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Admiralty-Office, March 22, 1806.

Copy of a Letter from the Earl of St. Vincent, K. B. Admiral and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Fleet employed, and to be employed, in the Channel, Soundings, or wherever else His Majesty's Service shall require, to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board the Hibernia, in Falmouth-Harbour, the 19th Instant.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to transmit, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the inclosed Copy of a Letter from Captain Paget; and have great Pleasure in expressing my Admiration of the gallant Exploit therein recorded.

I am, &c. ST. VINCENT.

Egyptienne, off Cape Finisterre, 9th March, 1806.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the Honor to inform your Lordship, that having received Intelligence of a large-French Privateer being in the Harbour of Muros, I decided on seizing the first Opportunity of gaining Possession of her; I accordingly anchored His Majesty's Ship under my Command off that Port last Night, and immediately sent the Boats away to endeavour to cut her out, in which, I am happy to acquaint your Lordship, they succeeded, though she was moored close to the Beach, and under the Protection of Two Batteries, which kept up an incessant Fire, till she was towed clear of their range.

This Vessel which appears to be perfectly adapted for His Majesty's Service, proves to be L'Aide de Bourdeaux, a Frigate-built Ship, pierced for Thirty four Guns, only Two Years old, and had, when last at Sea, a Complement of Two Hundred and Forty Men. This Affair, so honorable to those who achieved it, was conducted by Captain Handfield, who was ably supported by Lieutenants Aldern and Garthwaite, of the Marines, the Petty Officers and Boats' Crews.

To account for that enterprising zealous Officer, Captain Handfield, being in the *Egyptienne*, I have to inform your Lordship, that not having received an official Communication of his Promotion previous to our sailing, he volunteered, remaining in the Ship as First Lieutenant during the Cruise.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

CHARLES PAGET.

The Earl of St. Vincent, Admiral of the Red, and Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

Westminster, March 22, 1806.

THIS Day, the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honorable House of Commons by Sir Francis Molyneux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of His Majesty's Commission for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate Attendance of this Honorable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly; and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for settling and securing certain Annuities on Cuthbert Lord Collingwood, and the several other Persons therein described, in Consideration of the signal and important Service performed by the said Cuthbert Lord Collingwood to His Majesty and the Public.

An Act to continue several Acts for granting certain Rates and Duties, and allowing certain Drawbacks and Bounties, on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into and exported from Ireland; and for granting a Duty upon Malt and Spirits made and distilled in Ireland, until the 29th Day of September 1806; and for granting certain Inland Duties of Excise and Taxes in Ireland, until the 25th Day of March 1807.

An Act to continue until the 25th Day of March 1807, and to amend several Acts for regulating the Drawbacks and Bounties on the Exportation of Sugar from Ireland.

An Act for further continuing, until the 25th Day of March 1807, an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of His present Majesty, for discontinuing certain Drawbacks and Bounties on the Exportation of Sugar from Great Britain, and for allowing other Drawbacks and Bounties in lieu thereof.

An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters, within the United Kingdom, and the Islands of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, and Man.

An Act for the Regulation of His Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on Shore.

An Act for allowing the Exportation of Corn