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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Dec. 5.

Copy of a letter from the Earl of ST VINCENT, K.B. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels on the coast of Portugal, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated on board the Ville de Paris, River Tagus, Nov. 21.

SIR,

Herewith I transmit a letter I have received from Captain Digby, of his Majesty's ship the Aurora, giving an account of captures lately made by that ship.
 I am, &c. ST VINCENT.

MY LORD, His Majesty's ship Aurora, Nov. 1797.

I have the honour to acquaint you, that I captured, on the 28th of October, a French ship named L'Aimable Sophie (in ballast), and sent her to Lisbon. On the 29th I took, off Cape Ortegal, three Spanish coasters, which, from their condition, I did not think proper to risk my people on board; I therefore sunk one, made a cartel of another, and sent the third conditionally to Corunna.

On the 16th I captured two Spanish brigs, loaded with hemp, arms, and iron (names unknown); their crews had left them before my boats had got on board. On the 18th one of them was so unfit to equal the weather, that I took my people out and sunk her; at this time lost sight of the other, which I had ordered to make for Lisbon in case of separation.

After a chase of nine hours, I captured yesterday, about six leagues from Cape Roxent, L'Aventure French privateer schooner, nineteen days from Rochelle, mounting 8 four-pounders and 43 men, commanded by Augustin Vildieu. I have the honour to be, &c.

H. DIGBY.

Earl St Vincent, &c.

[Price 6d.]

BY THE KING—A PROCLAMATION,

For a Public Thanksgiving for the many signal and important Naval Victories obtained in the present War.

GEORGE R.

WE, taking into our most serious consideration the indispensable duty which we owe to Almighty God for the manifold and inestimable blessings which these kingdoms have received at his hands, and desiring to manifest to our faithful and loving subjects, and to the whole world, the deep and devout sense which we entertain of his great mercies vouchsafed unto us, by prostrating ourselves before his Divine Majesty, and offering up, in the most public and solemn manner; our praise and thanksgiving for the interposition of his good Providence, in the many signal and important victories obtained by our navy in the course of the present war, have thought fit, by the advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our royal proclamation, hereby appointing and commanding, that a public thanksgiving to Almighty God, for these his mercies, be observed throughout that part of our kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland; upon Tuesday the nineteenth day of December next: And we do strictly charge and command, that the said public thanksgiving be reverently and decently observed by all our loving subjects in Scotland on the said nineteenth day of December next, at they tender the favour of Almighty God, and would avoid his wrath and indignation, and upon pain of such punishment as we may justly inflict on all such as contemn or neglect the performance of so religious a duty. Our will and pleasure is therefore, and we charge, that this our proclamation seen, ye forthwith pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and all other places needful, and there, in our

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name and authority, make publication thereof, that none pretend ignorance: And our will and pleasure is, that our Solicitor do cause printed copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewartries, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom we ordain to see the same published: And we appoint them to send copies thereof to the several parish churches within their bounds, that upon the Lord's day immediately preceding the day above-mentioned the same may be published and read from the pulpits immediately after divine service.

Given at our Court at St James's, the twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, in the thirty-eighth year of our reign. GOD SAVE THE KING.

BY THE KING—A PROCLAMATION,
For giving currency to a new coinage of seven shilling gold pieces.

GEORGE R.

Whereas we have thought fit to order, that certain pieces of gold money should be coined, which should be called "Seven Shilling Pieces," each of which should be of the value of seven shillings, and three of which should be of the value of one guinea; and that each piece should be of the weight of 1 pennyweight 19 grains $\frac{146}{1000}$ Troy weight, of standard gold, being one third of the weight of a guinea; and that three of such pieces should be of the weight of 5 pennyweights 9 grains $\frac{4382}{10000}$ Troy weight, of standard gold, being the weight of a guinea, according to our weights approved and confirmed by us in our Council, in pursuance of an act made in the fourteenth year of our reign, intituled, "An act for regulating and ascertaining the weights to be made use of in weighing the gold and silver coin of this kingdom." And we have further thought fit to order, that every such piece of gold money, so-ordered to be coined as aforesaid, should have, on one side thereof, our effigies or portraiture, with our name, and the words Dei Gratia, and on the reverse, the regal crown of England, with the following legend, Mag. Bri. Fr. et Hib. Rex. And whereas pieces of gold money of the above description have been coined at our Tower of London, and will be coined there, in pursuance of orders which we have given for that purpose, we have therefore, with the advice of our Privy Council, thought fit to issue this our royal proclamation; and we do hereby ordain, declare, and command, that the said pieces of gold money so coined and to be coined as aforesaid, shall be current and lawful money of our kingdom of Great Britain, and shall be called Seven Shilling Pieces, and shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of our said kingdom; and every of such pieces shall pass and be received as of the value of seven shillings of our lawful money of our said kingdom, and three of such pieces shall pass and be received as of the value of one guinea of our lawful money of our said kingdom, in all payments whatsoever.

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CROWN-OFFICE, Dec. 5.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT:

Town of Nottingham—Sir John Borlase Warren of Stapleford, in the county of Nottingham, Bart. in the room of the Right Hon. Robert Smith; Lord Carrington of the kingdom of Ireland, now Baron Carrington, called up to the House of Peers.

Borough of Marlborough—Robert Brudenell, Esq. in the room of the Hon. James Bruce, who hath accepted the Chiltern Hundreds.

County of Norfolk—Jacob Henry Astley, Esq. in the room of Sir John Wodehouse, Bart. now Baron Wodehouse, called up to the House of Peers.

BANKRUPTS.

Jane Senols of Cripplegate, London, shopkeeper.

John Bentley, late of Hertford, butcher.

Thomas Lomas, late of Manchester, cotton-merchant.

Thomas Chamberlain Whytehead, late of Millholme, York, cotton-spinner.

James Commins, late of the city of Exeter, builder.

Thomas Whytehead of Millholm, York, manufacturer.

John Morgan of Short's-Gardens, Middlesex, corn-chandler.

COMMISSION SUPERSEDED.

Wm. Levett of Friday-street, London, warehouseman.

AVERAGE PRICES OF CORN, PER QUARTER;

FOR ENGLAND AND WALES—NOV. 25.

Wheat.	Rye.	Barley.	Oats.	Beans.	Pease.	Big.
55 5	33 1	31 7	19 2	30 8	36 8	00 0
Oatmeal per boll of 140 lbs. Avoirdupois, 34s. 2d.						

AVERAGE PRICE OF SUGAR,

Computed from the Returns in the week ending Nov. 29: 1797,
is 63s. 11d. per cwt. exclusive of Importation Duty.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND SALE OF A LEASE.

A General Meeting of the Creditors of ALEXANDER MAITLAND, Cattle Dealer in Licklyhead, is to be held within the house of George Moir, vintner in Aberdeen, upon Wednesday the 20th of December, at 6 o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of giving directions to the trustee on Mr Maitland's sequestrated estate about setting the Lands on Mains of Licklyhead for the ensuing crop, and for considering of other matters of importance to the creditors, particularly a transaction between Mr Maitland and Mr Littlejohn respecting Mrs Maitland's money invested in the funds. At same time and place there will be exposed to sale by public roup, the Remainder of Mr Maitland's LEASE on the FARM of ETHERLICK, as directed by the General Meeting of Creditors held on the 27th of November last.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

GEORGE MORRIES, Mason in Paisley. — The trustee on the sequestrated estate of the said George Morries hereby intimates to the said creditors, That in conformity to the instructions given by the Commissioners, he has made out a state of the bankrupt's affairs, with a scheme of division, amongst the creditors who have lodged their claims and grounds of debt, which may be seen in his hands, at the Stamp-office in Paisley.—And on the 8th day of January first the trustee will make a dividend of the funds recovered from said subject; and the creditors, or their agents, will please to call at the office and receive payment of the same.

Paisley, Dec. 6. 1797.

WILL. WATT, Trustee.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

WILLIAM WATT, Saddler in Irvine. — That upon the application of the said William Watt, with the concurrence of a creditor to the extent required by law, the Court of Session did, upon the 5th December current, sequestrate his whole estate, heritable and moveable, real and personal; and appointed his creditors to meet in the house of James Young, vintner in Irvine, upon Thursday the 14th day of December current, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of choosing an interim factor; and further appointed them to meet at the same place and hour, upon Monday the 15th day of January next, for the purpose of choosing a trustee or trustees on the said sequestrated estate.—Of all which this notice is hereby given.