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At the Court at St James's, the 29th of March 1797.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Banks, Baronet, K. B. was, by his Majesty's command, sworn of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council; and took his place at the Board accordingly.

DUBLIN CASTLE, March 7. 1797.

Letters patent have been passed under the Great Seal of this Kingdom, containing a grant of the dignity of a Baron of his Majesty's kingdom of Ireland unto Sir George Keith Elphinstone, Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath; and Vice-Admiral of the Blue Squadron of his Majesty's fleet, and to the heirs male of his body, by the name, stile and title of Baron Keith, of Stonehaven Marischal, with remainder (in default of issue male) to Margaret Mercer Elphinstone, only daughter of the said Sir George Keith Elphinstone, and to the heirs male of her body.

Letters patent have also been passed under the Great Seal of this kingdom, containing a grant of the dignity of a Baron of his Majesty's kingdom of Ireland unto William Hotham, Esq. Admiral of the Blue Squadron of his Majesty's fleet, and to the heirs male of his body, by the name, stile and title of Baron Hotham, of South Dalton, with remainder (in default of issue male) to Sir Charles Hotham, Baronet, of Scarborough, the nephew of the said William Hotham, and the grandson and heir male of Sir Beaumont Hotham, Baronet, of

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Scarborough aforesaid, deceased; the father of the said William Hotham, and to the heirs male of the body of the said Sir Charles Hotham, Baronet; and in default of such issue, to the heirs male of the body of the said Sir Beaumont Hotham, deceased.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, April 1. 1797.

Copy of a letter from the Commissioners for conducting the Transport Service to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 29th of March, 1797.

S I R,
 WE beg to transmit, for the information of the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the inclosed extract of a letter from Lieutenant Kent, commanding the Dover armed Transport, stating his having captured a Spanish brig, bound with dispatches to Buenos Ayres. We are, &c. A. SERLE. J. SCHANCK. J. MARSH.

Extract of a letter from Lieutenant HENRY KENT, commanding the Dover armed transport, to the Commissioners for the Transport Service, dated at Spithead, March 27. 1797.

AGREEABLE to orders I received from Sir John Jervis, I sailed with the ship under my command from Lisbon on the 9th instant with a fresh breeze from the northward. On Sunday the 13th at noon I discovered a brig, bearing N. N. W. I instantly crowded all the sail I could carry, and having the advantage of squally weather, I gained on her fast. At midnight I got within reach, and after firing a few shot at her, she hove to. I immediately boarded her, took possession, and put Mr Isaac Jarman, master of the Dover, into her as prize master. She proves to be his Catholic Majesty's brig the Magallanes, commanded by Don Jacinto de Vargas Machuca, a very fine copper bottomed vessel, pierced for eighteen guns, (had only four mounted, and navigated by thirty-six men, sails remarkably fast, and is well fitted for her voyage.

