

*Whitehall, January 31.*

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint William Blair, Matthew Kenrick, John Barnard, Robert Thompson, and George Whitmore, Esqrs. to be His Majesty's Commissioners for managing the Duties on Stamp Vellum, Parchment and Paper, &c.—And also to constitute and appoint John Bettell, Esq; to be Secretary or Chief Clerk to the said Commissioners.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Edward Younge, Henry Kelsall, Christopher Rigby, Richard Frankland, John Trenchard, and John Fane, Esqrs. to be Commissioners for holding Intelligence and Correspondence with the Receivers General of the Taxes.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Edmund Mason, Esq; one of the Commissioners, in Quality of a Principal Officer of His Majesty's Navy.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Thomas Hanway, Esq; one of the Commissioners in Quality of a Principal Officer of His Majesty's Navy, for the Affairs of the Yards at Chatham and Sheerness.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Timothy Brett, Esq; Clerk of the Acts of His Majesty's Navy.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Dudley Baxter, Esq; the Offices of Solicitor of Excise.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Thomas Steele, Esq; the Office of Comptroller of the Duties of Excise.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Thomas Dummer, Esq; Surveyor of His Majesty's Customs in the Out Ports of that Part of Great Britain called England, the Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Thomas Bonham Smith, Esq; Register of Warrants Inwards in the Port of London.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Thomas Worsley, Esq; the Office of Surveyor of His Majesty's Works.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Edward Finch, Esq; the Office of Gentleman and Master of His Majesty's Robes.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable Basil Earl of Denbigh, Master of His Majesty's Herriers and Fox Hounds.

*Admiralty-Office, January 29.*

Capt. Ogle, of His Majesty's Ship Aquilon, gives an Account, in his Letter of the 18th Instant, That he had taken and carried into Cork the Sainte Terese, a French Privateer, of 10 Carriage Guns, and 75 Men: And also another Privateer of smaller Force, called the Royal Cantabre.

*Admiralty Office, January 30.*

Captain Angel, of His Majesty's Ship the Stag, gives an Account in his Letter of the 27th Instant, of his having taken and brought to Plymouth, a French Privateer Cutter, of 10 Guns and 70 Men, called le Comte de Valence, belonging to Boulogne. She had been out ten Days, and taken nothing but a small Sloop belonging to Falmouth, which was ransomed. The Hostage was retaken in her.

*Admiralty Office, January 30.*

Captain Elphinston, Commander of His Majesty's Ship the Richmond, of 32 Guns, and 220 Men, being on a Cruize upon the Coast of Flanders, received Intelligence the 23d Instant, of a French Frigate, which had the Day before taken and ransomed the Dorothy and Esther, William Benson, Master. Capt. Elphinston immediately went in quest of her, and fell in with her about Eleven o'Clock the same Night. She bore down upon the Richmond for a short Time after being in Sight; but then suddenly hauling her Wind, endeavoured to get away. Capt. Elphinston pursued, and came up with her about Half past Ten o'Clock the next Morning, when

they began to engage, standing towards the Land; and at Half past Twelve, both Ships ran ashore a Longside of each other, still continuing the Engagement for a short Time, when the Enemy fled from their Quarters. The Richmond soon afterwards got on Float, and being drove by the Tide a little to Leeward, the Enemy quitted their Ship, and escaped; but the Ship is entirely destroyed. The French Frigate was called the Felicité, and carried 32 Guns; was bound to Martinico, with a Cargo valued at 30,000 l. Sterling. Her Consort the Harmonie, another French Frigate, of the same Force and Value, was lost coming out of Dunkirk. Capt. Donell, Commander of the Felicité, was killed in the Engagement; and near 100 others of the Enemy were killed or wounded. The Richmond had only three Men killed, and 13 wounded.

*Navy Office, January 29, 1761.*

*The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that they will be ready to treat with such Persons as are desirous to contract for the Stores under-mentioned, for His Majesty's Service, on the Days expressed against the same, at Eleven o'Clock in the Morning, that they may attend with their Proposals accordingly, viz.*

*Iron, Wednesday February 18, 1761.*

*Hemp, Friday February 20, 1761.*

*East Country Tar, Wednesday February 25, 1761.*

*Dantzick Goods, Friday February 27, 1761.*

*Norway Goods, Wednesday March 4, 1761.*

*Riga Masts, Friday March 6, 1761.*

*Navy Office, January 30, 1761.*

*The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that on Monday the 9th of next Month, at Eleven o'Clock in the Morning precisely, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as are willing to supply His Majesty's Yard at Deptford, Woolwich and Portsmouth, with Platerers Wares, on a standing Contract, that they may attend with their Proposals at that Time.*

*Victualling Office, January 28, 1761.*

*The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wednesday next, the 4th of February, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to undertake to deliver Irish Beef into His Majesty's Stores at London, Portsmouth and Plymouth.*

*Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Companies of His Majesty's Ships undermentioned, who were actually on Board at the taking the Centaur, Modeste and Temeraire, and at the destroying the Occan and Redoubtable, French Men of War on the 17th and 18th of August 1759, that they will be paid their respective Shares thereof as follows:*

*Numer on Board at Portsmouth, on Monday the 2d of February 1761.*

*Swiftsure on Board at Portsmouth, on Tuesday the 3d of February 1761.*

*Aetna on Board at Portsmouth, on Wednesday the 4th of February 1761.*

*Salamander on Board at Portsmouth, on Thursday the 5th of February 1761.*

*St. Albans on Board the Royal Sovereign at Spithead, on Friday the 6th of February 1761.*

*Intrepid on Board at Plymouth, on Thursday the 5th of February 1761.*

*Portland on Board at Plymouth, on Friday the 6th of February 1761, if not sailed.*

*Conqueror on Board the Hampton Court at Plymouth, on Thursday the 12th of February 1761.*

*Culloden and Gibraltar on Wednesday the 4th of February; Jersey and Guernsey on Wednesday the 11th of February; America and Shannon on Wednesday the 18th of February, 1761, at the French Horn in Crutched Fryers.*

*Newark on Board in the Downs, on Wednesday the 18th of February 1761.*

*And the Shares not then demanded will be recalled*