

Friday, June 27.

Their Majesties and the Royal Family this Morning viewed, amongst other Parts of the Dock-Yard, several of the Storehouses, the Sail-Loft, Rigging-House, the new South Dock, the Double Deck, and Basin, (going on board and viewing in their Way Le Pompée, of 74 Guns, lately brought from Toulon); the Smith's Old Shop, where the Anchor-Smiths were at Work in forging Parts of Two large Anchors; and afterwards proceeded, in their Carriages escorted by a Party of the Life-Guards, to the Governor's House in the Garrison, where His Majesty had a Public Levee; at which the Ministers and Nobility, as well as the Admirals and Captains of the Channel Fleet who could attend, were present (the latter of whom had the Honour of kissing His Majesty's Hand) and also several other Officers, Civil and Military, who came to pay their Duty to His Majesty, who was pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood on Samuel Marshall, Esq. One of the Commissioners, and William Rule, Esq. One of the Surveyors, of His Majesty's Navy.

The Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Town were introduced, and presented the following Address to the King, viz.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's most faithful Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Portsmouth, with infinite Satisfaction and Joy, beg Leave to approach your Royal Person, to offer our Congratulations on your Majesty's Arrival in this your ancient and most loyal Borough.

Anxious for the Glory of your Majesty's Reign, and the Prosperity of your Dominions, we rejoice at the signal Victory, which the extraordinary Exertions of the British Fleet have lately obtained.

The intrepid and judicious Conduct of the Commander in Chief, the spirited Behaviour of the Officers, the heroic Valour of the Seamen, Marines and Soldiers, must ever be remembered with the warmest Emotions, demand our highest Expressions of Gratitude, and be distinguished with unexampled Lustre in the Annals of this Kingdom.

We reflect, with Concern, upon the wretched State of Anarchy and Confusion to which a neighbouring Nation is reduced; from their Misfortunes we learn an instructive Lesson, and, by contemplating their Distresses, we know how to value the British Constitution.

With Hearts full of Zeal and Attachment, we beg to assure your Majesty of our determined Resolution to discountenance and resist every Kind of Innovation and Disorder that may, (but which we trust will never) arise in this Country, and to approve ourselves your Majesty's most dutiful, loyal and affectionate Subjects.

THEY afterwards were introduced to the Queen, and presented the following Address to Her Majesty.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the ancient Borough of Portsmouth, with the purest Sentiments of Respect, embrace this glorious Occasion of presenting our humble Duty to your Majesty.

The exalted Qualities of your Mind, the great Example of every public and private Virtue for which your Majesty has been so long and so eminently distinguished, fill our Minds with the highest Sense of Gratitude and Affection.

Long may your Majesty continue to witness the Success of the British Arms against all our Enemies, and may the noble Victory, we celebrate, be only the Harbinger of others, greater and more important, until the Blessings of Peace and Tranquillity shall be festored, and nothing remain to disturb the Comfort and Happiness of your Majesty and your Family, to the latest Posterity.

They were all received very graciously, and had the Honour to kiss Their Majesties Hands.

WHEN the Levee was over, Their Majesties and the Royal Family returned, in their Carriages escorted as before, to the Dock-Yard, where His Majesty viewed several of the Storehouses, the Masthouses, and other Buildings, which he had not visited before; and afterwards the Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Earl Howe, and the other Flag Officers of the Channel Fleet who were able to attend, together with the First Captain of the said Fleet, the Admiral commanding in Chief in the Port, the Master-General of the Ordnance, the Governor of the Garrison, and some of Their Majesties Suite, had the Honour to dine at the King's Table in the Commissioner's House.

About Six o'Clock Their Majesties and the Royal Family embarked in the King's Barge, in which the Royal Standard was immediately hoisted, attended by the Earl of Chatham as before, by the Board of Admiralty and the Commissioners of the Navy in their Barges, with the Flags of their respective Offices flying, and by Admiral Sir Peter Parker and the Flag Officers of the Channel Fleet (who were able to attend) in their Barges, with their respective Flags flying also, and proceeded up the Harbour to view the French Prizes taken and brought in by Admiral Earl Howe's Fleet; and, having visited each of them, returned in the Evening to the Commissioner's House, before which a great Number of the Artificers and Workmen of the Yard were drawn up, and sung "God save the King," "Rule Britannia," &c.

Saturday, June 28.

The King this Morning viewed some other Parts of the Dock-Yard; and afterwards Their Majesties and the Royal Family proceeded, in their Carriages escorted as on the preceding Day, to the Governor's House in the Garrison, on the Parade before which the South Gloucester Militia, under the Command of the Earl of Berkeley, were drawn up for His Majesty's Inspection, who expressed himself highly satisfied with their Appearance. Their Majesties and the Royal Family then returned, in their Carriages under the same Escort, to the Gun-Wharf, where they were received by the Master-General of the Ordnance; and, having viewed the New Armoury and the different Storehouses, His Majesty was pleased to express his great Satisfaction at the Order in which every Thing was kept, and then proceeded to the Dock-Yard, where the Prince of Wales (a fine Second Rate of 98 Guns) was soon afterwards launched; His Royal Highness Prince Ernest Augustus performing the usual Ceremony of naming her.

In the Interval, between Their Majesties and the Princesses entering the Pavilion prepared for their Reception, and the Ship's going off, several of the Artificers and Workmen of the Yard, who were drawn up near to the Ship and opposite the Royal Pavilion, sung again "God save the King," "Rule Britannia," &c. &c.

The Launch of the above mentioned Ship was performed in the completest Manner, and to the general Satisfaction of Their Majesties, the Royal Family and the numerous Spectators, who filled every Part of the Yard, and the Ships in the Harbour, within View; which, added to the great Number of Sailing Vessels and Boats attending upon the Occasion, and the Fineness of the Day, exhibited the most brilliant and charming Spectacle that can be imagined.

When the Launch was over, Their Majesties and the Royal Family repaired to the King's Stairs, embarked on Board the Barge, where the Standard was immediately hoisted, and, attended by the Board of Admiralty, the Flag Officers and Captains in their respective Barges, with their Colours and Pennants flying, proceeded to Spithead, and were saluted, as they came in Sight, with 21 Guns, from the Platforra Battery, and from each of the Ships at Spithead, which