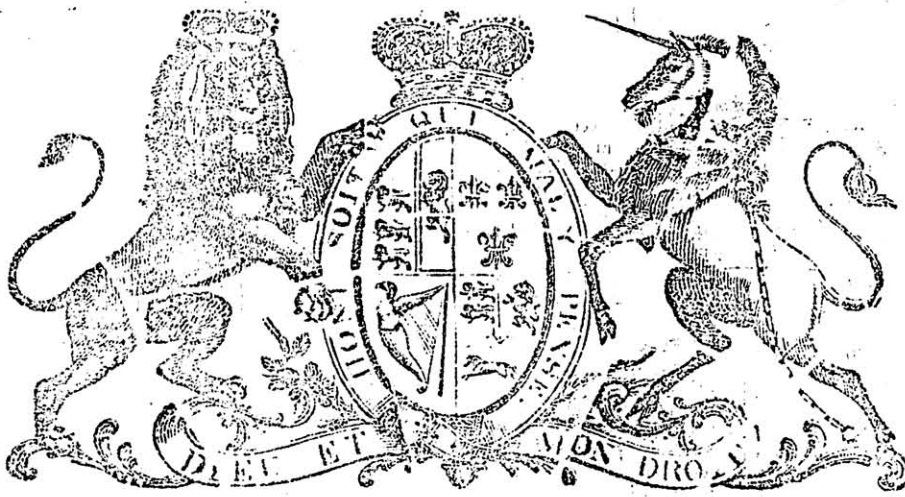


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ADMIRALTY OFFICE—July 20.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Sir HOME POPHAM, to the Admiralty, dated at Calcutta, the 13th of November, 1801.

I HAVE much pleasure in transmitting you a copy of Captain Collier's letter of the 10th instant, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, giving a very full account of his sinking the French national ship *La Fleche* of 22 guns, and 170 men. The result of Captain Collier's unremitting vigilance under every trying circumstance, and his determined conduct in waiving the *Victor* in the harbour, is likely to be of very material service to the commerce of India, as *La Fleche* was unquestionably intended to cruise in the Bay of Bengal.

I have the honour to be, &c.

HOME POPHAM.

His Majesty's sloop *Victor*, Mahe Roads, September 19, 1801.

The state of the crew of his Majesty's sloop *Victor*, under my command, after leaving the Red Sea, and being put into the island Diego Garcia; and finding a large supply of turtle and good provisions, I left that harbour on the 27th of August, and proceeded on the execution of the particular service pointed out in your orders of the 10th; and on the 2d inst. in sight of these islands, his Majesty's sloop fell in with a French national corvette, and after a few ineffectual manoeuvres on her part, from the superior sailing of *Victor*, when going large, I had the pleasure of bringing her to a close action at three o'clock P.M. The disguised state of the *Victor* did not long deceive the enemy, the broadside proved sufficient, the corvette was disabled, her wind and endeavouring to escape,

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which, in about twenty minutes, I was sorry to observe, by having almost solely directed her fire at our masts and sails she had a fair prospect of effecting, for on her tacking under our lee, I endeavoured to wear, with the hope of boarding on her bow, when I had the mortification to find both lower and topsail braces shot away on the starboard side, as well as preventer ones and bow lines, and before others could be rove the corvette was half a mile to windward. Night fall approaching added to the chagrin I felt on observing the corvette sail better than the *Victor* on a wind. The chase continued all night, frequently within gun-shot, and at sun-set the following day, from the wind having favoured the enemy, she was four or five miles to windward; in the night of the 4th lost sight of the chase, when, probably by tacking, she escaped.

In this affair I had one man wounded with two musket balls, and Mr Middleton, master's mate, slightly; the damage sustained in the hull trifling, the foremast shot through, and I have to regret our sails and rigging much cut.

Judging from the course the corvette was steering, when first seen, she must be bound to these islands, I pushed for them, and towards sun-set of the 5th, she was again seen running in for this anchorage. I kept under easy sail till dark, when the *Victor* was anchored. At daylight I had the satisfaction of seeing the corvette moored with springs in the basin, or inner harbour, with a red flag at the fore (which, as I since learn, was in defiance); being unacquainted with the channel, and having no pilot, Mr Crawford, the master, (though ill of a fever) and Mr Middleton, being volunteers, were sent to sound, which service they completely performed; nor did the latter gentleman desist, till repeatedly fired at by a boat from the corvette.

The extreme narrowness of the channel, added

to the wind not being very favourable, compelled me to use waips and the stay-fails only, which exposed the ship to a raking fire for some minutes, till, shoaling our water, I was obliged to bring up. Having two springs on the cable our broadside was soon brought to bear; and at three quarters past eleven A.M. a well-directed fire was opened, which was kept up incessantly from both vessels till twenty minutes past two, when I plainly perceived the enemy was going down; in a few minutes her cable was cut, she cast round, and her bow grounded on a coral reef.

Mr McLean, the First Lieutenant, with a party of officers and men, were sent to board.— Though scarce had they put off, ere we discovered the enemy to be on fire—Lieutenant Smith and other officers were then sent with proper assistance, but just as they had succeeded in extinguishing the fire, she fell on her larboard bilge into deeper water, and sunk.

She proves to have been the French national corvette *La Fleche*, mounting 20 long French eight pounders, answering to English nines, with two stern chasers, though it appears all her guns were not mounted in the first action; was larger than the *Victor* in dimensions, perfectly new, a remarkable fast sailer, and not four months from France, commanded by Captain Bonamy, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, with four Lieutenants, and a compliment of 145 men, some of whom had been left sick at Bourbon.

From a number of dead and dying men reported to be found on her forecattle, as well as two alongside, I am induced to believe the carnage was great, though only four are acknowledged by the French Captain.

She had 20 men to assist at her guns, forming a part of the crew of the French frigate *La Chiffonne*, captured here a few days since by his Majesty's ship *La Sybille*, Captain Adam.



The obstinate defence made by La Fleche was on the supposition of the Victor being a privateer.

From the length of time elapsed ere this business was brought to a close, I have felt it necessary to be thus particular in my detail, and I trust for your excuse should I dwell longer, as I feel I should do an injustice to every officer and man on board, did I neglect paying a just tribute to the cool and determined bravery they evinced: even men labouring under a lingering fever (of whom I had unfortunately 30) felt a proportionate zeal.

I beg leave to recommend to your notice Lieutenant M'Lean, as well as to solicit your interest for the confirmation of my Second, Mr Smith, as also Mr Hyde, gunner, observing, that whenever Mr Middleton or Mr Graves, (both having passed for Lieutenants) shall obtain their rank, they will do equal credit to your patronage.

In this action I most fortunately had not a man either killed or wounded; our hull, rigging, and boats have suffered much, besides having some shot between wind and water.

I am, GEORGE R. COLLIER.  
To Sir Home Popham, K. M. Captain  
of his Majesty's ship Romney, &c. &c.

WHITEHALL—July 20, 1802.

The King has been pleased to grant the dignity of a Baron of the united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to the Right Honourable Charles George Baron Arden. (of that part of the united kingdom called Ireland,) and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, title, and title of Baron Arden, of Arden, in the county of Warwick.

The King has also been pleased to grant the dignity of a Baron of the united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to the Right Hon. John Baron Sheffield. (of that part of the said united kingdom called Ireland.) and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, title, and title of Baron Sheffield, of Sheffield, in the county of York.

DOWNING-STREET—July 20, 1802.

The King has been pleased to approve of John J. Murray, Esq. to be Consul from the United States of America, at the port of Glasgow.

ORDNANCE-OFFICE—July 19, 1802.

Corps of Royal Engineers.

Lieutenant-General Abraham D'Aubant to be Colonel-Commandant, vice Spry, deceased. Brevet Colonel John Eveleigh to be Colonel, vice D'Aubant, promoted. Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel William Johnston to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Eveleigh, promoted. Captain-Lieutenant William Henry Ford to be Captain, vice Johnston, promoted. First Lieutenant George Landmann to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Ford, promoted. Second Lieutenant Edward Figg to be First Lieutenant, vice Landmann, promoted.—All dated July 13, 1802.

SECOND NOTICE—FIRST TERM.

LORD DUNSINNAN. Ordinary in the Ranking and Sale, ADAM SKIRVINE, Tenant in Garrowall, against DAVID WEMYSS, of Wester Lathall, and his Creditors, by interlocutor, dated 2d July current, ordained said creditors to produce their grounds of debt, with oaths of verity thereon, in the Clerk's hands, betwixt and the 3d s'cedent day of November next; and that for the first term, with certification. &c.  
M. P. BRUCE, Clerk.

Edinburgh, July 13, 1802.

NOTICE.

THE Lord Ordinary on the 21st of July current, sequestrated the estates of WILLIAM JOHNSTON and CO. Merchants in Glasgow, and of JAS. ROBERT, and WILLIAM JOHNSTONS, the Partners thereof, and appointed their creditors to meet within the Backhill Inn, Glasgow, on Thursday the 29th of July next, at 12 o'clock noon, to chuse an interim factor; and again to meet at the same place on Thursday the 26th of August next, at 12 o'clock noon, in order to chuse a trustee.

July 22, 1802.

NOTICE.

WILLIAM HUTCHISON, Manufacturer in Glasgow, Trustee on the sequestrated estates of WILSON, GRÆME, and STORRY, Merchants in Glasgow, and John Wilson and John Storry, two of the partners of said Company as individuals, hereby intimates, that the Sheriff of Lanarkshire has fixed Friday the 6th and Friday the 20th August next, at one o'clock in the afternoon of each day, for the examination of the bankrupts, within the Sheriff Court-house in Glasgow; and that on Saturday the 21st day of August next, a meeting of the creditors is to be held in the Fontine Tavern of Glasgow, at one o'clock afternoon, for instructing the trustee as to the management and recovery of the estates: And, in terms of the act of Parliament, the trustee requests the creditors will produce, in his hands, their claims and vouchers of debt, with their oaths of verity thereto, at or previous to the said meeting, if not already produced, certifying, those who fail to comply with this requisition, on or before the 19th day of March next, being ten months from the date of the first deliverance on the petition for sequestration, they shall have no share in the first distribution of the debtors' effects.

NOTICE.

THE Lord Ordinary on the 21st current, sequestrated the estates of EDWARD LOYD, Merchant and Shopkeeper Thistle Street, Edinburgh, and appointed his Creditors to meet within the Black Bull Inn, Glasgow, on Tuesday the 27th of July next, at 12 o'clock noon, to chuse an interim factor; and again to meet at the same place on Tuesday the 24th day of August next, at 12 o'clock noon, in order to chuse a trustee.  
July 23, 1802.

TO THE CREDITORS OF ROBERT WILLIAMSON, Manufacturer in Glasgow, residing at Whitehill, and one of the Partners of the Company of ROBERT WILLIAMSON and SON, Manufacturers in Glasgow, aforesaid.

A Meeting of the Creditors of the said Robert Williamson, held upon the 14th day of July current John Goodwin, merchant in Kirkintilloch, was chosen trustee upon his sequestrated estate, and his appointment has since been confirmed.

Upon the trustee's application the Sheriff of Lanarkshire has fixed Tuesday the 10th, and Tuesday the 24th days of August next, for the public examination of the bankrupt, and others acquainted with his business, within the Court-house, Glasgow, at one o'clock afternoon, each of these days; and on Wednesday the 25th day of August next, a meeting of said creditors is to be held in the Black Bull in Glasgow, at 12 o'clock noon, for instructing the trustee as to the management and recovery of the estate. The creditors are hereby required to produce in the trustee's hands, their claims and vouchers of ground of debt, with oaths of verity thereon, at or previous to the said meeting, if not already produced. And it is hereby intimated, that unless the productions are made betwixt and the 10th day of April next, the party neglecting shall have no share in the first distribution of the bankrupt's effects. July 23, 1802.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

PETER CRAIG and CO. Manufacturers in Paisley, and of PETER CRAIG, Manufacturer there, one of the Partners of said Company, as an Individual. IN consequence of an application at the instance of the creditors, to the extent required by law, the Lord Glenlee, sitting as Ordinary on the bills, did this day sequestrate the estates, real and personal, heritable and moveable, of the said Peter Craig and Co. as a Company, and of the said Peter Craig, as an Individual, wherever situated, and appoint their creditors to meet within the house of John Orr, vintner in Paisley, upon Thursday the 29th day of July current, at one o'clock afternoon, for the purpose of chusing an interim factor on said sequestrated estates, and for devolving the care and custody thereof on the Sheriff-clerk of the county; and to meet a second time, at same place and hour, upon Thursday the 26th day of August next, for the purpose of electing a trustee or trustees, on said estate; all in terms of the statute.—Of which intimation is hereby given to all concerned.  
July 23, 1802.