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From **Tuesday** February 8, to **Saturday** February 12, 1780.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 9th of February, 1780;

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Frederick Earl of Carlisle to be Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding of the County of York; his Lordship this Day took the Oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

This Day the Right Honourable Sir Richard Worsley, Baronet, Comptroller of His Majesty's Household, was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 9th of February, 1780;

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint the following Sheriffs, viz.

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| <i>Carmarthen,</i> | Thomas Howell, of Fynnon Villa, Esq; |
| <i>Fembrooke,</i> | James Lloyd, of Kilruoh, Esq; |
| <i>Cardigan,</i> | Henry Jones, of Tuglyn, Esq; |

Admiralty-Office, February 12, 1780.

CAPTAIN Thompson, of His Majesty's Ship the America, arrived late last Night with a Letter from Admiral Sir George Brydges Rodney to Mr. Stephens, of which the following is a Copy:

Sandwich, at Sea, January 9, 1780, Latitude 43. 44. Longitude 14. 25. Cape Finisterre E. N. E. 76 Leagues.

S I R,

YESTERDAY, at Day-light, the Squadron of His Majesty's Ships under my Command descried Twenty-two Sail in the North East Quarter; we immediately gave Chace, and in a few Hours the Whole were taken.

They prove to be a Spanish Convoy which sailed from St. Sebastian's the 11th of January, and were under the Protection of Seven Ships and Vessels of War belonging to the Royal Company of Carracas, viz.

- The Guipuscoato, of 64 Guns and 350 Men
 - The San Carlos, of 32 Guns and 200 Men.
 - The San Rafael, of 30 Guns and 155 Men.
 - The Santa Teresa, of 28 Guns and 150 Men.
 - The San Bruno, of 26 Guns and 140 Men.
 - The Corbetta San Fermin, of 16 Guns and 60 Men.
 - The San Vicente, of 10 Guns and 40 Men.
- Part of the Convoy was loaded with Naval Stores,

and Provisions for the Spanish Ships of War at Cadiz; the Rest with Bale Goods belonging to the Royal Company.

Those loaded with Naval Stores and Bale Goods I shall immediately dispatch for England, under the Convoy of His Majesty's Ships the America and Pearl; those loaded with Provisions I shall carry to Gibraltar, for which Place I am now steering; and have not a Doubt, but the Service I am sent upon there will be speedily effected.

You will likewise please to acquaint their Lordships, that as I thought it highly necessary to send a 64 Gun Ship to protect so valuable a Convoy, I have commissioned, officered and manned the Spanish Ship of War of the same Rate, and named her the Prince William, in Respect to His Royal Highness, in whose Presence she had the Honor to be taken. She has been launched only Six Months, is in every Respect completely fitted for War, and much larger than the Bienfaitant, Captain Magbribe, to whom she struck.

I beg Leave to congratulate their Lordships on this Event, which must greatly distress the Enemy, who I am well informed are in much Want of Provisions and Naval Stores.

I have the Honor to be, with great Regard,

S I R,

Your most obedient and most humble Servant,
G. B. RODNEY.

List of Merchant Ships under Convoy of the Armed Ships mentioned in the foregoing Letter.

- Nostra Senora de L'Ores, laden with Flour.
- San Francisco, with Ditto.
- La Conceptione, with Ditto and Wheat.
- San Nicholas, with Wheat.
- San Jeronemo, with Ditto.
- Divina Providentia, with Flour.
- San Gibilan, with Ditto.
- San Pacora, with Ditto.
- San Lauren, with French Wheat.
- La Providentia, with Flour and Wheat.
- La Belona, with Flour.
- Esperanza, with French Ditto.
- Le Cidada de Mercia, with Naval Stores.
- Le Armistad, with Ditto.
- San Michael, with Anchors and Cables.
- La Fregatte de Bilbao, with Tobacco.

St. James's, February 12.

LETTERS received this Day from Mr. Fitzherbert, His Majesty's Resident at Brussels, bring a Confirmation of the Signal Success of His Majesty's Fleet under the Command of Admiral Sir George Rodney, on the 16th of last Month, near the Straits Mouth.

The Spanish Squadron, commanded by Don Juan de Langara, made a Running Fight, the Circumstances of which are not yet particularly known. That Squadron consisted of Eleven Sail of the Line, Three of which, the St. Genaro, St. Justo, and Monarca, separated before the Engagement;