

The only disabilities which remain, as we are informed, to affect the Roman Catholics of Ireland, are their exclusion from certain high offices of trust and profit, and from seats in both Houses of Parliament. And, with great deference, we beg leave to represent to your Royal Highness, that such exclusion of persons professing a religion, at whose head is a foreign prelate, has always been deemed most salutary to the preservation of the independence of the State, and the liberty of the people. To remove these barriers would, as we apprehend, endanger the Protestant succession to the throne, would weaken the connection between the parts of the United Kingdom, and would finally subvert the Church, by law established in Ireland.

We therefore most humbly request, that your Royal Highness will not give your Royal countenance to the prayer of the Roman Catholic petition, but will continue to afford your Royal Highness's firm support to the wise cautions of that Constitution, under which the country has advanced in prosperity, under which the people have preserved their freedom, and the State has maintained its independence. *John Aikin, Sheriff.*

[*Transmitted by His Grace the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and presented by the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Sidmouth, His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department.*]

Admiralty-Office, January 16, 1813.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Austen, of His Majesty's Ship the Elephant, to John Wilson Croker, Esq. dated at Sea, the 28th December 1812.

SIR,

BE pleased to acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that His Majesty's ship under my command, in company with the *Hermes*, this morning captured, in latitude 38 deg. 40 min. N. and longitude 39 deg. 45 min. W. the American schooner privateer *Sword Fish*, of Gloucester, John Evans, Master, out sixteen days from Boston, and had made no capture. She is one hundred and fifty-six tons burthen, not six months off the stocks, copper fastened, mounted twelve six pounders (ten of which were thrown overboard during the chase), manned with eighty-two men, and appears to sail very fast, having ran us upwards of one hundred miles, in a chase of eleven hours, although not four miles ahead of us at the commencement of it.

I have the honour to be, &c.

FRAS. WM. AUSTEN.

Admiralty-Office, January 16, 1813.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Clephan, of His Majesty's Sloop the Charybdis, addressed to Rear-Admiral Sir Francis Laforey, and transmitted by the latter to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Sloop Charybdis, Sombrero Passage, December 31, 1812.

IBEG leave to acquaint you, that at half-past nine this morning, the Island of Saba bearing N. E. six leagues, I fell in with, and after five hours

and a half chase, captured the Blockade American schooner privateer, of ten guns and sixty-six men, her first cruize, had only taken a small schooner belonging to St. Lucia, but being chased by one of our brigs, two days ago, was obliged to abandon her.

The Blockade is a fine schooner, only three months since her keel was laid, is one hundred and twenty-eight tons, has thrown all her guns overboard, except one, in the chase.

Admiralty-Office, January 16, 1813.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Alexander, of His Majesty's Ship the Colossus, addressed to Admiral Lord Keith, and transmitted by his Lordship to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Ship Colossus, at Sea, in Lat. 42 deg. 3 min. N. Long. 35 deg. 10 W. Jan. 5, 1813.

MY LORD,

IHAVE the honour to inform your Lordship, that His Majesty's ship under my orders, captured this morning the ship *Dolphin*, an American letter of marque, from Philadelphia, bound to Bourdeaux, of three hundred and sixty-two tons, armed with twelve carriage guns, and having on board fifty-six officers and men, and four passengers, agreeably to her papers.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) T. ALEXANDER, Captain.

Office of Ordnance, January 15, 1813.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Second Captain Abraham Paul to be Captain, vice Dodd, retired. Dated December 31, 1812.

First Lieutenant Henry G. Jackson to be Second Captain, vice Paul. Dated as above.

Second Lieutenant Edmund Hodges to be First Lieutenant, vice Jackson. Dated as above.

Corps of Royal Artillery Drivers.

First Lieutenant Moore Jordan to be an Adjutant. Dated January 1, 1813.

William Pilton, Gent. to be a Quarter-Master. Dated as above.

Medical Establishment for the Military Department of the Ordnance.

Samuel M'Culloch, Gent. to be a Second Assistant-Surgeon, vice Furlong, deceased. Dated January 1, 1813.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding of the County of York, City and County of the City of York.

1st West York Militia.

Sinclair Bain to be Ensign. Dated October 29, 1812.

3d West York Militia.

George Cholmley, Esq. to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated May 26, 1812.

Captain Francis Dacre to be Major. Dated May 15, 1812.

Charles Stapleton, Esq. to be Captain. Dated June 26, 1812.