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FROM FRIDAY, JULY 31. TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 4. 1801.

At the Court at *Weymouth*, the 30th July 1801.
PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty, in Council, was this day pleased to declare his Grace William Henry Cavendish Duke of Portland Lord President of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and his Grace took his place at the Board accordingly.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. Thomas Lord Pelham to be one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, his Lordship was, this day, by his Majesty's command, sworn one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State accordingly.

It is this day ordered by his Majesty in Council, that the Parliament which stands prorogued to Thursday the sixth day of August next be further prorogued to Tuesday the fifteenth day of September next.

DOWNING-STREET, August 1.

The King has been pleased to appoint William à Court, Esq. to be his Majesty's Secretary of Legation at the Court of his Sicilian Majesty.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, August 1.

Copy of a letter from Rear-Admiral Sir JAMES SAUMAREZ, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated on board his Majesty's ship *Cæsar*, at Gibraltar, the 6th July.

SIR,
I have to request you will be pleased to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that, conformably to my letter of yesterday's date, I stood through the Straits, with his Majesty's Squadron under my orders, with the intention of attacking three French line of battle ships and a frigate, that I had received information of being at anchor off Algeziras; on opening Cabareta Point, I found the ships lay at a considerable distance from the enemy's batteries,

and having a leading wind up to them, afforded every reasonable hope of success in the attack.

I had previously directed Captain Hood, in the *Venerable*, from his experience and knowledge of the anchorage, to lead the Squadron, which he executed with his accustomed gallantry, and although it was not intended he should anchor, he found himself under the necessity so to do, from the wind's failing (a circumstance so much to be apprehended in this country), and to which circumstance I have to regret the want of success in this well-intended enterprize; Captain Stirling anchored opposite to the inner ship of the enemy, and brought the *Pompée* to action in the most spirited and gallant manner, which was also followed by the Commanders of every ship in the Squadron.

Captains Darby and Ferris, owing to light winds, were prevented for a considerable time from coming into action; at length the *Hannibal* getting a breeze, Captain Ferris had the most favourable prospect of being alongside one of the enemy's ships, when the *Hannibal* unfortunately took the ground, and I am extremely concerned to acquaint their Lordships, that after having made every possible effort with this ship and the *Audacious*, to cover her from the enemy, I was under the necessity to make sail, being at the time only three cables length from one of the enemy's batteries.

My thanks are particularly due to all the Captains, officers, and men under my orders; and although their endeavours have not been crowned with success, I trust the thousands of spectators from his Majesty's garrison, and also the surrounding coast, will do justice to their valour and intrepidity, which was not to be checked by the fire from the numerous batteries, however formidable, that surround Algeziras.

I feel it incumbent upon me to state to their Lordships the great merits of Captain Brenton, of the *Cæsar*, whose cool judgment and intrepid conduct, I will venture to pronounce, were never surpassed. I also beg leave to recommend to their Lordships notice my Flag-Lieutenant Mr Philip Dumaresq, who has served with me from the commencement of this war, and is a most deserving officer. Mr Lamborne and the other Lieutenants are also entitled to great praise, as well as Captain Maxwell of the Marines, and the officers of his corps serving on board the *Cæsar*.

The enemy's ships consisted of two of eighty-four guns, and one of seventy-four, with a large frigate; two of the former are aground, and the whole are rendered totally unserviceable.

I cannot close this letter without rendering the most ample justice to the great bravery of Captain Ferris: The loss in his ship must have been very considerable both in officers and men; but I have the satisfaction to be informed, that his Majesty has not lost so valuable an officer.

I have the honour to be, &c.

JAMES SAUMAREZ.

The Hon. Captain Dundas, of his Majesty's *polacre* the *Calpe*, made his vessel as useful as possible, and kept up a spirited fire on one of the enemy's batteries. I have also to express my approbation of Lieutenant Janverin, commander of the gun boats, who having joined me with intelligence, served as volunteer on board the *Cæsar*.

Copy of a letter from Rear-Admiral Sir JAMES SAUMAREZ, dated on board his Majesty's ship *Cæsar*, Gibraltar Mole, 10th July 1801, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq.

SIR,

I herewith inclose the copy of a letter from

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