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ST. JAMES'S, December 9. 1797.

The following Address having been transmitted to his Grace the Duke of PORTLAND, his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been, by his Grace, presented to the King; which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Unto the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE
 GRAND LODGE, AND OF THE MASONS OF
 SCOTLAND.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Grand Master, and other Officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with the Masters, Officers, and Proxies of Lodges, and Brethren, in Grand Lodge assembled, though generally unaccustomed to approach your Royal person, except upon events connected with the domestic felicity of your illustrious house, yet trust we will be pardoned by your Majesty, for thus expressing our congratulations on the late naval victory, glorious almost beyond former example. Actuated, as we are, by an honest pride in the reflection, that the signal success on this occasion was obtained, through Divine aid, under the auspices of one to whom our native country had the credit of giving birth.

We are ready, in common with your Majesty's other loyal subjects, to stand or fall in the support of our liberties, our laws, and our religion; but conclude with breathing a hope, in the true spirit of Masonry, that peace may soon be restored to these realms, on a solid

and permanent basis, honourable to your Majesty and to the nation.

Signed in name, by appointment, and in presence of the Brethren, within the Grand Lodge, this 30th day of November 1797, being the anniversary of the festival of St. Andrew.

THOMAS HAY,
 Substitute Grand Master of
 Scotland, and Grand Master
pro tempore.

DUBLIN CASTLE, December 1. 1797.

His Majesty's Royal letters being received, granting the dignity of a *Baroness* of this kingdom to Dame Ann Crofton, widow of Sir Edward Crofton, Baronet, deceased, by the name, stile, and title of Baroness Crofton, of Mote, in the county of Roscommon; and the dignity of Baron Crofton of Mote aforesaid, unto the heirs male of her body by the said Sir Edward Crofton, Baronet, letters patent are preparing to be passed under the Great Seal of this kingdom accordingly.

ADMIRALTY OFFICE, December 9. 1797.

Copy of a Letter from the Earl of ST VINCENT, 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, in the Tagus, November 12, 1797.

SIR,

I ENCLOSE a list of captures made by Captain Retailick, in his Majesty's sloop Le Bone Citoyenne, during her cruize in the Mediterranean the last summer.

I am, Sir, &c.

ST VINCENT.

[Price Sixpence.]



Le Pleuvier French privateer, of 9 guns and 43 men, eight days from Carthagena, having taken nothing; sent to Algiers. Captured between Carthagena and Oran.

Le Canarde French privateer, of 10 guns and 64 men, from Marfeilles; out three months; captured one Prussian, one Russian, and one vessel under Turkish colours. Sent to Malta.

Two Spanish brigs in ballast, from Catalonia to Trieste, with \$900 dollars.

Jengin del Rosario, Spanish Tartan, from Barcelona to Minorca, with twenty recruits; the wind being to the southward, and scarce of water, sent all the prisoners on board of her.

With eight other Spanish merchantmen of small value.

Copy of a Letter from Captain STIRLING, Commander of his Majesty's ship Jason, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated Falmouth, the 5th of December 1797.

SIR,

ON the 21st ult. off Belleisle, his Majesty's ship under my command took La Marie, a French privateer brig, carrying 14 guns and 60 men.

I have, &c.

CHA. STIRLING.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Honourable Lord BRIDPORT, K. B. to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 5th of December 1797.

SIR,

You will herewith receive a copy of a letter from Captain White, of his Majesty's brig Sylph, which I transmit for their Lordships information.

I have the honour to be &c.

BRIDPORT.

Sylph, Caswand Bay, Dec. 2, 1797.

MY LORD,

I BEG leave to acquaint your Lordship, that we sailed from this anchorage on the 19th ult. in order to rejoin the Squadron under Captain Keats, but, owing to thick and blowing weather, I was not able to fall in with him before he quitted the rendezvous. I have further to acquaint your Lordship, that since the above period we have made the following recaptures (between the latitude of Belleisle and Rochfort) and with the last of them we arrived here this morning.

On the 21st of November, Active schooner, from Newfoundland bound to Teignmouth, laden with fish and oil; she was captured on the 14th of November, by La Constance brig privateer, of Nantes.

On the 22d of November, a Prussian galliotte, from Amsterdam to Lisbon, laden with wheat, captured by Le Buonaparte ship privateer, of Bourdeaux, on suspicion of the cargo being Portuguese property; this vessel being very leaky, and her cargo much damaged, I suffered her to proceed (after taking out the Frenchmen,) to her original destination.

On the 23d of November, the brig Diana, from New Providence, bound to London, laden with cotton, sugar, and coffee, captured on the 12th of November by the Felix cutter privateer, of 14 guns, belonging to Nantes; besides the Diana, she had taken three English vessels from Newfoundland, and two Americans outward bound.

On the 30th of November, the ship Henniker, from London, bound to Martinique, laden with provisions on account of Government, was under convey of the Trent and Amphitrite, and captured in lat. 42 deg. 27 min. north, and long. 21 deg. 50 min. west, by Le Francois ship privateer, of Nantes, on the 23d of November.

The prisoners taken in the Diana inform me, that Le Felix, (the privateer to which they belonged) was upset on the night of the 16th of November, in a sudden and violent gust of wind, and, though not a quarter of a mile from her prize, not one of her crew was saved, which consisted of 115 men, exclusive of whom, I am sorry to add, perished 22 British and American sea-

men, belonging to the vessels; this privateer had captured. I have the honour, &c.

JOHN LE WHITE.

Right Hon. Lord Bridport, K. B. &c.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral the Earl of ST VINCENT, K. B. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the River Tagus, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 28th of November 1797.

I ENCLOSE, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter from Captain Westcott, commander of his Majesty's ship the Majestic, acquainting Rear-Admiral Sir John Orde with his having, on the 14th instant, captured the Spanish corvette Bolador, of 16 guns and 74 men.

Also, a letter from Captain Hotham, of his Majesty's ship the Blanche, to Captain Tayler, commander of L'Aigle, giving an account of his taking Le Coureur French privateer, of 14 guns and 90 men, the 20th of this month.

*Majestic, off Cape St Vincent,
November 15, 1797.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that, chasing from the Squadron under your command yesterday, I captured the Bolador, a Spanish corvette, of 16 guns and 74 men, schooner rigged, commanded by Don Antonio Rodriguez. He had been seventy-four days on his passage from the Caraccos, and charged with dispatches, which he had thrown overboard, during the chase.

I have the honour to be, &c. G. B. WESTCOTT.
Rear-Admiral Sir John Orde, Bart.

SIR,

Blanche, at sea, November 21, 1797.

THE officer who will have the honour of delivering this, is sent in with Le Coureur French privateer brig, of 14 guns and 90 men, taken by his Majesty's ship under my command on the night of the 20th instant, after a chase of three hours.

I have the honour to be, &c. HENRY HOTHAM.
*To Charles Tyler, Esq. Captain
of his Majesty's ship L'Aigle.*

WAR-OFFICE, Dec. 9, 1797.

2d Regiment of Life Guards—Charles Thomas Grant to be Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant, by purchase. Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant Charles Thomas Grant, to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Beresford, promoted.

1st Regiment of Foot Guards—Captain Charles Pinfold, from the 24th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Boyd, who exchanges.

5th Regiment of Irish Brigade—Serjeant Major Orchard, from the 62d foot, to be Adjutant, vice Pierce, deceased. Quarter Master Pike, from do. to be Quarter Master, vice Falvey, deceased.

6th Ditto—Richard Ryan to be Ensign, vice Blake, who resigns.

GARRISONS.

Corbet Hue, Clerk, to be Chaplain to the garrison of Sheerness, vice Ledwich.

James Poole to be Barrack Master in Newfoundland.

OFFICE OF ORDNANCE, Dec. 7, 1797.
Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Major John Smith to be Lieutenant Colonel, vice B. Marlow deceased. Brevet Major Bailey Willington to be Major, vice Smith—Both dated August 27, 1797. Captain Lieutenant William Spicer to be Captain, vice Willington—Dated September 29, 1797. First Lieutenant Henry Eveleigh to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Spicer. Second Lieutenant William Holcroft to be First Lieutenant, vice Eveleigh.—Both dated November 3, 1797. Gentleman Cadet Charles Pafley to be Second Lieutenant, vice J. Barns, promoted. Gentleman Cadet Thomas Hutcheon to be Second Lieutenant, vice J. Fead, promoted. Gentleman Cadet Abraham Paul to be Second Lieutenant, vice T. Parerfon, promoted. Gentleman Cadet Hon. R. L. Dundas to be Second Lieutenant, vice A. Wall, promoted. Gentleman Cadet James Brown to be Second Lieutenant, vice Henry Sturgeon, promoted. Gentleman Cadet I. B. Edgeworth to be Second Lieutenant, vice J. Haffard, appointed to the Corps of Royal Engineers. All dated December 1, 1797.

—BANKRUPTS.—

Thomas Hawksworth of Tamworth, counties of Stafford and Warwick, mercer.

George Edward Sarjant of Portsea, Hants, slop-feller.

Edward East, late of Bridge Road, Surrey, coachmaker.

Richard Swan of Wapping Wall, Middlesex, mast & block ma.

William Bourdorff of Milbank Street, Middlesex, sugar refiner.

John William Hucklebridge of New Sarum, Wilts, bookfeller.

To the CREDITORS of

ANDREW BAULD, merchant in Arbroath.

JOHN PETER, jun. manufacturer in Arbroath, Trustee on the sequestrated estate of the said Andrew Bauld, having made up a state and scheme of division of the funds presently recovered, the same lies in the writing-room of William Colville, writer in Arbroath, open for the inspection of the Creditors, who are requested to meet in Mrs Fildan's, vintner in Arbroath, on Monday the eighth of January next, to receive their dividends, and give instructions to the Trustee.

7th Dec. 1797.

To the CREDITORS of

PETER FISHER, Bleacher at Rutherglen,

THE Trustee hereby intimates, That a General Meeting of the Creditors will be held within the house of Mrs Lamant, vintner in Argyle Street, Glasgow, upon Thursday the 28th day of December current, at two o'clock afternoon, to give further instructions to the trustee respecting the disposal of the Rutherglen Bleachfield, the former instructions of the creditors on this subject having been fully complied with without effect.

Dec. 12. 1797.

To the CREDITORS of

HENRY FARQUHARSON, Carver and Gilder in Edinburgh.

THE day appointed for the second examination of the bankrupt, being now fixed upon as a day of thanksgiving, the Sheriff has appointed the second examination to take place on Tuesday the 26th December, in place of the 19th, as formerly advertised, at the same place and hour. And the statutory meeting of the Creditors will therefore take place on Wednesday the 27th, in place of the 20th, in John's Coffeehouse, at twelve o'clock noon.

To the CREDITORS of

WILLIAM WEIR, Merchant and Horse-dealer in Glasgow.

THE estate of the said William Weir having been sequestrated upon the 18th of November last, the Lords appointed his Creditors to meet at Glasgow, within the house of Janet M'Indoe, vintner there, upon Saturday the 16th current, at twelve o'clock noon, to name an interim factor; and to meet within said house, and at the same hour, upon Monday the 15th of January next, to name a trustee—and granted commission to any of the Magistrates of Glasgow, the Sheriff of the county of Lanark, or any of the Justices of Peace for the county, to attend said meeting.—Of which notice is hereby given to all concerned.

SALE OF DEBTS BY ADJOURNMENT.

THE SALE of the OUTSTANDING DEBTS belonging to the sequestrated estates of Daniel Macnab and Son, rope and sail makers in Leith, and of the said Daniel Macnab as an individual—is ADJOURNED to Thursday the 4th day of January next, when they will be exposed to sale within the house of Mrs Blackhall, vintner in Leith, at two o'clock afternoon.

The Company Debts will be set up in one lot, and those of Daniel Macnab in another; and the upset price of each will be extremely low.

For particulars, enquire of Robert Jop, merchant in Leith, the trustee; or John Macnab, W. S. Edinburgh.

Leith, Dec. 7, 1797.

TO CREDITORS.

THE Creditors of Mess. MUDIE and WEBSTER, Merchants in Arbroath, and of WILLAM MUDIE, the only surviving partner of the Company, having failed to lodge oaths of verity on their claims in terms of former advertisements, are now requested to lodge the same in the hands of William Colville, writer in Arbroath, betwixt and the 1st day of January next, certifying those who neglect to do so that they will be struck off from any share of the funds recovered, and which are then positively to be divided.

Dec. 9. 1797.

ADJOURNMENT FOR TWO DAYS

OF SALE OF THE

LANDS OF EASTER AND WESTER PRESSES, Part of the Lands and Barony of RENTON, within the parish of Coldingham and shire of Berwick.

On account of the national thanksgiving, appointed to take place on Tuesday the 19th December current, the sale of the said lands is adjourned till Thursday the 21st December, between the hours of six and eight afternoon, when there will be exposed to sale, under authority of the Court of Session, by way of public roup, within the Parliament or New Session House at Edinburgh, before the Lord Ordinary officiating on the bills,

THE PARTS of the LANDS and BARONY of RENTON within the parish of Coldingham, and shire of Berwick, formerly advertised, and still undisposed of, being the Lands of EASTER and WESTER PRESSES, teinds and pertinents, in two allotments, whereof

LOT I.—Will comprehend the LANDS of EASTER PRESS teinds and pertinents, holding of the Crown, with the PRESS POST-OFFICE, and benefits thence accruing, of which the free yearly rental, as proven before the Lords, amounts to 203l. 1-12th.—To be exposed at twenty-four years purchase, or 4920l. 1s. 10d. Sterling.

LOT II.—Will comprehend the LANDS of WESTER PRESS, teinds and pertinents, holding of the Crown, with the PRESS INN; and benefits thence accruing, whereof the free yearly rental, as proven before the Lords, amounts to 113l. 15s. 7d. 2-12ths.—To be exposed at the rate of twenty-four years purchase, or 2730l. 14s. 4d.

LOT III is valued in the cess-books at the sum of 163l. 3s. 8-12ths, and lot 2d at 79l. 8s. 6d. 6-12ths, amounting together to 242l. 11s. 6d. 2-12ths, so that if purchased by one person, they would go near to afford a freehold qualification within the county.

Both allotments, by the convenience of their situation upon the great post road between Edinburgh and Berwick, can market the produce of the lands, or import manure with great advantage; and they separately enjoy, lot 1st, the benefits arising from the present partnership in forwarding the mail coach, and consuming on the spot the whole produce of the lands; and, lot 2d, the benefit arising from the resort of travellers to the Press Inn, which daily increases upon that line of road more than any other between Edinburgh and London, and may be in a great measure assured to the Inn by the enlarged accommodation it now affords by means of the additional buildings lately erected, and by its central position between Dunbar and Berwick, owing to which hitherto it is without competitor.

The lands of Easter Press measure 462 acres 2 roods 17 perches English, and the lands of Wester Press 184 acres 10 perches, and are exposed at the rate of twenty-four years purchase of the free rental, which is many years purchase under the usual selling rate of lands of the same quality within the shire of Berwick.

The articles of roup, with accurate plans and measurements of the lands, and a printed note entering more into the detail of particulars, are to be seen in the office of Mr George Jeffrey, deputy-clerk of Session, and in the hands of John Home, writer to the signet, pursuer of the sale, who will also show the progress of writs conform to inventory.—The marches will be shown by the tenants.

