

increase of our permanent expenditure; that the national credit has been maintained and improved; and that the commerce and industry of my subjects have continued to flourish in a degree hitherto unknown.

The situation in which we are placed, unhappily renders the continuance of heavy expences indispensable for the public safety. But the state of our resources, and the good sense and public spirit which prevail thro' every part of my kingdom, will, I trust, enable you to provide the necessary supplies without essential inconvenience to my people, and with as little addition as possible to the permanent burdens of the state. The progress made towards such a system by the measures adopted in the last session, and the aid given to public credit by the plan for the redemption of the land tax, have been attended with the most beneficial effects, which you will, I am persuaded, omit no opportunity to confirm and improve.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

I rely with confidence on the continuance of your exertions to enable me ultimately to conduct the great contest in which we are engaged to a safe and honourable conclusion.

We have surmounted many and great difficulties. Our perseverance in a just cause has been rewarded with distinguished success; and our present situation, compared with that of other countries, sufficiently proves how much, in a period of general danger and calamity, the security and happiness of the British nation have depended (under the blessing of Providence) on its own constancy, its energy, and its virtue.

WHITEHALL—Nov. 20. 1798.

The King has been graciously pleased to give and grant unto the Right Honourable Horatio Baron Nelson of the Nile, and of Burnham Thorpe, in the county of Norfolk, Rear-Admiral of the Blue Squadron of his Majesty's fleet, and Knight of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, in consideration of the great zeal, courage, and perseverance manifested by him upon divers occasions, and particularly of his able and gallant conduct in the glorious and decisive victory obtained over the French fleet near the mouth of the Nile, on the first day of August last, his royal licence and authority, that he and his issue may bear the following honourable augmentations to his Armorial Ensigns, viz. "A chief undulated argent, thereon waves of the sea, from which a palm tree issuant, between a disabled ship, on the dexter, and a ruinous battery, on the sinister, all proper;" and for his crest, "on a naval crown Or, the Chelengk, or Plume of Triumph," presented to him by the Grand Seigneur, as a mark of his high esteem, and of his sense of the gallant conduct of the said Horatio Baron Nelson in the said glorious and decisive victory, with the motto. *Palmam qui meruit ferat*; and to his supporters, being a sailor, on the dexter, and a lion, on the sinister, the honourable augmentations following, viz. "In the hand of the sailor a palm branch, and another in the paw of the lion, both proper, with the addition of a tri-coloured flag and staff in the mouth of the latter;" which augmentations to the supporters to be borne by the said Horatio Baron Nelson, and by those to whom the said dignity shall descend in virtue of his Majesty's letters patent of creation; and that the same may be first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the Heralds office:

And also to order that his Majesty's said concession, and especial mark of his royal favour, be registered in his College of Arms.

The King has been graciously pleased to grant unto William Holwell, of Menheniott, in the county of

Cornwall, Clerk, and Charlotte, his wife, commonly called Lady Charlotte Holwell, daughter of James Hay, late Earl of Errol, by Isabella his second wife, daughter and coheir of Sir William Carr, late of Etall, in the county of Northumberland, Baronet, deceased, his royal licence and authority that they may (in compliance with an injunction contained in the last will and testament of the said Sir William Carr,) take upon themselves and use the surname of Carr only, and also bear the arms of Carr, and that the said surname and arms may be used and borne by their issue male, as they shall respectively become entitled to the possession of the premises devised by the said will; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the Herald's office:

And also to order, that his Majesty's said concession and declaration be registered in the College of Arms.

DOWNING STREET—Nov. 20. 1798.

A decree having been published by the French Directory, declaring, that all persons natives of, or originally belonging to neutral countries, or countries in alliance with France, who may form a part of the crews of any of the King's ships of war, or any other British vessels, shall be considered and treated as pirates; his Majesty has directed it to be signified to the Commissary for French prisoners in Great Britain, that if this decree shall, in any instance be carried into effect against any such persons taken in any such vessels, the property of his Majesty, or of his Majesty's subjects, and navigated under the British flag, it is his Majesty's determination to exercise the most vigorous retaliation against the subjects of the French Republic, whom the chance of war has now placed, or may hereafter place, at the King's disposal.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Nov. 16.

Copy of a letter from Capt. COLUMBINE, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated Hastings, Nov. 13, 1798.

I AM to acquaint you, that this morning a French privateer having appeared off this place, and Mr Wenham having offered himself and cutter, the Lion, to go after her; I put on board of her as many of the sea fencibles as I thought necessary, chased, and after a little firing, in which one Frenchman was killed, we took and brought her into this road. She is the Success of Cherbourg; Nicholas Dubois, master, with 4 guns and 24 men. Had been out four days without making any capture.

I beg leave to add, that the Hastings men came forward on the occasion with the greatest zeal and readiness. I have the honour to be, &c.

E. H. COLUMBINE.

ADMIRALTY OFFICE—Nov. 20. 1798.

Copy of a Letter from Commodore Sir JOHN BORLASE WARREN, K. B. to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated on board the Canada, Plymouth Dock, Nov. 18, 1798.

SIR,

I HAVE been waiting with great anxiety the arrival of the Robust and La Hoche at this port, to enable me to make a return of the killed and wounded in the different ships under my orders upon the 12th of October last; but, as I understand those ships may be still further detained by repairs at Lough Swilly, I send the inclosed, which it was impossible for me to obtain before the present moment, as the whole squadron was separated in chace of the flying enemy, and have successively arrived at this port; it was impracticable, therefore, to communicate the particulars to their Lordships sooner, or to state the very gallant conduct of Captains Thornbrough and De Courcy, in the Robust and Magnanime, who, from their position in the van on that day,