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*Whitehall, May 19, 1801.*

THE King has been pleased to grant the Dignity of a Viscount of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to the Right Honorable Horatio Baron Nelson, Knight of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, and Vice-Admiral of the Blue Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet, and the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten, by the Name, Style, and Title of Viscount Nelson of the Nile, and of Burnham Thorpe, in the County of Norfolk.

The King has also been pleased to nominate and appoint Thomas Graves, Esq; Rear-Admiral of the White, to be one of the Knights Companions of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath.

*Whitehall, May 19, 1801.*

The King has been pleased to grant unto Thomas Cutler Rudston, of Sand Hutton, in the North Riding of the County of York, and of Hayton, in the East Riding of the same County, Clerk, Master of Arts, and his Issue, His Royal Licence and Authority, to take and use the Surname of Read in Addition to their present Surname of Rudston, and also to bear the Arms of Read; such Arms being duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in the Heralds'-Office:

And also to order, that this His Majesty's Concession and Declaration be registered in His College of Arms.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 18, 1801.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty will have a Drawing-Room at St. James's on the 24th of June next, His Majesty's Birth-Day, but there will not be a Ball in the Evening.

*Admiralty-Office, May 18, 1801.*

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Duckworth, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the Leeward Islands, to Ewan Nepean, Esq; dated Fort Royal, 9th February 1801.

SIR,

CAPTAIN Matson, of the Daphne, informs me, by Letter of the 22d Ultimo, that on the 16th, observing some Coasters near the Shore, under Convoy of a Schooner, he detached Lieutenant M'Kenzie, with the Boats of the Cyane, under

Lieutenant Peachy; but on their approaching, all succeeded in getting under the Cover of the Batteries at Basse Terre, One excepted, which anchored near Vieux Forte: this, in the Course of the Night, Lieutenant M'Kenzie boarded and brought off under a heavy Cannonade. The next Morning they observed from the Saints, the above-mentioned Schooner work up in Shore, and anchor at Trois Rivieres, covered by a Battery, and flanked by Two others. Notwithstanding those Difficulties, Lieutenant M'Kenzie, with Lieutenant Peachy, volunteered to bring her out, which Captain Matson was at last prevailed on to accord to; but, from Want of Wind, this gallant Intention was not attempted until after Sunrise on the 18th, when Mr. M'Kenzie, in a Manner which exceeds all Praise, ran the Schooner on board, though a superior Enemy, and evidently prepared for him, when Lieutenant Peachy and M'Kenzie entered with Thirty Men, and, after a Contest of a Quarter of an Hour, succeeded in bringing her off under a most tremendous Fire from the Batteries, she being moored so close to the Shore as to have a Stern Hawser fast on the Beach. In this Contest, the French Captain, his First, Second Lieutenant, and Six Men, were wounded; besides One killed and Two drowned. In the Garland Tender, One Seamen and One Marine killed; the Serjeant of Marines and Two Seamen, wounded:—though I was not an Observer of this Exploit, which appears to me among the first Traits of Gallantry in the course of the War, their Lordships will be able to appreciate the Value of Lieutenant M'Kenzie's Conduct, which, I must further add, is, in its probable Consequences, of the greatest Moment to the Trade of our Islands, as L'Eclair sails rapidly, and, when fully armed, will carry Twelve Six-Pounders, besides Twenty One and a Half-Pounder Brass Guns mounted as Swivels. She was in her Way to Point Petre to complete, having left Rochfort armed only with Four Brass Four-Pounders, the Twenty small Guns, and Fifty Men.

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

J. T. DUCKWORTH.

*War-Office, May 19, 1801.*

2d Regiment of Dragoons, Lieutenant-General David Dundas, from the 7th Light Dragoons, to be Colonel, vice Sir Ralph Abercromby, deceased.