

ficers and Captains, in the same Order in which they came, and passed along both the Lines of Ships, each Ship (being again manned) giving Three Cheers, and saluting separately with Twenty-one Guns, as the King passed by them.

His Majesty then went on board the *Augusta* Yacht, where He was again received by the Board of Admiralty. The Royal Standard, with the Lord High Admiral's Flag, and Union Flag, were immediately hoisted, as they had been on board the *Barfleur*; and His Majesty sailed into the Harbour, the Ships at Spithead and the Fortifications saluting as upon His Majesty's coming out, and the Admirals and Captains attending Him to the Harbour's Mouth; after which they returned to their respective Ships. His Majesty landed at the Dock a Quarter before Nine o'Clock, and returned to the Commissioner's House, where He resided the whole Time of His Stay at Portsmouth.

Wednesday June 23:

AT Eight o'Clock this Morning His Majesty began to view the Dock-Yard, the Ships building and repairing, and the Magazines. At Eleven His Majesty went into His Barge, attended by the Commissioners of the Admiralty and Navy in their Barges, with the Flags of their respective Offices, and many of the Nobility in another Barge, and proceeded up the Harbour to view the Ships lying in Ordinary. His Majesty went on board Three of those Ships, viz. the *Britannia*, a First Rate of 100 Guns; the *Royal William*, a Second Rate of Eighty-four Guns; and the *Defiance*, a Third Rate of Sixty-four Guns; and, at Half an Hour after Two, went off to Spithead to dine on board the *Barfleur*, attended by the Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Flag Officers and Captains in their Barges as before.

At Six o'Clock in the Afternoon His Majesty went from the *Barfleur* on board the *Augusta* Yacht, and sailed towards St. Helens 'till near Eight, and then stood in for the Harbour; but it falling calm, His Majesty left the Yacht, and was rowed to the Dock in His Barge, where He arrived at Half an Hour after Nine, the Ships and Fortifications saluting, and the Flag Officers and Captains attending him to the Mouth of the Harbour, as they had done the Day before.

Thursday June 24.

HIS Majesty went to the Gun Wharf at Six o'Clock in the Morning, where He was received by the Master-General of the Ordnance, the Lieutenant-General and Principal Officers of that Department, and minutely viewed the Magazines, Artillery, and Stores.

His Majesty returned to the Dock-Yard at Seven, and viewed such Parts of the Yard, Magazines, and Works carrying on, as He had not seen before. At Half an Hour after Ten His Majesty, attended as before by the Nobility and Commissioners of the Admiralty and Navy, went in His Barge on board the *Venus*, a Frigate of Thirty-six Guns, lying in Ordinary, and from thence to Weovil, where he was received by Captain Pitt, One of the Commissioners for Victualling the Royal Navy, and the Officers of that Department, a Royal Salute of 21 Guns being given from the Lines at Gosport; and, having viewed the Brewery, Cooperage, and Magazines, returned to the Dock.

After His Majesty had changed His Drefs, He went to the Governor's House, and had another Public Levee.

At Two o'Clock His Majesty went off to Spithead, in the same State as on the preceding Days, to dine on board the *Barfleur*.

Vice-Admiral Pye, having, in Pursuance of the King's Pleasure, been this Day promoted to the Rank of Admiral of the Blue, kissed His Majesty's Hand on the Quarter Deck, and, hoisting his Flag immediately on board the *Royal Oak*, was, by the King's Permission, saluted by all the Ships present except the *Barfleur*. The Admiral, in Acknowledgement of the Honor conferred upon him, sa-

luted the Royal Standard with all the Guns on board the *Royal Oak*.

His Majesty was at the same Time pleased to confer the Honor of Knighthood on Admiral Pye, as also upon Richard Spry, Esq; Rear-Admiral of the White; Captain Joseph Knight of the Ocean, Senior Captain in the Fleet at Spithead; Captain Edward Vernon of the *Barfleur*; and Captain Richard Bickerton of the *Augusta* Yacht; who had the Honor each Day to steer the King's Barge; and they had severally the Honor to kiss His Majesty's Hand upon the Quarter-Deck, under the Royal Standard.

At Half an Hour after Five o'Clock, His Majesty went from the *Barfleur* on board the *Augusta* Yacht, attended as before, and, having sailed through Part of the Line of Ships, stood in to the Harbour, and landed at the Dock at Half an Hour after Seven; the Flag Officers and Captains attending His Majesty in their Barges to the Mouth of the Harbour, and the Fortifications saluting as on the former Days.

Friday June 25.

HIS Majesty went from the Dock-Yard at Half an Hour after Five this Morning, to view the new Works and Fortifications of Portsmouth, beginning from the farthest Part of the Common, round to the Saluting Plat-form.

At Seven His Majesty returned to the Dock, embarked immediately on board the *Augusta* Yacht, and sailed out of the Harbour, the Fortifications saluting as He passed. When the Yacht arrived at Spithead, Lord Edgcumbe, Vice-Admiral of the Blue, with his Division, got under Sail and followed His Majesty. When the Yacht and Men of War had passed the Buoys, the Vice-Admiral came on Board, and having, by His Majesty's Command, been promoted to be Vice-Admiral of the White, had the Honor to kiss His Majesty's Hand under the Royal Standard; and then, shifting his Flag, was, by His Majesty's Permission, saluted by all the Ships of his Division.

His Majesty proceeded as far as Sandown Bay, where the Standard was saluted by the Castle.

The Wind then freshening, and the Tide being spent, the Yacht, with the Vice-Admiral's Division, returned to St. Helens and anchored.

At three Quarters after Four the Yacht got under weigh, and, the Wind still blowing fresh, worked up to Spithead, leaving the Vice-Admiral and his Division to proceed to Plymouth according to the Orders he had received. After the King had sailed along the Line of Ships remaining at Spithead, He stood towards the Harbour, and came to Anchor about Half a Mile within South Sea Castle, where His Majesty was attended by the Admiral, the Rear Admiral, and all the Captains and Lieutenants of the Fleet at Spithead, who had severally the Honor of Kissing His Majesty's Hand. While the Yacht was at Anchor, the Ramparts of the Town being lined with Land Forces and Marines, fired a *Feu de Joye* at Ten o'Clock, by a triple Discharge of Cannon and Musquetry all round the Works; immediately after which the Yacht weighed, proceeded into the Harbour, and landed His Majesty at the Dock at Half an Hour after Ten o'Clock.

The King was this Day pleased to grant the Dignity of a Baronet of Great Britain unto Hugh Palliser, Esq; Comptroller of His Majesty's Navy, and unto Richard Hughes, Esq; Commissioner of His Majesty's Navy residing at Portsmouth; and also to direct, that the Commanders of the *Wasp*, *Speedwell*, and *Hazard* Sloops, at Spithead, be promoted to the Rank of Post-Captains of His Majesty's Fleet; the Lieutenants commanding the *Greyhound* and *Anson* Cutters in Portsmouth Harbour, the First-Lieutenant of the *Barfleur*, and Lieutenant of the *Augusta* Yacht, where the Royal Standard had been hoisted, and the First-Lieutenants of the Flag Officers Ships, viz. the *Royal Oak*, *Dublin*, and *Ocean*, to be promoted to the Rank of Commanders; and two Midshipmen from each of those Ships and Yacht to be made Lieutenants.