

with such Attention that on the 8th of the said Day Light I made the Signal of an Engagement being out, and standing to the North West. Instantly made the Signal to weigh, and having looked into the Bays of Fort Royal and St. Pierre's where no Enemy's Ships remained, I made the Signal for a general Chace, and before Day-light came up with the Enemy under Dominique, where both Fleets were becalmed and continued so for some Time. The Enemy first got the Wind and stood towards Guadaloupe: My Van Division under that gallant Officer Rear-Admiral Sir Samuel Hood received it next and stood after them. At Nine the Enemy began to cannonade my Van, which was returned with the greatest Briskness.

The buffing Winds under Dominique did not permit Part of the Center Division to get into Action with the Enemy's Rear till Half past Eleven, and then only the Ship next to me in the Line of Battle.

The Lordships may easily imagine the Mortification it must have been to the Sixteen gallant Officers commanding the Ships of the Rear, who could only be Spectators of an Action in which it was not in their Power to join, being detained by the Calms under Dominique.

The Enemy's Cannonade ceased upon my Rear's Approach, but not before they had done considerable Damage to the Ships of the Van, and disabled the Royal Oak and Montague, and His Majesty had lost a gallant Officer, viz. Captain Barne of the Alfred, and a Number of Officers and Seamen, as mentioned in the Account transmitted to their Lordships; but such was the steady Behaviour of Sir Samuel Hood and the Ships of the Van, that the Enemy received more Damage than they occasioned.

The Night of the 9th Instant the Fleet lay to to repair their Damages. The 10th they continued to turn to Windward under an easy Sail, the Enemy's Fleet continuing to do the same, and always hat in in their Power to come to Action, which they most cautiously avoided, and rendered it impossible for me to force them in the Situation they were in, between the Saints and the Island of Dominique. On the 11th of April, the Enemy having gained considerably to Windward, and the Wind blowing a fresh and steady Gale, I made the Signal for a general Chace to Windward, which continued the whole Day. Towards Sun-set, some of the headmost Ships of the Fleet had approached near to one of the Enemy's Ships that had received Damage in the late Action, and had certainly taken her, if Count de Grasse had not bore down with his whole Fleet for her Protection, which brought him so near, that I flattered myself he would give me an Opportunity of engaging him the next Day. With that View I threw out the Signal for the Form of failing, and stood with the whole Fleet to the Southward till Two o'Clock in the Morning; then tacked, and had the Happiness at Day light to find my most sanguine Desire was near being accomplished, by my having it in my Power to force the Enemy to Battle. Not one Moment was lost in putting it into Execution: The Consequence has been such as I have had the Honour to represent in my former Letter of this Day; and can say no more, than that too much Praise cannot be given to the gallant Officers and Men of the Fleet I had the Honour to command.

I have the Honour to be with great Regard,

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Your most obedient and most humble Servant,

G. B. RODNEY.

N. B. Lord Cranston and Captain Byron relate, that the Cæsar, one of the captured Ships, soon after she was taken Possession of, took Fire by Accident and blew up, and a considerable Number of the People on board her unfortunately perished; and that Lord Robert Manners died in his Passage Home in the Andromache.

*Whitehall, May 18, 1782.*

On Thursday last Captain Ball arrived with Dispatches from the East Indies, containing a Confirmation of the Surrender by Capitulation, on the 12th of November last, of the Fort of Negapatnam, the principal Settlement of the Dutch on the Coast of Coromandel;

And also of the taking of Trincomale Fort, in

the Island of Ceylon, on the 11th of January last, with Two Dutch East India Ships from Batavia lying in the Harbour.

The whole of the Proceedings in the Reduction of these Places, with the Capitulation, Returns, &c. &c. being very voluminous, are obliged to be deferred till the Supplement, which will be published forthwith.

Admiralty-Office, May 16, 1782.

*HIS late Majesty having been graciously pleased, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th Day of June, 1733, to establish certain Rules and Orders for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commission and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy: These are to give Notice, that Copies of the said Rules and Orders are lodged with the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy at Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth; as also with the Clerks of the Checque at Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerness; and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kingale; where all such Widows as intend to lay in their Claims, may be informed of all Particulars which entitle them to the Benefit of the said Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpose. But such Widows as live at too great a Distance from the Places above-mentioned, may apply by Letter to Mr. B. Ison, at the Admiralty-Office, who will send them all necessary Information. And the Governors of the said Charity intending to distribute to the Widows of Sea-Officers who died before the 30th of August, 1732, as well as to the W. ows of those who died since that Time, whose Circumstances come within the Rules of the Establishment, such Monies as may be due to them on the 31st of May instant; This is to give Notice, that any Widows who have not yet applied, and intend to lay in their Claims, may do so as soon as possible; and that all such Widows, whose Claims have been already allowed, may send or bring to this Office, as soon as possible, the Affidavits required by the Rules, in order to their being continued upon the Pension or Bounty.*

Plymouth, May 10, 1782.

*Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Ship the Stag, and Viper Cutter, who were actually on Board at the Retaking of the Peggy Sloop and Hope Cutter, in August last, that a Distribution will be made of the net Proceeds of the Salvage and Head money, to the Stag's Officers and Company, on Board the said Ship at Plymouth, on Monday the 20th Instant; and to the Viper's Officers and Company on her first Arrival at Plymouth. The Shares not then demanded will be recalled the First Thursday in every Month (after the respective Payments) for Three Years to come, at Mr. Hartwell's House in Plymouth Dock.*

B. Hartwell, Agent.

*CHARLES Newby and Frederick Crowther, of Poland-street in the Parish of St. James within the Liberty of Westminster in the County of Middlesex, Apothecaries, do hereby give Notice, that the Partnership lately subsisting between them was, by mutual Consent, dissolved on the 30th Day of April last; and all Persons indebted to the said Partnership are requested to pay their respective Debts to the said Charles Newby only; and all Persons who have any Demands on the said Partnership are desired to send in their Accounts to him, in order that they may be discharged. Witnesses our Hands, this 3d Day of May, 1782.*

*Cha. Newby.*

*Fred. Crowther.*

*Notice is hereby given, that the Copartnership between Francis Gore and Elizabeth Milton, of Lower Brook-street, Grosvenor-square, in the County of Middlesex, Milliners, was this Day dissolved by mutual Consent: As witnesses their Hands, this 16th Day of May, 1782.*

*Frances Gore.*

*Eliza Milton.*

*TO be peremptorily sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before William Weller Pepys, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, on Friday the 21st Day of June next, between the Hours of Five and Seven of the Clock in the Afternoon, A Leasehold Messuage situate in the East Row of Queen-square in the City of Bristol, with large Warehouses and Lotts, and a Coach-house and Stable thereto adjoining, now in the Tenure of Mr. Ames Hellicar, Corn-factor, and held by Lease from the Corporation of Bristol. Particulars whereof may be had by applying at the said Master's Chambers; of Mr. Foot, Attorney, Sherborne, Dorsetshire; or to Mr. Barboe, Attorney, Fetter-lane, London.*