

they occasioned, in such a manner as to render their pressure as little severe as possible on my people.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The issue of the important negociation in which I am engaged is yet uncertain: But, whatever may be the event, nothing will have been wanting, on my part, to bring it to a successful termination on such conditions as may be consistent with the security, honour, and essential interests of my dominions. In the mean time, nothing can so much tend to forward the attainment of peace as the continuance of that zeal, exertion, and public spirit, of which my subjects have given such conspicuous and honourable proofs, and of which the perseverance and firmness of Parliament has afforded them so striking an example.

The Lord Chancellor, by his Majesty's command, then said:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

It is his Majesty's Royal will and pleasure, That this Parliament be prorogued to Thursday, the fifth day of October next, to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday, the fifth day of October next.

DUBLIN-CASTLE, JULY 17.

Letters Patent have passed under the Great Seal of this Kingdom, constituting and appointing the Right Hon. Charles, Earl of Ely, and the Most Noble Charles, Marquis of Drogheda, to be his Majesty's Post Master General of Ireland.

ST JAMES'S JULY 19.

This day his Excellency Yussuff Adijah Effendi, Ambassador from the Sublime Porte, (attended by Mahmoud Raif Effendi, Secretary of the Embassy, and Emanuel Perfianni, First Interpreter to the Embassy) had his audience of leave of his Majesty:

To which he was introduced by the Right Hon. Lord Grenville, his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Sir Stephen Cottrell, Knt. Master of the Ceremonies.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, JULY 22.

Extract of a Letter from Vice Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, Knt. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Jamaica, to Evan Nepean, Esq. June 11, 1797.

I have the pleasure to acquaint you for their Lordships Information, that the Grand Ance is acknowledged to be saved by a spirited and well timed attack made by Captain Ricketts, of his Majesty's ship La Magicienne, upon the enemy's transports of provisions and ammunition in Carcasse Bay, for the particulars of which I beg leave to refer you to a copy of Captain Rickett's letter.

You will also receive herewith a copy of a letter from Captain Mends, of his Majesty's brig Diligence, together with a list of armed vessels taken by the Squadron since my letter of the 27th of April.

La Magicienne, in Carcasse Bay, St. Domingo,
April 24, 1797.

SIR,

I beg leave to inform you, that on Sunday the 23d instant, when doubling Cape Tiberoon, in

company with the Regulus and Fortune schooner, we discovered a six-gun privateer sloop and four schooners at anchor in this bay, which convinced me that the post of Irois was attacked: Soon after the alarm gun was fired at the fort. As no time was to be lost in endeavouring to counteract the views of the enemy, we stood in and anchored, when we commenced a heavy cannonade, and had the good fortune, in a short time, to drive them into the mountains; their field pieces, ammunition, provisions, and vessels laden with necessaries for carrying on the siege, fell into our hands.

The good conduct of every officer and sailor belonging to our little squadron, manifested itself upon this occasion, as well as upon many others, since I have had the honour to command it. I have to regret the loss of four men killed, and Mr Morgan, Master's mate, and ten men wounded (though not mortally,) who were in the Magicienne's boat when endeavouring to tow out the privateer.

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

W. H. RICKETS.

Sir Hyde Parker, Knight,
Vice-Admiral of the Red,
&c. &c. &c.

Diligence, Nassau, New Providence,
March 13, 1797.

SIR,

I beg leave to inform you, that having cleared the Bahama Straits the 3d of this month, the following day, ten leagues S.W. of the Pan of Montozas, we fell in with and took, after an action of three quarters of an hour, La Nativetas, of sixteen guns and fifty men, about five hundred tons, laden with logwood, had left the Havana that morning for Cadiz. I have the pleasure of testifying the best conduct of my officers and people in this little affair, and have no doubt but they will distinguish themselves when any occasion offers, and I am happy to add we had only one man slightly wounded.

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

R. MENDES.

Sir Hyde Parker, Knight,
Vice-Admiral of the Red,
&c. &c. &c.

A list of Armed Vessels taken and destroyed by his Majesty's Squadron under my Command since the 27th of April, 1797.

Port au Paix French privateer schooner, of 2 guns and 17 men; taken by his Majesty's brig Swallow.

La Liberté French privateer schooner, mounting 6 guns; had on board only 13 men, the remainder put into different prizes which she had taken. Taken by his Majesty's ship Profelyte.

La Buonaparte French privateer schooner, mounting 3 guns and 39 men; taken by his Majesty's ship Ambuscade.

General Touffaint French privateer schooner, mounting 8 guns and 5 men; taken by his Majesty's brig Swallow.

With several small row-boats.

P. PARKER.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, JULY 22.

Copy of a Letter from Vice Admiral Kingmill, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Cork, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated on board his Majesty's ship L'Engagante, Cork Harbour, July 13, 1797.

SIR,

Please to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that his Majesty's ship Santa Maria