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[FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.]  
ADMIRALTY-OFFICE—Feb. 20. 1802.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral RAINIER, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the East Indies, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated in Madras Road, the 29th of September 1801.

S I R,

I HAVE at present nothing very particular to communicate to you, for their Lordships' information, beyond what may be collected from the disposition-list of his Majesty's Squadron under my command, herewith enclosed, except the capture of the French national frigate *Chiffonne* in the Road, at the Seychelles, on the 19th ult. force as per margin\*, by his Majesty's ship *La Sybille*, Captain Charles Adam, after a short but gallant action, in which a well constructed battery of the frigate's fore-castle guns, furnished with a furnace for heating red hot shot, co-operated in her defence. This circumstance, added to the advantage the French frigate derived from her position, being at anchor, while his Majesty's ship had to steer for her opponent, at the greatest hazard, through a winding and intricate channel, formed by various dangerous shoals, with no other guide than as the water was seen to discolour on them by a man at the mast head, placed there for that purpose, may be fairly estimated to overbalance the trifling difference in the calibre of the metal of the enemy's ship, and justly entitle Captain Adam, his officers and crew, to the distinguished honour of having taken a ship of equal force.

The *Chiffonne* was commanded by a Monsieur Guieyffe, sailed from Nantes 14th April last, is a fine new ship, had never been at sea before, completely armed and equipped; her errand to the Seychelles was to land 32 persons who had been suspected of being concerned in an attempt on the life of the First Consul of the

French Republic. As his Majesty's ship *Suffolk* will proceed shortly with convoy to Spithead, I shall defer to that opportunity the forwarding a copy of Captain Adam's letter on the occasion, with other particulars; but it may be proper to acquaint you that, on the 15th of May, near the coast of Brazil, the *Chiffonne* took a Portuguese schooner; and three days after a frigate of that nation, named *L'Hirondelle*, armee en flute, with twenty-four carronades, 24-pounders; after a short action; but after throwing her guns overboard, and taking out her stores, suffered her to go about her business, the Captain and officers giving their parole for themselves and crew. On the 16th of June, off the Cape, she captured the English ship *Bellona*, laden with a very valuable cargo, from Calcutta bound to England, who got safe into the Mauritius.

I have only to add that I have given orders for the purchase of the *Chiffonne* for his Majesty's service, and shall place her on the establishment of a thirty-six gun frigate, agreeably to her dimensions, and that of her masts and yards.

I have the honour to be, &c.

PETER RAINIER.

\* Killed and Wounded on board *La Sybille*.  
2 seamen, killed; 1 midshipman, wounded.

Killed and Wounded on board *La Chiffonne*.  
23 seamen, killed; 30 seamen, wounded.

Main-deck.—28 twelve-pounders.  
Quarter-deck.—6 eight-pounders; 4 thirty-six-pound carronades.

Fore-castle.—4 eight-pounders; with 250 men.

ST JAMES'S—Feb. 10. 1802.

The King has been pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on Alexander Mackenzie, Esq.

BANKRUPTS.

- G. Newson of Liverpool, corn factor.
- S. Every of Liverpool, ship chandler.
- G. Dike of Westminster, boot and shoemaker.
- J. Keeves of Covent Garden, dealer.
- T. Stacey of Newgate Street, linen draper.
- R. Comber of Lewes, Sussex, watchmaker.
- J. Rothwell of Nottingham, hosier.
- J. E. Wallis of Colchester, merchant.
- E. Parquet of Somerstown, Middlesex, distiller.
- M. McGarry of Bell Wharf, ditto, victualler.
- J. Lyon of Savage Garden, London, merchant.
- R. Bakewell of Covent Garden, coffeehouse keeper.
- H. Hiams of Lambeth, Surrey, umbrella maker.
- P. Winton of Bermondsey, Surrey, victualler.
- J. Underwood of St James, apothecary.
- Arbuthnot & Bracken of London, merchants.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

ALEXANDER ADAMSON, late of New York, in the United States of America, Merchant, now in Glasgow.

DAVID KAY, Accountant and Agent in Glasgow, hereby intimates to the creditors, that he has, in terms of the statute, made up a state of the ranking of claims against Mr Adamson, for the first dividend, a scheme of division, and state of the bankrupt's affairs, which will remain with him as trustee, for inspection of the creditors, until Wednesday the 24th day of March, when the creditors are requested to call at his office at one o'clock, to receive the first dividend, and give him further instructions.

DAVID KAY.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

JOHN BURT, Co-maister at Baldrige.

THE Trustee for Mr BURT's creditors hereby intimates, That at a meeting held upon the 18th of February last, an offer was made by Mr Burt to pay his creditors a composition of 5s per pound of their respective debts; and it being the opinion of the whole creditors present that this offer should be accepted of, another meeting was, in terms of the statute, appointed to be held within the house of Charles Stewart, vintner, Dunfermline, upon Saturday the 13th day of March next, at 12 o'clock noon in order to decide upon the offer. At this meeting it is requested that the whole creditors, or their agents, may be present.

[Price Sixpence.]