

Sloops, (some of them armed,) under Convoy of a large Gun Brig, were discovered coming out of Etaples, and standing to the Eastward towards Boulogne, I immediately made the Harpy's Signal to chase, as well as the Lark's, who was joining to Leeward, to chase in that Direction. The Admiral Mitchell Cutter I perceived off Boulogne, and Lieutenant Shippard, her Commander, immediately ran down within Musket-Shot and commenced a very spirited and well directed Attack upon the Brig and Sloops, which he continued in the most gallant Manner for Two Hours and a Half, driving the Brig and one of the Sloops on the Rocks. I have great Pleasure in bearing Testimony to the Intrepidity which was displayed in attacking so superior a Force, especially when under Cover of their numerous Batteries on Shore, and feel myself bound in Justice to Lieutenant Shippard for his gallant Conduct this Day, to recommend him to your Lordship as an Officer highly deserving every Thing I can say in his Favor.

I enclose his Report to me, and am sorry to perceive he has suffered so considerably; I regret the strong Winds off Shore prevented the Squadron from rendering that Assistance we were all anxious for.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) ROB. HONYMAN.

The Right Honorable Lord Keith, K. B.

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Admiral Mitchell Cutter, off Boulogne,  
3<sup>d</sup> October 1803.

SIR,

IN executing the Orders of Rear-Admiral Montagu, while close in off Boulogne, I this Morning, at Nine o'Clock, observed Seven Vessels, which I took for Gun-Boats, coming from the Westward, intending, as I supposed, to form a Junction with those already in the Road, and as the Wind was E. S. E. I stood along Shore with an Intention of keeping them in Play till the Squadron came up.

They turned out to be Sloops and Schooners, some of which were armed, under the Convoy of a Gun-Brig of Twelve Thirty-two Pounders, which we brought to Action at Ten, close under the Batteries at Patel, and, after engaging them Two Hours and a Half, drove her, with One of the Sloops, on Shore, under the Fire of their Batteries and Musketry.

As this happened immediately under the Camp, I was not a little gratified to observe the Hills covered with Troops as far as I could see them.

In the Conflict a Shell fell on board of us, which has wounded our Mast and Cross Jack-Yard in several Places; our Sails and Rigging are a good deal cut up with their Grape; they have dismounted one Gun, and hulled us in several Places.

I am sorry to add we have two Men badly wounded, one with the Loss of a Leg, and the Mate with two others slightly; all of whose Conduct, with the Rest of the Crew (Thirty-five in all), deserve my warmest Approbation.

I am &c. ALEX. SHIPPARD.

Robert Honyman, Esq; Captain of His Majesty's Ship *Leda*.

Lord Chamberlain's-Office, November 8, 1803.

ORDERS for the Court's going into Mourning on Thursday next the 10th Instant, for the late He-

reditary Princess of Mecklenburgh Schwerin Princess of Russia, viz.

The Ladies to wear Black Silk fringed or plain Linen White Gloves, Necklaces, and Earrings; Black or White Shoes, Fans, and Tippets.

Undress—White or Grey Lutefrings, Tabbies, or Damasks.

The Gentlemen to wear Black full trimmed fringed or plain Linen, Black Swords and Buckles.

Undress—Grey Frocks.

The Court to change the Mourning on Thursday the 17th Instant, viz.

The Ladies to wear Black Silk or Velvet, coloured Ribbons, Fans, and Tippets, or plain White and Gold, or White and Silver Stuffs, with Black Ribbons.

The Gentlemen to wear Black Coats, and Black or plain White, or White and Gold, or White and Silver, Stuff Waitcoats, full-trimmed, coloured Swords and Buckles.

And on Sunday the 20th Instant, the Court to go out of Mourning.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 26th of October 1803,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS Information hath been received that an Infectious Distemper is now raging in the City of New York, in the State of New York, within the United States of America: And whereas by an Act passed in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for erecting a Lazaret on Chetney Hill, in the County of Kent, and for reducing into one Act the Laws relating to Quarantine, and for making further Provision therein:" It is among other Things enacted, that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, by His Royal Proclamation, from Time to Time, to declare any Infectious Distemper, the Communication whereof may be highly dangerous to the Health of His Majesty's Subjects, to be of the Nature of the Plague.

His Majesty, in pursuance of the said Power, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, deems it expedient to declare, and doth hereby declare, that the said Infectious Distemper is of the Nature of the Plague:

And His Majesty doth therefore hereby order, that all Ships, Vessels, Persons, Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes now arrived, or which may hereafter arrive in any of the Ports of Great Britain, or the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man from New York, or any Port within the State of New York, and shall have cleared out from New York, or any Port within the State of New York, subsequent to the Fifteenth Day of August last, (not having any Person or Persons on board the same actually ill of the said Fever,) do perform a Quarantine of Fourteen Days at the several Places appointed, and according to the Rules prescribed by His Majesty's Order in Council of the Twentieth of July One thousand eight hundred, for Per-