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*Extract of a Letter from Lord Viscount Howe, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in North America, to Mr. Stephens, dated on Board the Eagle in the Delaware, the 19th of June, 1778, received the 22d Instant.*

**I** AM informed by Captain Griffith, that a Detachment of the Garrison of Rhode Island, under the Command of Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell, of the 22d Regiment, was embarked the 25th of last Month, in the Flat Boats conducted by Captain Clayton; and, by a well-concerted Operation, destroyed 125 Boats, collected by the Rebels in Hickamanet River, together with a Galley under Repair, meant to be employed, in Conjunction with the Boats, for a purposed Invasion of Rhode Island. A large Quantity of Pitch, Tar, Plank, and other Materials for Ship-building, was burnt with them.

Another Division of Boats from the Ships of War, supported by the Pigot Galley, (lately armed, and commanded by Lieutenant Stanhope of the Non-such) under the Direction of Captain Reeve, were at the same Time ordered against, and succeeded to surprize and take, a Galley of Force, which the Rebels had placed in Warren Creek. On the 30th of the same Month, a second Detachment of the Troops were sent in the Boats of the Squadron conducted by Lieutenant Christian, Commander of the King's Fisher, to destroy the Saw-Mills on a Creek near Taunton River, then in Use for preparing Materials to build Boats and other suitable Craft for the Purpose as before-mentioned. This Service was performed with equal good Effect.

The Behaviour of Captain Reeve, and of Lieutenants Kempthorne, Stanhope and Christian, is greatly commended by Captain Griffith. I am at the same Time to observe, that the good Disposition made for these Undertakings, as well as the vigorous Execution, appears to have contributed much to their Success.

*St. James's, July 23.*

This Day his Excellency the Marquis D'Almodovar, Ambassador from the King of Spain, had a Private Audience of Her Majesty.

To which he was introduced by the Right Honourable the Marquis of Carmarthen, Lord Chamberlain to Her Majesty, and conducted by Stephen Cottrell, Esq; Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 10th of July, 1778.

P R E S E N T.

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS the Names of many of the Officers serving in the respective Regiments and Battalions of Militia, within the several Counties in England and Wales, have been frequently

returned by the Judges in the List of Persons proper to be appointed Sheriffs, notwithstanding such Officers are by Law exempted from serving the Office of Sheriff, during the Time of their Service in the Militia: And whereas the Impropriety of such Returns has proceeded from the Want of Information being given to the Judges of the Names of the several Officers serving in the Militia, from whence many Inconveniencies have arisen: His Majesty, in order to prevent the like happening for the future, is pleased, with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby to require and command, that the respective Lieutenants of the several Counties in England and Wales, where the Militia has been raised and embodied, do cause Lists to be made every Year of the Names and Places of Residence of the Officers serving in the Militia within the respective Counties, and cause the said Lists to be delivered into the Hands of the Clerk of Assize, in order to be laid before the Judges at the Time of holding the Summer Assize, that Care may be taken for the Time to come not to insert the Names of any such Officers on the Roll of Persons to be proposed to His Majesty as proper to serve the Office of Sheriff.

*Steph. Cottrell.*

*St. James's, July 25.*

The King has been pleased to grant the Dignity of a Baronet of the Kingdom of Great Britain unto the following Gentlemen, and to their Heirs Male, viz.

The Right Honourable Richard Heron, youngest Son of Robert Heron, of Newark upon Trent in the County of Nottingham, Esq; and in Default of Issue to Thomas Heron of Chilham Castle in the County of Kent, Esq; eldest surviving Son and Heir Male of the said Robert Heron, and to his Heirs Male.

George Wombwell, of Wombwell in the County of York, Esq;

William James, of Park Farm Place, Eltham, in the County of Kent, Esq;

Edward Lloyd, of Pengwern in the County of Flint, Esq; and in Default of Issue to Bell Lloyd of Bodfack in the County of Montgomery, Esq; and to his Heirs Male.

John Coghill, of Coghill Hall in the West Riding of the County of York, Esq;

John Taylor, of Lysson Hall in the Island of Jamaica, Esq;

James Riddell, of Ardnamorchan and Sunark in the Shire of Argyll, Doctor of Laws.

Cæsar Hawkins, of Kellton in the County of Somerset, Esq;

Richard Jebb, of Trent Place near East Barnet in the County of Middlesex, Doctor of Physick.

Sir John Eliot, of Peebles, Knight, Doctor of Physick.

Henry Lippincot, of Stoke Bishop in the County of Gloucester, Esq;

[ Price Seven-Pence. ]

