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AT the Court at the *Queen's Palace*, the 2d of *May* 1810,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty is pleased, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that all Vessels which shall have cleared out from any Port, so far under the Controul of France or her Allies, as that British Vessels may not freely trade thereat, and which are employed in the Whale Fishery, or other Fishery of any Description, save as hereinafter excepted, and are returning, or destined to return, either to the Port from whence they cleared, or to any other Port or Place at which the British Flag may not freely trade, shall be captured and condemned, together with their Stores and Cargo, as Prize to the Captors.

But His Majesty is pleased to except from this Order, Vessels employed in catching and conveying Fish fresh to Market, such Vessels not being fitted or provided for the curing of Fish.

And it is further ordered, that all Vessels subject to the Provisions of this Order as aforesaid, which shall have failed on their present Voyage previous to Notice of this Order, or reasonable Time for Notice thereof, shall be permitted to return to their own Port without Molestation, on account of any Thing contained in this Order; provided they shall not have continued on their Fishery as aforesaid more than Twenty-one Days, (which are hereby allowed to such Vessels) after due warning of this Order received at Sea. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, and Judges of the Courts of Vice-Admiralty, are to take the necessary Measures herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

W. Farquhar.

Downing-Street, May 12, 1810.

A DISPATCH, of which the following is a Copy, was received on the 10th Instant at Lord Liverpool's Office, addressed to his Lordship, by Lieutenant-General Graham, commanding His Majesty's Forces at Cadiz, dated *Isola*, 22d April 1810.

My LORD, *Isola, April 22, 1810.*

FROM the Information your Lordship already had of the miserable State of the Fort of Matagorda, (never to be considered free from the Danger of Assault) it will not be Matter of Surprize, that after holding it two Months it should now be abandoned.

I have the Honor to enclose Captain Maclaine's (of the 94th) Report to me. It would be an Injustice to the Service not to recommend him in the warmest Manner to your Lordship's Notice, as well as the Officers who continued with him to the last of this arduous Duty, Lieutenant Brereton, of the Royal Artillery, Ensigns Cannon and Scott, of the 94th, and Mr. Dobson, Midshipman of His Majesty's Ship *Invincible*. The Defence of Matagorda has been witnessed by every body with Admiration, and I should not have been justified in allowing it to be continued so long, but from the Expectation of the Possibility of some Diversion being made in its Favor, which, however, was found to be impracticable.

It is impossible that I should not endeavour to express to your Lordship the Feelings of universal and deep Regret excited by the untimely Fall of that distinguished Officer Major Lefebure, of the Royal Engineers, whose Zeal carried him from the Admiral's Ship to be the Bearer of my Orders for the Evacuation of the Fort, that he might be satisfied that it was no longer tenable. The chief Direction of that important Department now devolves on Captain Birch. Your Lordship is well acquainted with my Opinion of his Merit and Talents, so well calculated to inspire Confidence under this Misfortune.

I have, &c.

THOMAS GRAHAM.

P. S. The original Garrison of the Fort of Matagorda consisted of Captain Maclaine and Ensigns Cannon and Scott, 94th Regiment; Twenty-five Royal Artillery; under Lieutenant Brereton;