

Admiralty-Office, May 27, 1809.

*Copy of a Letter from Captain Pater, of His Majesty's Ship the Princess Carolina, to Rear-Admiral Sir Richard Strachan, of which the former has transmitted a Copy to the Honourable W. W. Pole.*

*His Majesty's Ship Princess Carolina, off the Texel, May 21, 1809.*

SIR,

AS I had been informed that a Schooner lay in the Vlie Passage to guard that Anchorage, and having thought it practicable to cut her out, I beg to inform you, that having drifted to the Northward so as to open the said Passage, I last Night made the Attempt (taking with me Lieutenants Balford and Dobbs, and Lieutenant Furzer of the Royal Marines, who volunteered) with Four Boats of His Majesty's Ship under my Command, which I am happy to say succeeded, by boarding her at Half-past Eleven o'Clock P. M. and in a few Minutes after discharging her Guns surrendered. She proves to be the King of Holland's Schooner Admiral Pietheyer, of Seven Guns, Three Twelve and Four Eight-Pounders, with One Brass Howitzer, Twenty-four-Pounder, commanded by Lieutenant D. Van Hearekerch; is Five Years old, Copper-bottomed; she carries Two Bow Chasers, Twelve-Pounders, and One aft; her Complement is Twenty-seven Men, all of whom were at their Guns to receive us, having seen the Ship at Anchor and expected the Attack. I am happy to add not any Lives were lost on this Occasion; and I feel it a Duty I owe the Officers and Men I have the Honour to command, to say, that had the Strength of the Enemy been greater, they manifested a Forwardness and Zeal on this Occasion that would have done Honour to their Country.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

C. D. PATER.

P.S. From what we have discovered, I have no Doubt of her being very fit for His Majesty's Service, should a Vessel of that Force and easy Draught of Water be wanted; she is sent to Yarmouth.

*Whitehall, May 26, 1809.*

THE following Addresses of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by Francis Lord Napier, His Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable the Earl of Liverpool, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, have been by him presented to the King, which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

*May it please your Majesty,*

THE very gracious Letter with which your Majesty has been pleased to honour this General Assembly of our National Church, has been received by us with the most profound Respect and Gratitude.

That your Majesty has again thought fit to entrust to the Right Honourable Francis Lord Napier, your Commissioner, to represent your Royal Person on this solemn Occasion, we regard as a renewed Mark of that gracious Attention which your Majesty has been accustomed to shew to our Interest and to our Wishes. On former Occasions his Conduct in the high Office committed to him, has commanded our Esteem; and on the present, we are

confident that it will be such as to call forth our merited Approbation.

We place the most perfect Reliance on the Assurance which, by your Majesty's Command, he has again given us of your unalterable Attachment to those Principles of Religion which are alone the Means of directing the Conduct of Princes, those Principles which are so intimately connected with the Existence of our incomparable Constitution, and which, by being invariably maintained by your Majesty, have preserved it amidst the Destruction of surrounding Nations. Of the inestimable Blessings resulting to this Realm from your Majesty's scrupulous Observance of the religious and political Duties of your exalted Station, we are fully sensible; and it is a Subject of high Satisfaction to us, that we live under a Sovereign who so clearly perceives the necessary Connection of these Duties with each other, and so invariably adheres to them as the Means of promoting the Prosperity of his Empire.

Your Majesty's Solitude to impress us with the wise and enlightened Sentiments entertained by your Majesty on this most important Subject, will animate us to use our best Endeavours to preserve the Portion of your Subjects committed to our pastoral Charge, in that State of Purity of Principle and Rectitude of Conduct, which may long continue to them those Blessings which they now enjoy; and to impress them with a deep Conviction of the sincere and unshaken Attachment which your Majesty has never ceased to entertain to all your Subjects, but more particularly to that Part of them whose spiritual Guidance is committed to our Care.

We shall not fail to assure them, that if, in the Course of the Contest which your Majesty has been compelled to maintain, they have suffered from the Burthens unavoidably occasioned by a Struggle so arduous and protracted, your Majesty has ever regretted these Burthens, and that it has only been your Conviction of the Justice of your Cause which has enforced their Necessity. That Cause, we are firmly persuaded, is founded on Religion and political Virtue; and while your Majesty prosecutes it abroad by all the Means which the Almighty has placed in your Hands, we shall cordially contribute at Home our Efforts for its Success, by our fervent Prayers to the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe, by impressing Sentiments of Loyalty, Unanimity, Fortitude, and Perseverance on the People committed to our pastoral Care, and, above all, by the most zealous Endeavours to recommend to their Acceptance the salutary and ennobling Doctrines of the Gospel, which will continue to support them in the Hour of Trial. In the Discharge of these our peculiar Duties, it will be no small Encouragement to us, that thus we shall justify the Reliance which your Majesty condescends to place in our Virtue and Attachment.

We receive with sincere Gratitude your Majesty's Donation of One Thousand Pounds for promoting religious Knowledge in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland; and we shall endeavour to apply this Mark of your Royal Munificence in the Manner best calculated for promoting the pious Purpose for which it is bestowed.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may protect your Majesty and prolong your Reign; that he may bless the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Fa-