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By the Lords Justices General and General Governors of Ireland,

A PROCLAMATION.

George Armagh. Jn. Ponsonby.

WHEREAS His Majesty hath signified unto Us His Royal Pleasure, That the Parliament of this Kingdom, which now stands Prorogued to Tuesday the Twenty-fifth Day of August instant, be further Prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-second Day of October following, then to meet and sit for the Dispatch of Business; We do therefore Publish and Declare, That the said Parliament be, and accordingly the said Parliament is hereby further Prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-second Day of October next, and the same shall be then held at Dublin, and sit for the Dispatch of Business; whereof the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament, are to take Notice, and to give their Attendance accordingly.

Given at His Majesty's Castle of Dublin, the 5th Day of August, 1761

By their Excellencies Command,
Tho. Waite.

GOD Save the KING.

Admiralty Office, August 14.

Extract of a Letter from Commodore Keppel to Mr. Cleveland, dated in Belleisle Road, the 28th of July, 1761.

I Yesterday received Letters from Sir Thomas Stanhope in Basque Road, Extract of which I here inclose you. The Enemy's second Attempt to remove the Ships attending the Demolition of the Works upon Aix, has been as ineffectual and disgraceful to them as their first was. The indefatigable Pains and skilful Manner in which Capt. Chaplen, of the Furnace Bomb, has directed the Destroying the Enemy's Fortifications and Works upon the Island, has been such, that it would be Injustice in me not to acquaint their Lordships of it. The Whole is now finished, or within a Day of being so, when it will be unnecessary to keep the Ships any longer so near the Island; and the Enemy may then, if they please, take a View of the Ruins.

Extract of a Letter from Sir Thomas Stanhope, to Commodore Keppel, dated in Basque Road, July 22, 1761.

YESTERDAY Morning, about Eight o' Clock, the six Prames that were in the Passe des Filles, attended by some Row-Gallies, and a great Number of Launches, crowded with Men, dropt down upon the first of the Ebb, and placed themselves between the Isle D'Enet and Fort Fouras, from whence they played on our Ships in Aix Road, with twelve Mortars, and upwards of seventy Pieces of heavy Cannon, till past Two o' Clock; when the Receipt on they had met with from His Majesty's Ships obliged them to retire with Disgrace to their former Station.

I herewith inclose you the Report of Captain Parker, of His Majesty's Ship Buckingham, who directed the Operations on this Service.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Parker, of His Majesty's Ship Buckingham, to Sir Thomas Stanhope, dated in Aix Road, July 22, 1761.

AT Seven o' Clock Yesterday Morning, the Enemy's six Prames, loosed their Topfails, and got under Way, attended by some Row-Gallies,

and a Number of large Boats and Launches full of Men. They stood towards us with a Land-Wind; in a close line a-head; and from that Motion; and the Number of Men, I judged they intended to attack us with Resolution; but they soon hauled their Wind, and brought up in a regular Line upon the Shoals, about two Gun-Shots from us, and at a Quarter past Nine began to bombard. In less than Half an Hour they got the Distance cract, and we veered away, to be out of the Range of their Shells; but we found that when we veered, they weighed Anchor, dropped with the Tides, and still preserved their Distance: On which, all the Ships hove a-head, expecting that they had neared us so much as to bring them within Reach of our Cannon, and we imagined that several of our Shot struck them. At half an Hour after Eleven, our own Long-Boats, and those of the Ships in Basque Road, came to assist us; and the Ebb-Tide being almost spent, we prepared to warp nearer the Enemy: About the same Time the Actæon, Fly, and Blaft Sloop, joined us: The two latter I ordered to keep under Sail, and the former to range along the Prames, and to give them her Broad-side as she passed, in order to amuse them, and draw their Attention from the Boats employed in carrying out Warps, and from throwing Shells at the Line of Battle Ships, many of which fell as near as was possible without touching.

At half past Twelve the Actæon ran aground on the Tail of the Pall Bank: The Boats were immediately dispatched with Stream-Anchors and Hawfers to her Assistance, and about Two o'Clock she floated. This Accident prevented all the Ships from warping, except the Nassau, who was directed to cover the Actæon; and she laid out Warps, which obliged five of the Prames (the Tide of Flood now making) to retreat to their former Moorings, and the other to get under the Cannon on the South Point of Oleron. During the Bombardment, Captain Chaplen threw from the Furnace thirty-two Shells, which were extremely well directed. This Morning one of the five Prames dropped with the Flood above the Men of War in the River.

Before I conclude this Letter, I must beg Leave (in Justice to Captain Ourry) to acquaint you, that he executed my Orders with the greatest Bravery and Resolution, and shewed a Spirit and Address becoming the Character of a British Officer:

The Actæon had four Men killed, and one wounded, and a great Part of her Rigging cut. One of the Fore-Puttock-Shrowds, and the Mizzen-Top-sail Braces of the Buckingham, were shot away. One of the Enemy's Shells fell under the Nassau's Counter, lifted the Ship a little, drove in two Trunnels, and shook her whole Frame. Several Shells fell also very near the Monmouth and Buckingham. We are now certain of the Weight of Metal which the Prames carry, one of their Shot being on Board the Actæon, and weighs upwards of thirty-eight Pounds.

Admiralty-Office, August 15.

Captain Elphinton, of His Majesty's Ship Richmond, gives an Account, in his Letter dated in Yarmouth Roads the 6th Instant, That, during the Time he was on the Coast of Norway, he took a French Privateer called Le Faucheur, with six Carriage and eight Swivel Guns, and 40 Men, commanded by M. Artu, with one Ranfomer on board.

Berlin.