

The hoisted Dutch Colours, and began to engage us. The Conflict lasted about Two Hours, when she struck to the Defiance, and proved to be too Weak, commanded by Pierre de Ture, belonging to the Squadron, of 16 Long Six Pounders, and 1 Eighteen-Pounder, 113 Men, had been out only Four Days, Three Weeks off the Stocks, and had One Ransomer on board for One Hundred Guineas. I am happy to inform you, in this Action I only lost One Man, and One wounded, though much shattered in our Sails and Rigging: The Boat stove, Jib Boom and Cap damaged, and several Shot through our Sides. The Loss on the Enemy's Part was Twenty-one killed and Seventeen wounded; among the latter were the Two Captains; and the greatest Part dangerous. I beg Leave to recommend to their Lordships the good Conduct, Spirit and Zeal of Mr. Williams, Master, the Officers, and Ship's Company, which at that Time consisted only of 68 Men, (the Remainder of our Complement being sick on Shore) and the Guns of the Defiance only Four-Pounders.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

GEO. CADMAN,

*Petersburgh, May 28.* Yesterday at Noon a Fire broke out in that Part of the Town where the General Market is situated, and in less than Four Hours a Square of near a Mile was burnt to the Ground. All the Shops where the different Articles of Provisions are sold, the Butchery, Fish-market, &c. were consumed, and the Flames unfortunately reached the Buildings in the opposite Street. The great Attention of the Military and Firemen, who were animated by the Presence of her Imperial Majesty, prevented them from extending still further; and, by their unremitting Activity, a large Square of Stone Shops, containing the most valuable Effects, and indeed the whole District of the Town where the Fire began, were fortunately saved.

#### CHESTER CIRCUIT.

The Honourable *Lloyd Kenyon, Esq;* and  
The Honourable *Daines Barrington.*

*Montgomeryshire, Thursday August 1, at Pool.*

*Denbighshire, Wednesday August 7, at Wrexham.*

*Flintshire, Tuesday August 13, at Mold.*

*Cheshire, Monday August 19, at the Castle of Chester.*

*Admiralty-Office, June 25, 1782.*

PURSUANT to an Act of Parliament passed in the 26th Year of His late Majesty's Reign, This is to give Notice to the Concerned, that Information has been sent to this Office, that on the 2d Day of December last, Jacob Jamson, Master of the Ship John, on his Passage from Memel to Southampton, fell in with the Hull or Wreck of a Ship which he took Possession of, laden with Pipe and Barrel Staves; that she appeared to be Foreign built, and of the Burthen of about 300 Tons, but could not find out to what Nation or Person she belonged, as her Papers were all destroyed; that he had the said Wreck in Tow till the Wednesday following, when, in order to save his own Ship from being taken by a Privateer which appeared in Sight, and chased him, he was obliged to run the Wreck on Shore near Bendy-Car-Rocks on the Northumberland Coast.

*Pb. Stephens.*

*Admiralty-Office, May 14, 1782.*

WHEREAS there are at this Time several Deserters from the different Divisions of His Majesty's Marine Forces, who might be induced to return to their Duty by an Offer of Pardon, and that such Instance of Clemency would have due Influence on their future Behaviour; My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in order to encourage them to return to their Duty, and to remove their Apprehensions of the Punishment due to their Crime,

do hereby give Notice, that each of the said Deserters as shall surrender themselves at any of the aforesaid Divisions at Portsmouth, Plymouth, or Chatham, or to any Recruiting Party of the Marines in Great Britain or Ireland, on or before the 30th Day of June next, will receive His Majesty's Free Pardon.

And whereas several of the said Deserters have been apprehended and are now in Goal or Military Custody, their Lordships do hereby further give Notice, that His Majesty's Free Pardon will be extended to them also, of which they are to have the Benefit upon their Arrival at any of the Marine Head-Quarters.

And any Marine who may desert after this Public Notice of His Majesty's most gracious Intentions, will not be included in the above Pardon, but be proceeded against with the utmost Severity.

*Pb. Stephens.*

*Admiralty-Office, May 14, 1782.*

WHEREAS many Seamen have, from Time to Time, inconsiderately deserted His Majesty's Service, by leaving the Ships they belonged to, as they could find Opportunity for so doing, or, having been put on Shore Sick from His Majesty's Ships, either into Hospitals or Sick Quarters, have made so ill a Return to the Care taken for their Healths as to desert from His Majesty's Service, when so far recovered as to be able to withdraw themselves from the said Hospitals or Sick Quarters; for which Crimes they have incurred the Loss of their Wages, and are punishable with Death by a Court Martial: But my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty being willing to impute such Desertion into a Rashness which most of them soon repent of, and believing that they would return to their Ships, were it not from Apprehensions of Punishment; in order therefore to remove such Apprehensions, and encourage them to return to their Duty, their Lordships do hereby declare, That if any Persons who have deserted as aforesaid shall, on or before the Thirtieth Day of June next, return to the Ships to which they did belong, or, in case those Ships are gone Abroad, enter themselves on Board some other of His Majesty's Ships, they shall not be punished in any Manner whatsoever, on Account of the Crimes they have committed in withdrawing themselves from His Majesty's Service as aforesaid, *excepting such as have been guilty of Mutiny, or any other notorious Crimes:* And, as a further Encouragement, their Lordships are pleased to declare, that such as shall so return shall have their R<sup>s</sup> taken off, and be paid their Wages for the Ships from which they respectively deserted; but their Lordships do also think fit to declare, that all Persons under the above-mentioned Circumstances, who do not make a proper Use of the Indulgence hereby offered them, will be strictly sought after, and, (in case they are apprehended) brought to a Court Martial, and treated as the Law directs.

*Pb. Stephens.*

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, April 24, 1782.*

WHEREAS it is supposed, that several Persons, who have heretofore been appointed Gentlemen of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Chamber in Ordinary, may, since the last Return in June 1777, be dead, or removed from their Places of Residence; That it may appear to the Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household who of them are remaining alive, his Grace is pleased to direct that all such do, on or before the 31st Day of July, 1782, transmit to Charles Herbert, Esq; Secretary, at the Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's, an Account of their present Places of Residence.

*War-Office, June 22, 1782.*

*2d Troop of Horse Grenadier Guards,* Sub-Lieutenant Charles Mercator Brome Walton is appointed to be Guidon and Captain, vice John Smith.  
*Ditto,* Cornet George James Riddell, of 2d Dragoons,