

monstrous despotism assumed by a single individual. We look forward, Sir, with joy to that auspicious period, when your Royal Highness may perfect your patriotic labours, by restoring peace to the empire you administer, upon an honourable, safe, and lasting foundation.

That your Royal Highness may be long preserved to direct the National Councils, is the ardent prayer of, may it please your Royal Highness, His Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply, of the Shire of Ayr.

D. Hunter Blair, Preses.

[Transmitted by D. H. Blair, Esq. and presented by the Right Honourable Viscount Sidmouth.]

Admiralty-Office, January 29, 1814.

ADmiral Sir John Warren, has transmitted to John Wilson Croker, Esq. a letter from Captain Brown, of His Majesty's ship *Loire*, giving an account of his having on the 10th of December captured the *Rolla*, American privateer, of five guns and eighty men, out the night before from Newport.

And also the following letters, forwarded to the Admiral by Captain Barrie, of the *Dragon*, senior officer in the Chesapeake, viz.

A letter from Captain Cator, of His Majesty's sloop *Acteon*, dated 22d September, reporting his having landed with a party of marines in Lynhaven Bay, and destroyed a barrack of the enemy, with all the military stores, after a short action with a body of American dragoons and infantry stationed there, in which nine of the enemy were taken, and several killed or wounded, with the loss of only one man, badly wounded.

A letter from Captain Jackson, of His Majesty's ship *Lacedemonian*, dated 23d September, stating the destruction of several American vessels, by the boats of the above ship, and *Mohawk* sloop, in Cherton and King's Creeks. The enemy assembled in numbers on the shore, but were scattered by the fire from the boats, with the loss of from twenty to thirty killed and wounded; one man in the boats was killed, and two wounded.

A letter from Lieutenant Pedlar, of the *Dragon*, dated the 5th November, giving an account of his having, with the boats of that ship and *Sophie* sloop, brought out, without loss, three American vessels from a creek in the River Potowmack.

Admiralty-Office, January 29, 1814.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Mansell, of His Majesty's Sloop *Pelican*, addressed to Vice-Admiral Sawyer, and transmitted to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Sloop Pelican, Plymouth, January 20, 1814.

I BEG to acquaint you, that, on the 13th instant, I captured, after a chase of twelve hours, the American schooner *Siro*, letter of marque, of two hundred and twenty-five tons burthen, mounting twelve nine-pounders, with forty-nine men,

and a cargo of cotton, from South Carolina, bound to Bourdeaux; is a remarkably fast-sailing vessel, quite new, pierced for sixteen guns, coppered, and copper-fastened, had been chased by several of our cruisers, but escaped by her superior sailing, and was intended to cruize for the annoyance of our trade.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) THOS. MANSELL.

To Vice-Admiral Sawyer, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c. Cork.

Whitehall, December 31, 1813.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to give and grant unto Sir Robert Thomas Wilson, Knight of the Imperial Military Order of Maria Theresa, Knight Commander of the Royal Portuguese Military Order of the Tower and Sword, and a Major-General in the Army, His Majesty's royal licence and permission, that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Royal Russian Order of St. George, of the Third Class, which His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Russia was pleased to present to him in his camp in front of Jauer, on the morning of the 27th of May last, in the presence of his army, as a memorial of His Imperial Majesty's high esteem and regard, and as a distinguished testimony of that Sovereign's approbation of the great gallantry and zeal displayed by the said Sir Robert Thomas Wilson, in a series of eminent services throughout the whole of the war between Russia and France.

And His Royal Highness has been further pleased to command, that His Majesty's said concession and especial mark of His Royal Honour, together with the relative documents, be registered in His College of Arms.

Whitehall, January 8, 1814.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent having in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, been pleased, in consideration of the highly distinguished services of Sir John Thomas Duckworth, Knight Companion of the most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Admiral of the White Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet, and Representative in Parliament for the Borough of New Romney, performed by him on many important and ever memorable occasions, to advance him to the dignity of a Baronet of the United Kingdom, by letters patent, under the great seal, bearing date the 2d of November last, to hold to him and the heirs male of his body; and His Royal Highness being desirous of conferring upon him such a further mark of His Majesty's royal favour, as may evince the sense which he entertains of his great merits, hath given and granted to him, the said Sir John Thomas Duckworth, Baronet, His Majesty's royal licence and authority, that he and the heirs male of his body, to whom the dignity of Baronet shall descend, may bear to him and their arms respectively the supporters which were assigned unto him as a Knight Companion of the said Order, that is to