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FROM TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, to FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 1809.

At the Court at the Queen's Palace, the 2d of August 1809,
PRESENT,
The KING'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

It is this day ordered by his Majesty in Council, that the Parliament, which stands prorogued to Thursday the 10th day of this instant August, be further prorogued to Thursday the 28th day of September next.

At the Court at the Queen's Palace, the 2d of August 1809,
PRESENT,
The KING'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

It is this day ordered by his Majesty in Council, that the general embargo laid by his Majesty's order in Council, dated the 12th of last month, upon all ships and vessels in the united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, (except as therein excepted), be taken off. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

STEPHEN COTTRELL.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, August 5, 1809.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir JAMES SAUMAREZ, K. B., Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ship and Vessels in the Baltic, to the Honourable WILLIAM WELLESLEY POLE, dated on board the Victory, off Nargen Island, 9th July 1809.

SIR,

On my arrival in the Gulf of Finland, having detached Captain Martin of his Majesty's ship Implacable, with the Melpomene under his orders, to cruize to the eastward of Nargen

island, I herewith inclose a list of vessels which he has captured, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty; several of them being laden with naval stores belonging to the Emperor of Russia, and which cannot fail proving a valuable acquisition in England.

I also inclose, for their Lordships information, copies of two letters I have received from Captain Martin, of yesterday's date, one of them giving an account of a most gallant and enterprising attack made by the boats of the ships named in the margin,* under the orders of Lieutenant Hawkey of the Implacable, upon a Russian flotilla of gun-boats, under Percola Point, on the coast of Finland, which, notwithstanding their strong position, they succeeded in carrying; six of the gun-boats, mounting each a thirty-two and twenty-four pounder, having been brought off, and another sunk; together with the vessels under their protection, laden with powder and provisions for the Russian army in Finland, being captured, and a large armed ship which was burnt.

In referring their Lordships to Captain Martin's detail of this important service, I sincerely lament the loss to have been very considerable; Lieutenant Hawkey, a brave and gallant officer, who had distinguished himself upon various occasions, and Lieutenant Stirling of the Prometheus, having been killed, and the several men belonging to his Majesty's ships, as in the inclosed list, having been killed and wounded.

I cannot close this without expressing my highest admiration of the undaunted courage and intrepidity with which this service has been executed, and which I doubt not will be duly appreciated by their Lordships.

I have the honour to be, &c.

JAMES SAUMAREZ.

* Implacable, Bellerophon, Melpomene, and Prometheus.

Extract of the first Letter from Captain MARTIN, above alluded to, dated off Percola Point, July 6, 1809, (stated by Sir JAMES SAUMAREZ, through mistake, to be dated the 8th).

The Implacable and Melpomene having stood into the Gulph of Narva, captured nine sail of vessels, laden with timber, spars, and cordage, belonging to the Emperor of Russia, and which I doubt not will prove a valuable acquisition to our own dock-yards.

The boats of the ships under that active and valuable officer Lieutenant Hawkey (of whose enterprising spirit I had occasion to speak so highly when off Dantzic) have looked into every creek along the south coast of the gulph, without finding any vessels whatever, and he is now on the opposite with the same view.

P. S. Since writing the above, Lieutenant Hawkey has returned with three vessels, captured by the boats of the Implacable, Melpomene, and Prometheus, under his command, and he reports eight sail of gun boats protecting some ships in shore, and is very desirous of attacking them, which shall be done, if there is a reasonable hope of success.

His Majesty's Ship Implacable, off Percola Point, July 8, 1809.

SIR,

The position taken by the Russian flotilla under Percola Point, seemed so much like a defiance, that I considered something was necessary to be done, in order to impress these strangers with that sense of respect and fear, which his Majesty's other enemies are accustomed to show to the British flag: I therefore determined to gratify the anxious wish of Lieutenant Hawkey to lead the boats of the ships named in the margin,* which were assembled by nine o'clock last night, and proceeded with an irresistible zeal

* Implacable, Bellerophon, Melpomene, and Prometheus.

Price Sixpence Halfpenny.

