

Direction of Lieutenant William Payne of the former.

And also a Letter from Captain Maunfell of the Procris, stating the Destruction by that Sloop, off Batavia, of the Dutch Company's armed Brig Wagter, mounting Eight Guns and Four Swivels, with Eighty-six Men.

Admiralty-Office, March 17, 1810.

VICE-ADMIRAL the Honourable Sir Alexander Cochrane has transmitted to John Wilfon Croker, Esquire, a Letter from Captain Stanfell, of His Majesty's Sloop the Scorpion, giving an Account of his having, on the 12th of January last, captured off Guadaloupe the French National Brig L'Orelte, of Fourteen Twenty-four Pounders and Two long Twelves, with a Complement of One Hundred and Ten Men. She had sailed from Basterre the same Evening for France, having on board a Lieutenant-Colonel and Two other Officers of the Army, and the Captains and several Officers of the Two French Frigates lately destroyed; and used every Exertion to escape or run on Shore, but was cut off by the Skill and Activity of Captain Stanfell.

The Vice-Admiral has also transmitted a Letter from Captain Hayes, of His Majesty's Ship Freija, stating the Destruction of the Batteries at Bay Mahaut, in the Island of Guadaloupe, and of a Ship and National Schooner at Anchor there, and also the Capture of an armed Brig by the Boats of the Freija, under the Direction of Lieutenant David Hope, who appears to have displayed much Gallantry in the Performance of this Service.

Whitehall, March 17, 1810.

The King has been graciously pleased, by Warrant under His Royal Signet and Sign Manual, to give and grant unto James Lucas Yeo, Esq; a Post Captain in the Royal Navy, His Majesty's Royal Licence and Permission that he may, in compliance with the Desire of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of Portugal, accept the Rank and wear the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Portuguese Military Order of St. Bento d'Avis, which that Prince has been pleased to confer upon the said Captain Yeo, (dispensing with his taking the customary Oaths of the said Order, in consideration of his being of a different Communion,) as a Testimony of the Sense which His Royal Highness entertains of the distinguished Skill, Valour, and Intrepidity displayed by the said Captain Yeo (with His Majesty's Ship the Confidence under his Command) at the Reduction of the Island of Cayenne, in the Months of December 1808 and January 1809:

And also to order, that this His Majesty's Concession and Declaration, together with the relative Documents, be registered in His College of Arms.

Whitehall, March 17, 1810.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Robert Preston, of Whitby, in the County of York, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Foreign-Office, March 14, 1810.

The King has been pleased to appoint James Morier, Esq; to be His Majesty's Secretary of Embassy at the Court of His Majesty the King of Persia.

Exchequer Bill-Office, New Palace-Yard, Westminster, March 14, 1810.

THE House of Commons having, on the 13th Instant, come to the following Resolution,

That every Person interested in, or entitled unto, any Exchequer Bill or Bills, dated between the 20th Day of February 1809, and the 16th Day of March 1810, bearing an Interest at the Rate of Three Pence Halfpenny per Centum per Diem, who shall carry the same to the Office of the Paymasters of Exchequer Bills, between the 20th and 27th Days of March 1810, both inclusive; and that every Person interested in, or entitled unto, any Exchequer Bill or Bills, dated as aforesaid, bearing an Interest at the Rate of Three Pence One Farthing per Centum per Diem, who shall carry the same to the said Office, between the 22d and 27th Days of the same Month, both inclusive, (unless a Sum amounting to Eight Millions Sterling Principal Money of the said Bills shall be sooner subscribed,) shall be paid the Interest that shall become due thereon respectively to the 9th Day of April 1810, and shall have in Exchange for such Bill or Bills, a Certificate or Certificates to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, expressing the Principal Sum contained in such Bill or Bills, which Certificate or Certificates shall entitle such Person or Persons, for every One Hundred Pounds Principal Money contained therein, to One Hundred and Three Pounds Five Shillings Capital Stock in Annuities, after the Rate of Five Pounds per Centum per Annum, to be added to and made one joint Stock with the Five Pounds per Centum Annuities, created by Acts made in the 24th, 25th, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 48th, and 49th Years of His present Majesty, for granting Annuities to satisfy certain Navy, Victualling, Transport Bills, Ordnance Debentures, and Exchequer Bills, and the Interest to commence from the 5th Day of January last, which said Annuities are to be redeemable at the same Time, and in like Manner, as the said Annuities already established are now redeemable by Parliament, and to be charged upon and made payable out of the Consolidated Fund of Great Britain;

The Paymasters of Exchequer Bills do hereby give Notice, that daily Attendance will be given at their Office, from Ten o'Clock in the Morning to One o'Clock in the Afternoon, (Sunday excepted,) from Tuesday the 20th until Tuesday the 27th Instant, both inclusive, for the Purpose of receiving the Exchequer Bills intended to be funded, pursuant to the above Resolution; and the Bearers thereof are desired to bring separate Lists of the Bills, bearing Interest at the Rate of Three Pence Halfpenny and Three Pence One Farthing per Centum per Diem, with the Amount of each Species of the said Bills, containing the Numbers in numerical Order, and shewing the Amount of the Principal Sums contained therein, the Times of Commencement of Interest, with the amount that will be due thereon,

