

ment and very spirited Conduct of Lieutenant Good, well supported by Lieutenant Holman and the junior Officers and Men under their Command, Three of the largest Vessels, consisting of a Ship, a Brig, and an Armed Schooner, were brought away, and had there been the smallest Breath of Wind, the same would have been the Case with the other Two, both which were also boarded, and in our Possession for a considerable Time, but it falling a dead Calm at the Moment the Cables were cut, and not having Boats sufficient to tow so many Vessels, it became necessary to quit some, in order to secure those which appeared of the most Importance.

I have great Pleasure in representing to you the very good Conduct and determined Bravery which was conspicuously shown by every Officer and Man in the boarding and towing out these Vessels under a very heavy and incessant Fire from the Batteries, close to which they had previously been brought as a Security from such an Attempt.

I am sorry in concluding, to be obliged to acquaint you with the Loss which we have sustained in Mr. Thomas Finch, Master's Mate, a very promising young Man, who was killed by a Grape-Shot from one of the Batteries, and was the only Person hurt upon this Occasion.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

GEORGE EYRE.

Vice-Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, Knt.

War-Office, Dublin-Castle, October 1, 1798.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to appoint Captain Townshend Monckton Hall, from the 28th Foot, to be Major in the 68th (or Durham) Regiment of Foot, vice Airy, promoted, and the Commission, dated the 1st of September, 1798, is come over accordingly.

Downing-Street, October 9, 1798.

BY Letters from Switzerland, of the 18th September, it appears, that on the 8th and 9th of that Month the Troops of the Canton of Underwalden were, after a most obstinate Resistance, totally defeated by the French Army.

The most horrid Carnage ensued. Stanz, the principal Town of the Canton, has been reduced to Ashes, and old Men, Women, and Children, put to the Sword without Mercy. The French had to contend with Sixteen Hundred of the Inhabitants of Underwalden, who were joined by a few Hundred Volunteers from the neighbouring Cantons. A small Body of Peasants from Schweitz performed Prodigies of Valour, and was the Means of saving the Colours of the Canton. The wretched Remains of this unfortunate Army have taken Refuge in the Mountains.

Whitehall, October 5, 1798.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that between the Hours of Nine and Ten on the Evening of the 3d Instant, the Carriage of Sir Robert Burnett, Knight, of Vauxhall, was stoppt opposite the Admiralty by some Ruffians, who deliberately opened the

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Door, let down the Steps, and entering half-way the Carriage, fired either a Blunderbuss or Musquet in his Face, by which he was severely wounded:

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the daring Outrage above-mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any One of them, (except the Person who actually fired the said Blunderbuss or Musquet,) who shall discover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

PORTLAND.

And as a further Encouragement, a Reward of ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS is hereby offered to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as is before excepted,) to be paid upon the Conviction of any One or more of the Offenders, by

Rob. Burnett.

PERSONAL LEGACY DUTY.

Stamp-Office, Sept. 7, 1798.

WHEREAS by an Act passed on the 26th Day of April, in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, it is Enacted, "That upon every Legacy, Specific or Pecuniary, of the Value of 20*l.* or more, given by any Will or Testamentary Instrument of any Person who shall die after the passing of the said Act, out of the Personal Estate of the Person so dying, and also upon the clear Residue of the Personal Estate of every Person who shall so die, whether Testate or Intestate, and leave Personal Estate of the clear Value of 100*l.* after deducting Debts, Funeral Expences, and other Charges; there shall be raised, levied, and collected, for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the several Duties, after the Rates, and in Manner therein particularly mentioned."

AND WHEREAS HIS MAJESTY'S COMMISSIONERS FOR MANAGING THE STAMP DUTIES have Reason to believe that the Duties which have become payable under the said Act upon Legacies bequeathed, as well as upon the Residue of the Personal Estate and Effects of many Persons who have died since the said 26th Day of April, the Day of passing the said Act, have not been duly answered and paid, and proper Receipts or Discharges given for such Legacies and Personal Estate, according to the said Act; and the said Commissioners have also Reason to believe that the Duties imposed by several other Acts on Legacies, and the Residue of Personal Estate, not subject to the Duties imposed by the said Act of the 36th Year of His Majesty's Reign, have not been duly answered and paid, and proper Receipts or Discharges given for such Legacies and Personal Estate, according to the said former Acts, and also according to the said Act of the 36th Year of His Majesty's Reign: THE COMMISSIONERS THEREFORE DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, That Proceedings will be had against all Persons who shall appear to have offended against the said Acts, to recover the Amount of the Duties payable under the said Acts respectively, together with the Penalties incurred by such Persons as shall appear not to have complied with the Terms of the said Acts. AND THE COMMISSIONERS ALSO GIVE NOTICE, That by the said Act of the 36th Year of His Majesty's Reign, all Persons paying and receiving Legacies or Personal

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