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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.]

