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Whitehall, July 18, 1799.

THE King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honorable Sir John Scott, Knight, late His Majesty's Attorney-General, and to the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten, the Dignity of a Baron of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Style, and Title of Baron Eldon, of Eldon, in the County Palatine of Durham.

Westminster, July 19, 1799.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Joseph Johns, of Weymouth and Melcomb-Regis, in the County of Dorset, Gentleman, to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Commissions in the Royal Pembrokehire Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

Captain-Lieutenant John Mathias to be Captain of a Company. Dated April 2, 1799.

Lieutenant James Edward Teale to be Captain of a Company. Dated April 3, 1799.

Lieutenant Charles Browne to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Mathias. Dated April 2, 1799.

Ensign James Dalton to be Lieutenant. Dated as above.

Ensign Sampson Godfrey to be Lieutenant. Dated April 3, 1799.

Ensign James Williams to be Lieutenant. Dated April 4, 1799.

Admiralty-Office, July 20, 1799.

Extract of a Letter from the Right Honorable Lord Bridport, K. B. Admiral of the White, &c. to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated the 16th Instant.

YOU will herewith receive a Copy of a Letter from the Honorable Henry Curzon, Captain of His Majesty's Ship Indefatigable, which is transmitted to you for their Lordships' Information.

His Majesty's Ship Indefatigable at Sea, May 31, 1799.

MY LORD,
BEING in Latitude 43 Deg. 7 Min. North, and Longitude 11 Deg. West, I fell in with and captured the French Privateer Brig Le Venus, mounting Twelve Four and Two Nine-Pounders,

and manned with One Hundred and One Men, from Rochfort; had been out Nine Weeks, and taken the Schooner Clarence, from Lisbon bound to London, and a Ship, from Lisbon bound to Hamburg; laden with Salt.

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

H. CURZON.

*Right Honorable Lord Bridport, K. B.
&c. &c. &c.*

Copy of a Letter from Captain Henry Digby, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Alcmena, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Sea, the 6th of July, 1799.

SIR,

I Enclose you, for the Information of their Lordships, a Copy of a Letter to Earl St. Vincent. The Privateer therein mentioned failed from Passage with Le Bordelais French Ship Privateer and Le Grand Decidé Brig; they were victualled for Three Months, and were to return themselves and send their Prizes to Passage.

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

H. DIGBY.

*His Majesty's Ship Alcmena,
July 6, 1799.*

MY LORD,

RECEIVING Information of several large Privateers that had been hovering on the Coast of Portugal having gone to the Westward, I thought it expedient, for the Commercial Interest, to exceed the Limits of my Station, and on the 22d of June, in Latitude 38 Deg. 50 Min. North, Long. 31 Deg. West, a Ship boarding an American was seen, which I chased; she parting, the American made to and told me she was French, then distant Two Leagues; the Weather being clear I saw his Manœuvres, and acted accordingly throughout the Night, and by using every possible Exertion I got round the Island of Corvo, in Calms and light Winds, on the 23d; the Enemy, equally active in his Endeavours to avoid, preserved his Distance by towing and sweeping to the Westward. On the 24th and 25th I passed Two English Brigs, and upwards of Forty Sail of Merchant Vessels, steering for Lisbon: A Breeze from the Northward on the 26th brought me by Six in the Morning within Gun-Shot of the Enemy; a running Fight commencing, she struck after Seven, in Latitude 39 Deg. 29 Min. North,