

captured the American sloop of war Wasp, of twenty guns, Captain Jacob Jones, and retaken His Majesty's brig Frolic, Captain Whinyates, which she had captured, after an action of fifty minutes. I have thought it my duty to collect the Frolic's convoy, and to see them in safety to Bermuda.

The conduct of Captain Whinyates, who I regret to say is wounded, and of his crew appears to have been so decidedly gallant, that I have been induced to continue him in command of the Frolic, until your pleasure is known.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. P. BERESFORD.

Admiral Sir J. B. Barren, Bart.

K.B. Commander in Chief, &c.

Admiralty-Office, December 26, 1812.

*Extract of a Letter from Captain Broke of His Majesty's Ship the Shannon, addressed to Admiral Sir John Borlase Warren, and transmitted by the Admiral to John Wilson Croker, Esq.*

*His Majesty's Ship Shannon,  
at Sea, 31st October 1812.*

I HAVE the satisfaction of informing you, that the squadron under my orders this day captured the Thorn American privateer brig, of eighteen guns, long nine-pounders, and one hundred and forty men, quite a new vessel, upon her first cruise; she was three weeks out from Marblehead.

Westminster, December 22, 1812.

THIS day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, for declaring His Majesty's Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to*

An Act for continuing to his Majesty certain duties on malt, sugar, tobacco, and snuff in Great Britain, and on pensions, offices, and personal estates in England, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

An Act for raising the sum of ten millions five hundred thousand pounds by Exchequer bills, for the service of Great Britain for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

An Act for granting a sum of money for purchasing an estate for the Marquess of Wellington and his heirs, in consideration of the eminent and signal services performed by the said Marquess of Wellington to His Majesty and the Public.

An Act to explain so much of two Acts for regulating His Majesty's household, and other purposes, as relates to the powers of the commissioners

for the care and management of His Majesty's real and personal estate.

An Act for charging an additional duty on rice imported into Great Britain.

An Act for repealing the duties of drawback on the importation into and exportation from Great Britain of Spanish red wine, and for granting others in lieu thereof.

An Act to alter and amend an Act of the fifty-second year of his present Majesty, for better securing the duties on malt.

An Act to continue until the 25th day of March 1814, an Act of the last session of Parliament, for making more effectual provision for preventing the current gold coin of the realm from being paid or accepted for a greater value than the current value of such coin; for preventing any note or bill of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, from being received for any smaller sum than the sum therein specified, and for staying proceedings upon any distress by tender of such notes.

An Act for allowing an additional drawback on chocolate exported.

An Act to continue until the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, an Act made in the forty-ninth year of his present Majesty, to prohibit the distillation of spirits from corn or grain in the United Kingdom, and another Act made in the forty-ninth year of his present Majesty, to suspend the importation of British or Irish made Spirits into Great Britain and Ireland respectively, and to continue the duties on worts or wash made from sugar in Great Britain, and the duties on spirits made from sugar in Ireland.

An Act to amend an Act of the last session of Parliament for prohibiting the intercourse between the islands of Jamaica and St. Domingo.

An Act for indemnifying such persons as have advised or acted under an order in council for allowing the importation of certain articles into the West Indies, and for permitting such importation until the thirtieth day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

An Act for authorizing the Assistant Secretary to the Postmaster-General to send and receive letters and packets free from the duty on postage.

An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the fifty-second year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of certain Insolvent Debtors in England," and to enlarge the powers of the same in certain cases.

Office of Ordnance, December 19, 1812.

*Medical Establishment for the Military Department of the Ordnance.*

Assistant-Surgeon James Bennett to be Surgeon, by augmentation. Dated December 2, 1812.

Assistant-Surgeon Henry Sprowle to be ditto. Dated as above.

Second Assistant-Surgeon William Oliver Locke to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice Bennett. Dated as above.

Second Assistant-Surgeon J. S. Gregory to be ditto, vice Sprowle. Dated as above.