

to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act to enable His Majesty to order out a certain Proportion of the Supplementary Militia, and to provide for the necessary Augmentation of Men, in the several Companies of Militia, by incorporating the Supplementary Militia therewith.  
And to Two Private Acts.

Admiralty-Office, February 20, 1798.

*Copy of a Letter from the Right Hon. Lord Bridport, K. B. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 16th Instant.*

**Y**OU will herewith receive, for their Lordships Information, a Copy of a Letter from Captain Durham, of His Majesty's Ship Anson, stating his having captured Le Jason, Ship Privateer, of Nantes, coppered, mounting 12 Guns and 108 Men.

You will also receive a Copy of a Letter from Captain Herbert, of His Majesty's Ship Amelia, dated the 14th Instant, stating his having captured La Branche d'Olive, a French Merchant Brig, laden with Flour, Beef, Wine, and Brandy; and with his having fallen in with a small Convoy in the Passage du Raz, and captured Le Cultivateur de Rochelle, Brig, and an armed Chasse Marée; but the latter having struck upon a Rock, he was obliged to destroy her.

I am, Sir, &c. &c. &c.

BRIDPORT.

*Anson, at Sea, February 8, 1798.*

My Lord,

**I**BEG Leave to acquaint your Lordship, that I have this Day captured Le Jason, French Privateer, of 12 Guns and 108 Men, belonging to Nantes, Copper-bottomed, out Two Days, and made no Captures.

I have the Honor to be, my Lord, &c. &c. &c.

P. C. DURHAM.

*Right Hon. Lord Bridport, K. B.*

*Amelia, Plymouth Sound, February 14, 1798.*

My Lord,

**I**Have to inform your Lordship of the Arrival of His Majesty's Ship Amelia here this Morning. Your Lordship will, from Captain Stirling, have heard of my parting from him in a heavy Gale of Wind, on the 31st Ult. As soon as the Weather made it possible I returned off Ushant, according to my Orders. I made a Night Attempt to destroy a Man of War, Brig and Cutter, just to the Northward of Point St. Matthew's, but quitted it almost immediately, finding from their Situation it was impossible to effect it. At Dark I came to an Anchor off the Cap du Cherri, and sent all the Boats armed close into Point St. Matthew's, in hopes of taking Part of the Convoy under the Protection of the Vessels abovementioned, if they attempted to go into Brest that Night. One Boat, however, only fell in with and captured La Branche d'Olive, a French Merchant Brig, of about 170 Tons, laden with Flour, Beef, Wine and Brandy. The next Day, having seen her safe to the Northward of Ushant, I got in, by Dark, close to Point du Raz, and at Day-Light saw a Convoy, of One Brig and some Chasse Mareés, under Protection of a small Lugger, coming through

the Passage. The Lightness of the Wind enabled the Lugger and most of the Chasse Mareés to escape, but the Brig le Cultivateur de Rochelle and an armed Chasse Marée, Le St. Pierre's, were captured. The latter having struck on a Rock in the Passage, I was obliged to destroy her, having taken out of her Part of her Cargo, consisting of Officers Baggage. The Brig is about 130 Tons, laden with Brandy, Wine and Groceries.

I am, My Lord, &c. &c. &c.

CHARLES HERBERT.

*Right Hon. Lord Bridport, K. B.*

*Es. Ec. Ec.*

*Whitehall, February 19, 1798.*

The King has been pleased to appoint Charles Pauler, Esq; (commonly called Earl of Wiltshire) to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Southampton.

*Dublin Castle, February 14, 1798.*

The King has been pleased to grant the Dignity of a Baroness of His Majesty's Kingdom of Ireland unto His Majesty's trusty and well-beloved Dame Rose Ffrench, Widow of the late Sir Charles Ffrench, Baronet, by the Name, Style and Title of Baroness Ffrench, of Castle Ffrench in the County of Galway; and the Dignity of Baron Ffrench, of Castle Ffrench aforesaid, to her Heirs Male by the said Sir Charles Ffrench, Baronet.

*Dublin Castle, February 14, 1798.*

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to appoint the Right Honorable John Foster Governor of the County of Louth.

*Whitehall, February 9, 1798.*

**W**HEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, that John Symonds, commonly called the Old Ruffian, stands charged, upon Oath before the Magistrates of the Police Office, in Queen-Square, Westminster, and also upon the Coroner's Inquest, with having, on the Night of Tuesday the 30th Ultimo, wilfully murdered a Person of the Name of John Hayes, at the Crown and Thistle Public House, Charing-Cross; and that the said John Symonds has since absconded.

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the said John Symonds, is hereby pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any other Person who may be implicated in this atrocious Murder, who shall give such Information as may lead to the Discovery and Apprehension of the said John Symonds, so that he may be lodged in any of His Majesty's Jails in Great Britain or Ireland.

And, as a further Encouragement, His Majesty is hereby pleased to offer a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid by the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, upon the Conviction of the said John Symonds.

PORTLAND.

N. B. The aforesaid John Symonds is a noted Boxer, about Thirty Years of Age, Five Feet Nine Inches high, of a fair Complexion, has short light Hair, is stout and well made, has a hoarse Voice, and speaks quick.