRUPTS.*

D. Waterfield, of Little James Street, Middlesex, hackneyman.  
 John Lomas, of Three Crane Wharf, London, cotton merch.

*To the CREDITORS of*

ROBERT M'LAGAN, of Wood-street, Cheap-side,  
 London.

**L**ORD DUNSINNAN, Ordinary, officiating on the bills, upon the application of the said Robert M'Lagan, with concurrence of his creditors to the extent required by law, this day sequestrated the whole real and personal estate of the said Robert M'Lagan, and appointed the creditors to meet within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Tuesday the 31st day of January current, at two o'clock afternoon, for the purpose of chusing an interim-factor upon the said sequestrated estate; and also appointed them to meet at the same place and hour, upon Tuesday the 7th day of March next, for the purpose of chusing a trustee;—of which this notice is given to all concerned, in terms of the statute.

*Edinburgh, January 14. 1797.*

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