

this instant May, - presume to transport into any Parts out of this Kingdom, or carry Coastwise, any Gunpowder, Saltpetre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, or ship or lade any Gunpowder, Saltpetre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, on Board any Ship or Vessel, in order to transporting the same beyond the Seas, or carrying the same Coastwise, except in the Cases comprized within the aforementioned Orders in Council, without Leave or Permission in that Behalf first obtained from His Majesty or His Privy Council, upon Pain of incurring and suffering the respective Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by an Act passed in the 29th Year of His late Majesty's Reign, entituled, " An Act to empower His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Saltpetre, and to enforce the Law for empowering His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms and Ammunition; and also to empower His Majesty to restrain the carrying Coastwise of Saltpetre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition." - And the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master-General of the Ordnance, and His Majesty's Secretary at War, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

Steph. Cottrill.

Admiralty-Office, May 16, 1780.

*Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Parker, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Jamaica, to Mr. Stephens, dated on Board the Salisbury, Port Royal Harbour, April 7, 1780.*

**T**HE 15th Ult. the Pallas sent in a Spanish Storeship, of 20 Guns, laden with Two Thousand One Hundred Quintals of Gunpowder and some Ordnance, intended for the Garrisons on the Spanish Main.

The 25th of last Month the Janus arrived much damaged in her Rigging and Hull, with an Account from Captain Cornwallis, that, on the 20th past in the Morning, off Monti Christi, he fell in with Four Sail of French Ships of the Line and a Frigate, with a Number of Merchant-Ships under their Convoy. Our Ships, consisting of the Lion of 64, Bristol of 50, and Janus of 44 Guns, formed the Line a-head, and were chased by the French, who came within Gun-shot at Five o'Clock in the Evening, and a running Fight was maintained during the whole Night; the Enemy not chusing to go alongside of our Ships, though they had it in their Power. The Morning of the 21st was calm, and the Janus being near the French Commodore kept up a constant and well-directed Fire, which obliged him to take the Advantage of a light Air of Wind to sheer off, with the Loss of his Mizzen-top-mast and Foretop-gallant-mast. The Lion and Bristol towed with their Boats to the Assistance of the Janus, which brought on a general Firing for Two or Three Hours; the Remainder of the Day was employed by the Enemy in repairing their Damages, and just before Sun-set, they made Sail again after our Ships, but did not come within Gun-shot the whole Night; soon after Day-light on Wednesday Morning, the 22d, Captain Cornwallis saw Three Sail to Leeward, which he imagined and afterwards found to be the Ruby, and the Niger and Pomona Frigates. The French immediately hauled their Wind, and Captain Cornwallis chased them for Five Hours, but they declined the Combat, notwithstanding the Janus was disabled, and Captain Cornwallis had only Two 64 and One 50 Gun Ship to oppose to Four Sail of the Enemy's Line of 74 Guns each, under the Command, as I have since been informed, of M. de la Mot Piquet. The Names of the French Ship; are the Hannibal, Hero, Vanqueur, Diadem, and Amphitrite Frigate. The French fired so injudiciously that there were only 12 Men killed and wounded in our Three Ships. The marked Conduct and In-

trepidity of Captain Cornwallis, and all the Officers and Men under his Command will, I flatter myself, give intire Satisfaction to their Lordships. Captain Cornwallis expresses himself much obliged to Captain Pakenham, (now acting in the Bristol, in the room of Captain Caulfield, sick on Shore) for his great Attention and Diligence during the whole Time of the Action, and also all the Officers and Seamen of the Three Ships, who behaved with the greatest Spirit and good Order; Captain Glover, he said, was very ill, and died on Tuesday Morning, in the very Hour he so ardently wished to see.

*Naples, April 18.* Her Sicilian Majesty was safely delivered of a Prince on the 12th Instant, at Three o'Clock in the Morning; and her Majesty continues as well as could be expected: The young Prince was immediately baptised. A grand Gala and Illuminations were ordered as usual, and a great Promotion is likely to take Place on the present joyful Occasions.

The last Letters from Sicily mention that they have lately been much alarmed by violent and repeated Shocks of an Earthquake, particularly at Messina, Catania, Taormina, in the Lipari Islands, and on the Coast of Calabria; and that an Eruption of Mount Etna, or some of the Lipari Islands, is expected.

*Commissions signed by His Majesty for the Army in Ireland.*

*5th Regiment of Dragoons, Eldest Cornet William Hatton to be Lieutenant, vice John Metge, who retires. Dated March 8, 1780.*

*Ditto, Mr. John Deane to be Cornet, vice Hatton.*

*8th Dragoons, Mr. John Wallace to be Cornet, vice James Wilkins, who retires. Dated as above.*

*9th Dragoons, Captain-Lieutenant Arthur Ormsby, of the 12th Regiment of Dragoons, to be Captain, vice William Adlercron, deceased. Dated April 7, 1780.*

*Ditto, Cornet the Honourable George Walpole to be Lieutenant, vice James Garden; by Purchase. Dated April 17, 1780.*

*12th Dragoons, Lieutenant James Garden, of the 9th Regiment of Dragoons, to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Arthur Ormsby, promoted. Dated April 7, 1780.*

*3d Foot, Eldest Ensign Richard Mayne to be Lieutenant, vice George Martin Leake, promoted. Dated January 31, 1780.*

*Ditto, Mr. James Morrison to be Ensign, vice Mayne.*

*Ditto, Ensign Jonathan Brecknock, of the 66th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Fitzgerald, promoted. Dated as above.*

*19th Foot, Eldest Ensign Stephen Bloomfield to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Mawhood, promoted. Dated March 8, 1780.*

*Ditto, Mr. Charles McDonald to be Ensign, vice Bloomfield.*

*30th Foot, Eldest Ensign Isaac Montgomery to be Lieutenant, vice Robert Harvey Mallorey, promoted. Dated January 31, 1780.*

*Ditto, Mr. Pierce Rowe to be Ensign, vice Montgomery.*

*Ditto, Ensign Alexander Hervey to be Lieutenant, vice Robert Allen, promoted. Dated as above.*

*Ditto, Mr. George Gleditanes to be Ensign, vice Hervey.*

*Ditto, Ensign Jonathan Rogers to be Lieutenant, vice Henry Allen, promoted. Dated March 8, 1780.*

*Ditto, Mr. Richard Fitzgerald to be Ensign, vice Rogers.*

*36th Foot, Mr. James Confiden to be Ensign, vice John Westropp, resigned. Dated January 31, 1780.*

*66th Foot, Mr. Richard Warburton to be Ensign, vice Jonathan Brecknock; by Purchase. Dated January 31, 1780.*

*Ditto, Lieutenant William Brownlow, of the 2d Regiment of Horse, to be Captain, vice Amos Vereker, who retires. Dated April 12, 1780.*

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