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FROM *FRIDAY*, FEBRUARY 22. TO *TUESDAY*, FEBRUARY 26. 1799.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Feb. 19, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Lord BRIDPORT, K. B. Admiral of the White, &c. to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 16th February, 1799.

SIR,
 Inclosed is a copy of a letter from Captain White, of his Majesty's sloop Sylph, which I transmit to you for their Lordships' information.

I have the honour to be, &c.

BRIDPORT.

Sylph, in Cawsand Bay,
 February 14, 1799.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that on the 7th and 8th instant we captured, off Cape Ortegal, two fast sailing Spanish Letter of Marque Brigs, (coppered,) one the St Antonio, from Porto Rico bound to Bilboa, laden with cocoa; the other the Primavera, from the Havanna bound to St Andero, laden with sugar, cocoa, indigo, and logwood. These vessels, being valuable, I thought proper to convoy them home, and with the former arrived here this evening; the latter parted company from us on Monday night, in a gale of wind, 12 leagues S. E. of the Lizard, but being an excellent vessel and in good hands I expect her here every hour. I beg leave further to add, that on the 20th January, we retook the sloop Three Sisters, laden with butter, from Cork to Lisbon. This vessel has arrived at this port.

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

JOHN C. WHITE.

Right Honourable Lord Bridport, K. B. &c. &c.

WHITEHALL—Feb. 19, 1799.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honorable Ralph Lord Lavington, of the kingdom of Ireland, K. B. to be Captain-General and Governor in Chief in and over the Islands of Nevis, St Christopher, Montserrat, Antigua, Barbuda, Anquilla, and all other countries and plantations in America, commonly called or known by the name of the Charibbee Islands.

[Price Sixpence.]

ST JAMES'S, Feb. 13.

The King was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on Thomas Boulden Thompson, Esq. Captain in the Royal Navy.

At the Court at St James's, the 13th of February, 1799.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Island of Minorca has been surrendered to his Majesty's arms, and the territory and forts of the same are delivered up to his Majesty, and the said island is now in his Majesty's possession; his Majesty is thereupon pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that all his loving subjects may lawfully trade to and from the said Island of Minorca, subject nevertheless to the duties, rules, regulations, conditions, restrictions, penalties, and forfeitures required by law. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

W. FAWKENER.

At the Court of St James's, the 20th of February 1799.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Ralph Lord Lavington, K. B. to be Captain-General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Leeward Charibbee Islands in America, his Lordship this day took the oaths appointed to be taken by the Governors of his Majesty's Plantations.

WAR OFFICE—Feb. 19.

20th Regiment of Light Dragoons—John Tinniswood, Esq. to be Paymaster.

25th Ditto—Captain William Blaquire to be Major, by purchase, vice Child, who retires. Captain John Handasyde, from the 52d foot, to be Captain of a troop, vice Bunbury, who exchanges. Lieutenant Colquhoun Grant, from the 36th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Shawe, who exchanges. Corner Daniel Perring to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Mitchell, deceased. Edward Harvey Hutchinson to be Cornet, vice Scrivener, deceased. John Floyd Patterson to be Cornet, without purchase, vice Perring, promoted.

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