

an increasing Energy and Firmness on the Part of His People, whose uniform and determined Resistance has been no less advantageous than honourable to themselves, and has exhibited the most striking Example to the surrounding Nations.

The unconquerable Valour and Discipline of His Majesty's Fleets and Armies continue to be displayed with undiminished Lustre; the great Sources of Our Prosperity and Strength are unimpaired; nor has the British Nation been, at any Time, more united in Sentiment and Action, or more determined to maintain inviolate the Independence of the Empire, and the Dignity of the National Character.

With these Advantages, and with an humble Reliance on the Protection of the Divine Providence, His Majesty is prepared to meet the Exigencies of this great Crisis, assured of receiving the fullest Support from the Wisdom of your Deliberations, and from the tried Affection, Loyalty, and public Spirit of His brave People.

AT the Court at the *Queen's Palace*, the 19th of November 1806;

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council of the Twenty-first Day of May last, for prohibiting the Exportation out of this Kingdom, or carrying Coastwise, Gunpowder or Salt-Petre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, will expire upon the Sixth Day of December next: And whereas it is judged expedient for His Majesty's Service, and the Safety of this Kingdom, that the said Prohibition should be continued for some Time longer, His Majesty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby order, require, prohibit, and command, that no Person or Persons whatsoever, (except the Master General of the Ordnance for His Majesty's Service,) do at any Time, during the Space of Six Months, to commence from the said Sixth Day of December next, presume to transport into any Parts out of this Kingdom, or carry Coastwise, any Gunpowder or Salt-Petre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, or slip or lade any Gunpowder or Salt-Petre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition on board any Ship or Vessel, in order to transporting the same into any Parts beyond the Seas, or carrying the same Coastwise, without Leave or Permission in that Behalf first obtained from His Majesty or His Privy Council, upon Pain of incurring and suffering the respective Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by an Act passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to empower His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Salt-Petre, and to enforce the Law for empowering His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition; and also to empower His Majesty to restrain the carrying Coastwise of Salt Petre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or

"Ammunition:"—And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master-General and the rest of the principal Officers of the Ordnance, and His Majesty's Secretary at War, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain. *W. Farwellener.*

Admiralty-Office, December 20, 1806.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral the Honorable Sir Alexander Cochrane, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the Leeward Islands, to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board His Majesty's Ship the Northumberland, at Barbadoes, the 4th November 1806.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to inclose for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, Copies of Letters from Captains Sayer and Briggs, of the Galatea and Orpheus; also from Lieutenant Dean, commanding His Majesty's Armed Brig Dominica; giving an Account of the Capture and Destruction of Vessels therein mentioned.

I am, &c. ALEX. COCHRANE.

His Majesty's Ship Galatea, at Sea,
20th September 1806.

SIR,

ON the 18th ult. Lieutenant M'Culloch, in this Ship's Barge, pursued a Schooner some Miles up a River on the Spanish Main, near Porto Cavallo, when, after an able Resistance, (her Commander, and One Man, falling,) she struck, and proved to be a very fine Spanish Privateer, of Three long Guns, (Six and Four-Pounders,) Swivels, and Musketoons, on Stocks, small Arms, &c. He brought away the Prisoners, and blew her up, as it was impossible to get her out of the River without Danger of his Retreat being cut off. One Seaman (Cornelius O'Gullivan) in our Boat was slightly wounded.

And, on the 21st, Lieutenant Walker, in the Barge, drove on Shore, and completely destroyed, after a slight Opposition, a fine Schooner, armed with Swivels, small Arms, &c. The Crew made their Escape.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) GEO. SAYER.

Rear-Admiral the Hon. Sir A. Cochrane, K. B.

Sc. Sc. Sc.

His Majesty's Ship Galatea, off Martinique, Otober 24, 1806.

SIR,

ON the Night of the 9th inst. Three Boats from this Ship, under the Direction of Mr. Richard Gittins (First Lieutenant), rowed up in Face of the Batteries of Barcelona, on the Spanish Main, cut adrift and cut out Four Spanish Schooners, in Spite of every Obstacle.

The Enemy opened their Fire of Round and Grape Shot from Three Batteries nearly at the same Time, accompanied with Musketry from them and the Beach, the Schooners being moored Head and Stern close to it. It was calm, and, from the Nature of the Bay, our Boats were exposed an Hour and a Half to this Fire, providentially without the Loss of a Man, although they bore, as well as the Prizes, abundant Proof of its being well directed.