

a Means, under Providence, of the greater Security of your Majesty's Person and of our happy Constitution.

That either the one or the other should be treated with Disrespect, or endangered by any who live under their happy Auspices, we cannot help regarding as a Mark of the basest Pravity; and we impute a great Proportion of it, among other Causes, to the unguarded and violent Intemperance of Men, who, being disappointed in their own selfish and ambitious Views, scruple not, by the most desperate and dangerous Means, to hazard the Vessel of the State, because they are not permitted to guide the Helm.

In expressing our Detestation and Abhorrence of the Measures lately pursued by a violent and desperate Faction, and in deprecating the Anarchy and Rain to which they tend, we have the Satisfaction to assure your Majesty, that we express the Sentiments and Feelings of the great Body of the People with whom we are connected. They are sensible of the Blessings resulting from our happy Constitution and your Majesty's fatherly Administration, and are warmly attached to your Majesty's Person and Family and Government.

To cherish and promote this loyal and dutiful Attachment, upon the Principles of Religion and the Love of social Order, shall, through God's Grace, be always the Study and Care of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Cupar.

Signed, in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

*And. Ireland, Moderator.*

Cupar, Dec. 22, 1795.

[*Transmitted by Lord Leven.*]

Admiralty-Office, January 2, 1796.

*Extract of a Letter from Admiral Sir John Laforey, Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the Leeward Islands, to Mr. Nepean, dated Martinico, October 22, 1795.*

ON the 20th Instant the Bellona arrived, having joined Vice-Admiral Thompson on the 7th of September, in the Latitude 43 Deg. 20 Min. N. and Longitude 38 Deg. 9 Min. W.

In my last I informed you, Sir, with the Capture of the Superbe French Frigate, of 22 Guns, off Desfeda by the Vanguard; since which I have received an Account from Captain Warre, of His Majesty's Ship Mermaid, dated the 12th Instant, that, cruising to Windward of Grenada, he discovered, on the 10th, off La Baye, a Ship and a Brig at Anchor, which, upon seeing him, got under Weigh and made Sail from him; but the Brig soon bore up, and pushed into a small Bay called Requain, where the Mermaid followed her, and run aground close to her: The French, however, got on Shore to the Number of 70 Troops, and 50 that were her Crew, and upwards of 50, had been landed by the Ship while at Anchor. Captain Warre got Possession of the Brig, which is named the Brutus, of 10 Guns: The next Day he chased the Ship the whole Day, but she escaped in the Night. And in a subsequent Letter, dated the 15th, he informed me that he discovered her again on the 14th to Leeward of him, when he chased and captured her, after an Action of Half an Hour, with the Loss of One Man killed and Three wounded in the Mermaid, and Twenty killed, and several wounded of the Enemy: That both these Vessels were Conventional Corvettes. The

Ship named the Republican, mounting 18 Guns, and had on Board 250 or 260 Men at the Commencement of the Action, with a French General and his Staff, destined to command at Grenada. In a Letter wrote the following Day he acquainted me, that upon his Return to Grenada, with his Prize, he had the Morification to find that the important Post of Gouyave, or Charlotte Town, had been taken by the Enemy the Night before,

Admiralty-Office, January 2, 1796.

*Extract of a Letter from Rear Admiral Parker, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Jamaica, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board the Raisonné, October 27, 1795.*

THIS Morning His Majesty's Ship the Hannibal returned from a Cruise to Port Royal, with Two Prizes, Privateers, one the Convention of Twelve Guns and Seventy-four Men; the other a Schooner of Eight Guns and Sixty-six Men.

Horse-Guards, January 2, 1796.

A DISPATCH, of which the following is an Extract, has been received by the Right Hon. Henry Dundas, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

*Extract of a Letter from Major-General Leigh to Mr. Secretary Dundas, dated Martinico, October 31, 1795.*

IT is with real Concern I inform you of the Loss of the important Post of Guave, in the Island of Grenada; for the Particulars of which I beg Leave to refer you to Brigadier-General Nicolls's Letter of the 18th Instant, and to the several Reports made to him upon that Event, Copies of which I have the Honour to inclose.

*Extract of a Letter from Brigadier-General Oliver Nicolls to his Excellency Major-General Leigh, dated Grenada, October 18, 1795.*

IT is with extreme Concern I report to your Excellency the Loss of the Post of Gouyave. The Enemy having attacked and carried by Assault, the Night of the 15th Instant, the strong Hill which commands the Harbour and Town, Lieutenant-Colonel Schaw did not think his Force strong enough to recover it immediately, and the lower Situation not being tenable, he retired to this Town, unmolested by the Enemy, a March of Twelve Miles, and arrived here the next Morning about Nine o'Clock. His Return, which is inclosed, will shew the Loss of the 68th Regiment. The 25th Regiment had Fifty-five Sick there, with Three Subalterns. One Subaltern, Lieutenant Ashe, and Sixteen of whom were able to march with Lieutenant-Colonel Schaw's Detachment, are here; the rest have fallen into the Hands of the Enemy.

*Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Schaw, of the 68th Regiment, to Brigadier-General Nicolls, dated St. George's, October 17, 1795.*

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IN Obedience to your Desire I should have earlier given you an Account of the Particulars which obliged me to evacuate the Post of Gouyave, but waited to ascertain our Loss, which I find to be Two Serjeants and Thirty-four Rank and File missing, with One Lieutenant, (Carr) supposed to be mortally wounded.

The Insurgents attacked a strong Picquet, consisting of a Captain, Two Subalterns, Four Ser-