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The following address has been transmitted to his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, and has been presented by him to the King; his Majesty was pleased to receive it in the most gracious manner.

Unto the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

We, the Principal and the Professors of the University of Edinburgh, rejoice in the opportunity which the meeting of our session affords us of approaching with profound respect to the throne, and of presenting at the commencement of the fiftieth year of the reign of your Majesty the dutiful assurance of our gratitude and attachment.

With warm satisfaction we have perceived the piety and virtue by which the personal character of our Sovereign has been so eminently distinguished, and those benefits that have resulted to his subjects from the purity of his example and the rectitude of his administration.

Led by our official duties to mark the auspicious patronage which he has invariably vouchsafed to literature and science, we have recognized with the most lively gratification his benevolence and wisdom, contributing by enlightened and efficient means to promote the improvement and happiness of his empire.

We have at the same time received with deep impressions of respect and gratitude those instances of royal munificence and favour with which it hath pleased your Majesty, on so many occasions, to honour the institution over which we preside.

We humbly, therefore, entreat your Majesty to be assured, that our prayers for your Majesty enjoying a reign still long to be protracted are sincere and fervent, and that we will continue to communicate by our instructions to the youth intrusted to our charge those principles

of loyalty and those sentiments of reverence and affection for the person of your Majesty which we ourselves have never ceased to cherish.

Signed by appointment of the Senatus Academicus.

College of Edinburgh, Nov. 28, 1809.

[Transmitted by Dr. Baird, Principal of the University.]

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, DECEMBER 5, 1809.

*Copy of a letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the Mediterranean, addressed to the Hon. W. W. Pole, and dated on board his Majesty's ship Ville de Paris, off Saint Sebastian, the 30th of October 1809.*

SIR,

My letter of the 4th August informed their Lordships of the proposal I had made to Lieutenant-General Sir John Stuart, that the islands of Zante, Cephalonia, &c. should be seized on, before the French could turn their regard from the defence of Naples, to strengthen other points, and in which letter I inclosed to you a copy of the instructions I had sent to Rear-Admiral Martin, to be delivered to Captain Spranger of the Warrior, whom I had selected to command the naval part of the expedition. The change which at that time had taken place in the state of the armies in the north, required the Lieutenant-General's consideration, whether an adequate force might be spared from the army, and delayed their departure from Sicily until the 23d September, when the Warrior sailed from Messina, with the Philomel sloop, and transports carrying about one thousand six hundred troops, under the command of Brigadier-General Oswald. The Spartan at the same time sailed from Mal-

ta, with Mr Foresti and Count Cladan, a Cephalonian gentleman, who had for some time taken refuge at Malta, and whose local knowledge and influence in the country I hoped would be advantageous to the service. Orders were also sent to Captain Eyre of the Magnificent to join them with the Corfu squadron.

I have now great satisfaction in informing you, Sir, of the complete success of this expedition, and that the French garrison in the islands of Zante, Chephalonia, Ithaca, and Cerigo have, after a very faint resistance, surrendered to his Majesty's arms, the people liberated from the oppression of the French, and the government of the Sept' Insular republic declared to be restored.

As no preparation for so unexpected a change could have been made by the inhabitants, it has been found convenient by the officers commanding, and by the principal people who are now to assume the government, that the British flag, with that of the republic, shall be continued to fly until the several departments are filled and regularity is established.

The influence of Mr Foresti, and the estimation in which his character is held by the people, very much facilitated the operations:—I have written to him to resume his functions of British resident with the republic, until he shall receive the instructions of his Majesty's ministers.

I inclose, Sir, the letters of Captains Spranger, Brenton, and Crawley, detailing the several parts they took in the reduction of the islands, a copy of the proclamation, and reports of the garrisons and stores, by which their Lordships will find with what good judgment all the measures were taken by the commanders of the sea and land forces, and the zeal and intelligence with which they were executed.

At Cerigo the greatest resistance was made; but Captain Brenton's skill and resources are

Price Sixpence Halfpenny.

