

Signals, and for the whole of their Conduct on that Day, particularly to Captains Hamilton and Meriton, who very gallantly pursued and captured the aforesaid Frigate, La Médée; and also to Captain Torin, of the Coatts, and Captain Spens, of the Neptune, who with great Alacrity pursued La Franche, although they had not the good Fortune to come up with her, for the Reasons above assigned; and my best Thanks are due to the Whole of the Commanders of the Ships under my Convoy, for their Assistance in taking a Number of Prisoners on board their respective Ships.

We arrived at Rio Janeiro on Tuesday the 12th of August.

Admiralty-Office, January 17, 1801.

*Extract of a Letter from Captain Robert Barton, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Concorde, to Evan Neppan, Esq; dated at Lisbon the 4th Instant.*

**D**uring my Stay off the Bar of Oporto I captured the Spanish Privateer Lugger San Josef, alias Larcon, of Six Guns and Forty Men, out from Vigo, and had captured the Speedy Brig, one of our Convoy, and in an Hour more would have captured another, as she was within Hail when we saw her.

*Whitehall, January 9, 1801.*

The King has been pleased to grant unto Samuel Yate, of Ashford-Court, in the County of Salop, Esq; His Royal Licence and Authority, that he and his Issue may, in Compliance with the last Will and Testament, as well as out grateful Respect to the Memory of Samuel Sprott, late of Ludlow, in the said County of Salop, Doctor of Physic, to whom he is become Heir Male, assume and take the Surname of Sprott, in Addition to, and use the same after his Surname of Yate:

And also to order, that His Majesty's said Concession and Declaration be registered in His College of Arms.

*St. James's, January 14, 1801.*

**T**HE following Addresses have been presented to the King; which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

To the KING.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town-Council of Edinburgh, intreat your Majesty to receive our humble and sincere Congratulations on the final Accomplishment of a Legislative Union between your Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland; an Union which, after all the Prosperity diffused among your People, by your wise and paternal Government, your Majesty deigned to announce from the Throne as the happiest Event of your Reign.

We trust that the great Measure now carried into Execution will contribute, under the Favor of Divine Providence, to perpetuate and to extend the Blessings we already possess: We trust that it will secure the Tranquillity of the Empire, protect its

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Liberty, augment its Resources, and raise it, if possible, to a still more distinguished Rank among the civilized Nations of the World.

Approaching, as we have the Honor to do, your Majesty, in the Name of a City which was once the Capital of an independent Kingdom, but which having enjoyed a more enviable Pre-eminence by sharing to amply in the general Prosperity of the British Empire, we anticipate with peculiar Satisfaction the Consequences of an Event destined to impart similar Advantages to our Sister Island. Nor can we form a more patriotic Wish for the Happiness of our fellow Subjects, than that Ireland may experience, in the Course of the Period which now so auspiciously opens, the same Accession of Wealth, of Industry, of Concord, and of Freedom, which Scotland has gained during the Century that is past.

That your Majesty may be long preserved to maintain the Privileges, and to watch over the Interests of a free, a happy, and a truly united People, is the fervent Prayer of your Majesty's most faithful and devoted Subjects, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of your City of Edinburgh in Council assembled.

Signed and sealed in our Presence, and by our Appointment, at Edinburgh, the Fifth Day of January, One thousand eight hundred and One.

*Wm. Fettes, Provost.*

[Presented by the Right Honorable Henry Dundas.]

Unto the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

**W**E, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Provost, Magistrates, and Town-Council of your antient Town of Stirling, beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on the happy Union which has now taken place betwixt Great Britain and Ireland.

We hope that the Bonds of Amity which have hitherto so long united these Nations will be thus rendered Indissoluble; and that, by the good Providence of the Almighty prospering the virtuous Exertions which have been made by your Majesty and your People, during the present long and arduous Contest, we shall be enabled to resist all the Efforts of our implacable Enemies, to frustrate their Attempts to disseminate their impious Principles, and to terminate the Whole in a firm, lasting, and honorable Peace.

We have great Satisfaction in mentioning the great Exertions which have been made in this Quarter to alleviate the present uncommon Dearth of Provisions, and the Patience and Resignation with which Persons of all Ranks have met this severe Dispensation.

We cheerfully embrace this Opportunity of repeating our unfeigned Attachment to your Majesty's Person, Family, and Government, and our sincere Wishes that your Majesty may be long spared for a Blessing, not only to these Lands, but to the whole civilized World.

Signed in our Names, and by our Appointment, at Stirling, this Seventh Day of January, One Thousand eight hundred and one.

*James Edmond, Provost.*

[Presented by the Right Honorable Henry Dundas.]

