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St. James's, July 22, 1780.

THE following Address of the States of the Island of Jersey having been transmitted by the Right Honourable General Conway, Governor of the said Island, to the Earl of Hillsborough, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the States of the Island of Jersey.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the States of your Majesty's Island of Jersey, ever zealous for the Prosperity of your Majesty's auspicious Reign, and alarmed at whatever may disturb the Happiness of it, beg Leave to express to your Majesty our Abhorrence and Detestation of the late rebellious Insurrections which have been excited in the Metropolis of your Majesty's Dominions, and our Joy upon the happy Restoration of public Tranquility, effected by those wise Measures which your Majesty directed in this urgent Necessity, when all lawful Authority and Government were so wickedly insulted.

We beg Leave to offer our Congratulation on the glorious Successes which have lately been obtained by the Arms of your Majesty; and we fervently pray the Almighty to grant to your Majesty an uninterrupted Course of them.

The timely and powerful Protection granted by your Majesty to your faithful Subjects of this Island, in the Time of the most imminent Danger, demands our most grateful Acknowledgments; and we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we shall do our utmost Exertions to merit a Continuance of your Majesty's paternal Attention, by the most zealous and incessant Fidelity, Obedience, and Attachment to your Royal Person and Government.

By Order of the States,
Pb. De Carteret, Greff.

Jersey, July 8, 1780.

Admiralty-Office, July 22, 1780.

Extract of a Letter from the Honourable Captain Waldegrave, of His Majesty's Ship *La Prudente*, to Mr. Stephens, dated Spithead, July 18, 1780.

ON the 4th Instant, being on a Cruise with the *Licorne* in Company, at Ten o'Clock A. M. Cape Ortugal then bearing South and by West, Distance 24 Leagues, the *Licorne* made the Signal for seeing a Sail in the N. W. and a thick Fog then dispersing, we discovered a large Ship bearing down to us: I immediately made the Signal to chase, soon after which, the Chace hauling her Wind, being then only Six Miles Distance from us, we clearly discovered her to be a large Frigate, which, from her Construction, we concluded to be French.

As we had light Winds and Calms the whole Day, it was Half past Eleven P. M. e're I found myself within close Pistol-shot of her. The Signals she now made, both with Rockets and Lights, convincing me that she was an Enemy, I immediately began to engage her; and at Half past Four A. M. she hauled down her Colours to His Majesty's Ships *La Prudente* and *Licorne*.

She proved to be *La Carpicieuse*, a French Frigate, Eight Days from L'Orient, pierced for 44

Guns, but mounting only 32; Complement 308 Men. She was launched in March last, measured 1100 Tons, and was one of the finest Frigates I ever saw.

I am very sorry to say, that the Condition of the Prize was such (as their Lordships may observe from the Report of the Survey) as rendered it impracticable to escort her to England. Indeed the very heavy Loss I had sustained in the Action, and unfortunately having 20 sick on Shore, and many on Board, made it absolutely impossible for me to give her the necessary Assistance for that Purpose; I therefore, after removing the Prisoners, set her on Fire.

Finding from the Condition of my Ship the utter Impossibility of executing my Orders, I have therefore given Directions to Captain Cadogan, the Commander of His Majesty's Ship *Licorne*, to put them into immediate Execution.

Notwithstanding our seeming Superiority, I hope the Return of the killed and wounded will sufficiently evince, that my Officers and Ship's Company have acquitted themselves in the most gallant and spirited Manner. Indeed I feel 'tis impossible to do Justice to their Merits.

In Justice to Lieutenant Binks of the Marines, I must beg Leave to observe to their Lordships, that his Party behaved with the utmost Steadiness and Bravery, keeping up a regular and constant Fire from the Beginning of the Action, 'till Necessity called them to the great Guns, where they shewed an equal Share of Spirit and good Order.

But while I am thus giving those well-deserved Encomiums to His Britannick Majesty's Subjects, I should feel myself in Honour bound to give His Enemies, on this Occasion, the Merits they are so truly deserving, did not the Condition of their Ship, and the heavy Loss they have sustained, sufficiently speak their Praises. I must beg Leave to add, in Honour of M. de Cherval, who commanded *La Carpicieuse* at the Time she surrendered, that the Colours were not hauled down till the Ship had five Feet Water in her Hold.

Monf. de Ransanne and Monf. de Fontaine, the First and Second Captains, both fell in the Action; but, as to their farther Loss, we are as yet ignorant, being unacquainted with the Number of Prisoners on board the *Licorne*; but from a rough Calculation of their Officers, they must have at least 100 killed and wounded.

It is with infinite Concern that I acquaint their Lordships, that Lieutenant Ellison stands foremost on the List of the Wounded, having been very severely bruised in the Back, and his Right Arm carried off by a Shot. I must beg Leave to recommend his Misfortune, and the great Intrepidity he shewed during the Action, to their Lordships most particular Attention.

A List of the Killed and Wounded on board His Majesty's Ship LA PRUDENTE.

| | Killed. |
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| Mr. John Dismond, Mr. Richard Montgomery, Mr. Thomas England, Mr. William Dismond, Midshipmen, - - } | 4 |
| Seamen - - - - - | 12 |
| Marine - - - - - | 1 |
| Total | 17 |

