

Whitehall, February 25, 1804.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed William Smith Hefelden, of Barton-upon-Humber, in the County of Lincoln, to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Admiralty-Office, February 25, 1804.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Honorable Lord Keith, K. B. Admiral of the Blue, &c. to William Marsden, Esq; dated at Ramsgate, the 21st Instant.

SIR,

BE pleased to acquaint their Lordships, that the Hired Cutter Active (2d) has just returned to Ramsgate; and to lay before them the enclosed Copy of a Letter which I have received from Lieutenant Williams, at present acting in the Command of her, acquainting me with his having, Yesterday, fallen in with Sixteen Sail of the Enemy's small Craft, proceeding from Ostend to Boulogne, one of which he has captured under Circumstances very creditable to himself and the Cutter's Crew.

I have the Honor to be, &c. KEITH.

His Majesty's Hired Armed Cutter Active (2), off Gravelines, 20th

MY LORD, February 1804.

IN obedience to your Lordship's Order to me of the 17th Instant, I proceeded with His Majesty's Hired Cutter Active, under my Command, to cruise off Dunkirk, but the Wind blowing strong from the Eastward, prevented my getting any farther to Windward than Gravelines, where I this Morning discovered Sixteen Sail of the Enemy's Gun Boats and Transports running close along Shore. I immediately gave chase, and at Half-past Ten commenced a running Fight. At Eleven the outermost Vessel struck her Colours; she proves to be La Jeune Isabella Transport, fitted for carrying Horses, bound to Boulogne from Ostend; I am sorry to say I was prevented capturing any more of the Enemy's Vessels from their having run so close in Shore and under the Batteries during the Time I was taking Possession of this Vessel. The Conduct of the small Crew I command, while attacking so very superior a Force of the Enemy, and under their Batteries, within Three Quarters Mile of the Shore, merits my warmest Thanks, and I hope will your Lordship's Approbation.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) JOHN WILLIAMS.

The Right Honorable Lord Keith, K. B.

Paris, 23^e Die Februarij 1804.

WHEREAS the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the Merits of the Petition of John Arbuthnot, Esq; complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough and Town of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, in the County of Dorset, have this Day reported to the House of Commons,

That it appeared to the said Committee that the Merits of this Petition did in Part depend upon the Right of Election; and that therefore 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:

That, in consequence thereof, the Counsel for the Petitioner delivered in a Statement as follows:

"The Petitioner contends that the Right of Election for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, in the County of Dorset, is in the Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Capital Burgeffes inhabiting within the Borough, and in Persons seized of Freeholds within the Borough, and not receiving Alms."

That the Counsel for the Sitting Member, Charles Adams, Esq; delivered in a Statement as follows:

"That the Right of Election in the Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, in the County of Dorset, is in the Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Capital Burgeffes inhabiting within the Borough, and in Persons seized of entire Freehold: within the said Borough, whether by Descent, Devise, or Purchase, and not split or divided, unless split by Descent or Devise, and not receiving Alms."

That, upon the Statement delivered in by the Counsel for the Sitting Member, the said Committee have determined,

"That the Right of Election, as set forth in the said Statement, is not the Right of Election for the Borough and Town of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, in the County of Dorset."

That, upon the Statement delivered in by the Counsel for the Petitioner, the said Committee have determined,

"That the Right of Election, as set forth in the said Statement, is the Right of Election for the said Borough and Town of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, in the County of Dorset."

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 this Twenty-third Day of February One thousand eight hundred and four. CHARLES ABBOT, Speaker.

Whitehall, February 16, 1804.

WHEREAS it hath been humbly represented to the King, that on Monday Night the 30th Ultimo, or Tuesday Morning, some Person or Persons entered one of the Stables of John Holmes, of Alconbury Weston, in the County of Huntingdon, and did maliciously cut and wound a Horse belonging to him at the Fetlock Joint, and nearly severed the same;

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

C. YORKE.

And, as a further Encouragement, a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid (except as is before excepted), to be paid on the Conviction of any one of the Offenders, by the Treasurer of the County of Huntingdon.