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Whitehall, September 3.

AN humble Address of the Mayor, Mayor Elect, Aldermen, Capital Burgeſſes, Miniſter, Merchants, and other Principal Inhabitants of the Borough and Pariſh of Barnſtable in the County of Devon, has been preſented to His Maſty by Thomas Whet- ham, Eſq; one of their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable Robert Walpole, Eſq; Chanceller of the Exchequer and Firſt Commiſſioner of the Treasury.

Which Address His Maſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

Admiralty Office, September 3.

Letter from Captain Ogle Commander of His Maſty's Ship Swallow, dated from Cape Coaſt Road, in Africa, April 5, 1722.

IN mine bearing Date the 6th of November laſt, I gave an Account that His Maſty's Ship's Company under my Command were on Recovery, and that I intended in a few Days to ply to Windward and Cruize between Cape Palmas and Cape Three-Points; I failed accordingly the 10th Ditto: The Weymouth I left here, (moſt of the Men being ſick) with Orders, when ſhe was in all Reſpects fit for the Sea, to proceed and Cruize between Cape Mount and Cape Three-Points till the 30th of December.

On the 30th of November I ſpoke with a Ship belonging to the African Company, come from London, by which I received Mr. Secretary Burchett's Letter dated the 3d of Auguſt, acquainting me that the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty had ordered me three Months Proviſions and Wine in Proportion to be ſent for the Uſe of His Maſty's Ships here; the Maſter of the ſaid Company's Ship informed me he had the Proportion of Beef, Pork, and ſome of the Bread aboard, and that the other Proviſions with the Wine I might expect very ſoon by a Ship that was to leave England ſoon after he failed. The 7th of January I returned hither in Hopes to find the ſaid Proviſions and Wine all arrived, but was diſappointed, for neither the Wine nor dry Proviſions were come. The Sickneſs aboard the Weymouth was not at all abated, but the dry Season being come hindred her being further ſupplied with Water at this Place, ſo that Capt. Heardman, with his ſmall Number of Men that were in Health, and ſome Soldiers borrowed from this Caſtle, plyed up to Windward to water at Cape Three-Points. I took in a Month's Beef, Pork, and Bread, which with the Proviſions I had on Board, compleated me to three Months of all Species; Peaſe, and Oatmeal excepted. On the 10th Ditto the Governour here received Advice from the Dutch, that on the 6th two Pyrate Ships had taken a French Ship off of Axim, I left Orders here for Captain Heardman at his Return with His Maſty's Ship the Weymouth to cruize (as ſoon as ſhe was in a Condition for the Sea) between Cape Three Points and Cape Palmas till the 25th of March, and I forthwith got under ſail, and ranged down the Coaſt for Whydah, but

could gain no Intelligence of the Pyrate till I arrived there, though I met with ſeveral Ships trading on the Coaſt in my Paſſage down. On my Arrival at Whydah I was informed that two Pyrate Ships, one of 40 and another of 24 Guns commanded by one Roberts had been there, and had failed about 26 Hours before: I found 10 Sail of Ships in the Road, two of which were Engliſh, three French, and five Portugueze, they had all ransomed at the Rate of eight Pounds Weight of Gold each; an Engliſh Ship, for reſuſing to ransom the Pyrates had been burnt with a conſiderable Number of Negroes a-board. The Pyrates being informed that a French Ship they had taken failed well and had formerly been a Privateer of St Malo, did, notwithstanding a Ransom paid for her, carry her away with a Deſign to ſit her for their Service and quit their 24 Gun Ship: Therefore I judged they muſt go to ſome Place in the Bite to clean and fit the French Ship, before they would think of cruizing again; which occaſioned me to stretch away into the Bite, and look into thoſe Places which I knew had Depth of Water ſufficient for His Maſty's Ship.

On the 5th of February at Daylight, I ſaw Cape Lopez bearing W. S. W. about three Leagues, and at the ſame Time diſcovered three Ships at Anchor under the Cape, which I believed to be the Pyrates, two of them having Pendants flying. I was obliged to hawl off N. W. and W. N. W. to clear the Frenchman's Bank, the Wind at S. S. E. and in leſs than an Hour one of the three got under Sail and gave me Chace; and I, to give her a fairer Opportunity of coming up with me without being diſcovered, kept on the ſame Courſe, with the ſame Sail abroad I had when I firſt ſaw her: About Eleven that Morning ſhe got within Gun-shot of me and fired ſeveral Chace Guns, under Engliſh Colours and a black Flag at her Mizzen-Peck; ſoon afterwards being come within Muſket ſhot, I Starboarded my Helm and gave her a Broad-ſide, and in an Hour and an half's Time ſhe ſtruck and called for Quarter, we having diſabled her very much, and ſhot down her Main-Top-Maſt; ſhe proved to be the French Ship they had taken out of Whydah Road, and had put into her 32 Guns and 123 Men, 23 of whom were Blacks, ſhe had 26 Men killed and wounded, the Captain's Name was Skyrm, who had a Leg ſhot off; the Priſoners informed me, that the two Ships they left at Anchor under the Cape, were Roberts in the 40 Gun Ship, and the other 24 Gun Ship they had that Morning quitted for the Prize. The 6th ditto in the Night, I left the Prize, having put her into the beſt Condition for ſailing ſo ſhort a Time would allow of, and ordered her away to the Iſland Princes. I made the beſt of my Way to Windward again, in order to deſcry the two Ships that remained at Anchor under Cape Lopez. On the 9th ditto in the Evening, I made the Cape, and ſaw two Ships ſtretching in under the Land about five Leagues Diſtance, but not having Day-light enough, I was obliged to ſtand off and on all Night, and

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