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FROM FRIDAY, APRIL 25. TO TUESDAY, APRIL 29. 1800.

WESTMINSTER, APRIL 24. 1800.

This day the Lords being met, and the Commons attending, the Royal Assent was given, by Commission, to

An act for appointing Commissioners to put in execution an act of this session of Parliament, entitled, An act for continuing and granting to his Majesty a duty on Pensions, Offices, and Personal Estates in England, Wales, and the town of Berwick upon Tweed, and certain duties on Sugar, Malt, Tobacco and Snuff, for the service of the year 1800, together with those named in the two former acts, for appointing Commissioners of the Land Tax.

An act for indemnifying persons serving in Volunteer corps, who have omitted to take out certificates for wearing hair-powder, and to amend so much of an act made in the 35th year of the reign of his present Majesty, entitled, An act for granting to his Majesty a duty on Certificates issued for using Hair-Powder, as relates to the exempting persons serving in Volunteer corps, and certain officers in his Majesty's Navy serving on the establishment of the Royal Hospital at Greenwich, from the said duty; and for obliging persons claiming to be exempt from the duties on horses provided and furnished for Volunteer corps, to deliver certificates thereof to the proper officers.

An act for making and repairing the road from the town of Stonehaven, through the Slugmount, to the New Bridge over the river Dee at Coble-heugh, in the county of Kincardine; and to five private Acts.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, APRIL 26. 1800.

Copy of a letter from Mr James Le Bair, Commander of the

Price Sixpence.

Mayflower private ship of war, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated at Guernsey the 17th inst.

SIR,

I have the honour to acquaint you, for their Lordships' information, that on the 8th inst. Cape Penas, at 10 A.M. bearing S.W. distance about five leagues, saw a schooner on our lee beam standing to the northward; at noon perceived said schooner to tack and standing for us; shortly after which she tacked again and stood off, we continuing to chase her; at five P.M. came within a league of her, and shewed her our colours, which she answered by hoisting the National flag; at eight it fell calm, in consequence of which we got out sweeps and stood for her till midnight: on the 9th, at two A.M. lost sight of her; at five discovered her about four miles a-head, the weather continuing to be calm; at 9 a breeze sprung up, when we set sail after her; at 3 P.M. came within gun-shot of her, she always attempting to get off; at half past three she took in sail and hove to; at four came abreast of her within musquet shot, when we attacked and continued to engage her for the space of five hours, without altering our position, when she struck and proved to be Le Troisieme Ferrailleur privateer, belonging to Bourdeaux, commanded by Francois Lugeol, mounting two twelve-pound carronades and twelve long four-pounders, six of which are brass, and manned with 68 men, three of whom were killed and five wounded during the action. Our loss consisted in one man killed and four wounded.

This schooner is about 190 tons measurement, quite new and coppered, had been 40 days from Bourdeaux, during which time she had captured the American schooner Active, Jonathan Holbrook, master, bound

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