

Admiralty-Office, December 17, 1796.

Copy of a Letter from Rear Admiral Bazely, Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Downs, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board His Majesty's Ship *Overyssel*, the 14th of December, 1796.

S I R,

I Have just received a Letter from Lieutenant Webb, commanding the *Marechal de Cobourg* Cutter, acquainting me that, on the Night of the 12th Instant, off *Dunghens*, he fell in with, and, after a Chace of Two Hours, captured a French Lug-sail Privateer of Two Guns and Eighteen Men, named the *Espoire*, which had left *Boulogne* the Day before, but had not taken any Thing.

I am, S I R, &c. &c. &c.

JOHN BAZELY.

*Downing-Street, December 15, 1796.*

The King has been pleased to appoint the Honorable William Eliott to be His Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary to the Elector Palatine, and Minister to the Diet of *Ratibon*.

*Crown-Office, December 17, 1796.*

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT:

*Borough of Saltash.*

Charles Smith, of *Suttons* in the County of *Essex*, Esq; in the room of *Edward Bearcroft*, Esq; deceased.

*Town and Port of Winchelsea.*

William Devaynes, of *Dover-Street* in the County of *Middlesex*, Esq; in the room of *Richard Barwell*, Esq; who hath accepted the Office of Steward of His Majesty's Manor of *East Hendred* in the County of *Berks*.

*Westminster, December 17, 1796.*

The Lord Chancellor has appointed *John Jones*, of *Machynlleth* in the County of *Montgomery*, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

The Lord Chancellor has also appointed *James Crump*, of the City of *Coventry*, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Commissions in the Incorporated Battalion of *Monmouthshire and Breconshire Militia*, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

*Thomas Watkin Davis*, Esq; to be Captain of a Company. Dated May 25, 1796.

*Lieutenant Aytham Lewis* to be Captain-Lieutenant. Dated March 26, 1796.

*Ensign Richard Jenkins* to be Lieutenant. Dated December 3, 1795.

*Joseph J. Durben* to be Lieutenant. Dated March 26, 1796.

*Thomas Morgan* to be Lieutenant. Dated August 15, 1796.

*William Cecil* to be Ensign. Dated April 5, 1796.

*Abraham Lloyd* to be Ensign, Dated November 2, 1796.

*John Morgan Philipot* to be Ensign. Dated November 15, 1796.

*Lunæ 12<sup>mo</sup> Die Decembris, 1796.*

Whereas the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the Merits of the Petition of *Thomas Hyde* and *John Matthews*, on Behalf of themselves and others, Electors of the Borough of *Milborne Port* in the County of *Somerset*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, have this Day reported to the House of Commons, That it appeared to the said Select Committee, that the Merits of the Petition did in Part depend upon the Right of Election; and that thereupon the said Committee required the Counsel for the several Parties to deliver to the Clerk of the said Committee Statements, in Writing, of the Right of Election for which they respectively contended, under the last Determination in 1792; That, in consequence thereof, the Counsel for the said Petitioners delivered in a Statement as follows: "The Counsel for the Petitioners state, that the Right of Election of Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of *Milborne Port* in the County of *Somerset* is only in the Two Capital Bailiffs, commonly called *Reigning Bailiffs*, appointed for the Year, and their Deputies; in the Two Commonalty Stewards; and in the Inhabitants paying *Scot and Lot*." That the Counsel for the Sitting Member, *Sir Robert Ainslie*, Knt. delivered in a Statement as follows: "The Counsel for the Sitting Member state, that the Right of Election of Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of *Milborne Port* in the County of *Somerset* is only in the Capital Bailiffs, and their Deputies, the Number of Capital Bailiffs being Nine, and their Deputies being Two; in the Commonalty Stewards, their Number being Two, and in the Inhabitants thereof paying *Scot and Lot*." That upon the Statement delivered in by the Counsel for the said Petitioners, the said Select Committee have determined, That the Right of Election, as set forth in the said Statement, is not the Right of Election for the said Borough of *Milborne Port*." That upon the Statement delivered in by the Counsel for the Sitting Member, the said Select Committee have determined, "That the Right of Election, as set forth in the said Statement, is the Right of Election for the said Borough of *Milborne Port*." I do hereby give this Notice, in pursuance of the Directions of the Act made in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the further Regulation of the Trials of Controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in Parliament." Given under my Hand the Twelfth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-six.

HENRY ADDINGTON, Speaker.

Whitehall, November 1, 1796.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that on the Night between Wednesday the 5th and Thursday the 6th of October last, a Quantity of Gunpowder