

Date of the Bond, from the proper Officers of the Customs at the Ports for which such Copper shall be entered and cleared out, of the same having been all duly landed at such Ports; which Certificate or Certificates such Officer is required to give, and the Commissioners of the Customs to transmit to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in order to be laid before this Board: And His Majesty is likewise pleased to permit and allow the Exportation of Sheets of Copper of and under the Weight of Two Pounds and an Half to the Foot Superficial to any Parts beyond the Seas, to which the same may be lawfully exported (except to any of the Ports belonging to France or Spain) upon Condition that no more than Ten Hundred Weight of such Copper shall be exported by any one Person or Partnership, and that the Quantity laden or put on Board any one Ship or Vessel, shall not exceed Three Tons in the whole; and also upon Condition that such Sheets of Copper shall be first inspected and examined by the Agent or Agents appointed or to be appointed by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy; and that a Certificate, under the Hand and Seal of such Agent or Agents shall be first had and obtained, setting forth, that such Sheets of Copper are of and under the Weight above described.—And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

*Steph. Cottrell.*

*St. James's, August 19, 1780.*

The following Address of the High Sheriff and Grand Jury of the County of Hereford has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable Thomas Harley, One of the Representatives in Parliament for the said County: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the High Sheriff and Grand Jury of the County of Hereford, at the Assize held at Hereford the Eighth of August, deeply impressed with a Sense of the many Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's mild and most auspicious Government, beg Leave, with Hearts full of Gratitude, to acknowledge your paternal Attention to the Happiness and Welfare of your People, by that seasonable Protection, which, in the Wisdom of your Majesty's Council, was given to the Inhabitants of London and Westminster, and Places adjacent, at a Time when the most horrid Acts of Violence had borne down the Civil Authority, and totally extinguished every Appearance of Government.

It is with the greatest Indignation we reflect on those Proceedings, and beg Leave to express to your Majesty our most sincere Thanks for the speedy and constitutional Manner in which the Offenders have been brought to Justice; and we look up with Admiration at the Mercy which has so tenderly accompanied the national Justice, by which Peace and Tranquillity have been so immediately and effectually restored to your Majesty's Subjects.

We lament the Number of unhappy Victims that have fallen a Sacrifice to the Designs of wicked Men, who, under the specious Pretence of Religion, levelled the severest Blow against the Government of this Country. Sensible of your Majesty's Goodness to your People, we shall pay the most serious Attention to your most gracious Recommendation from the Throne, and endeavour to support the happy Con-

stitution under which we live by paying a due Obedience to the Laws of our Country.

May your Majesty's Reign be long, happy, and prosperous, and may all your Subjects, with Hearts full of Attachment, Confidence, and Zeal, unite in supporting your Majesty's Government.

[Signed by *Bell Lloyd, Esq; Sheriff, and the Grand Jury.*]

*Admiralty-Office, August 19, 1780.*

**A**dmiral Geary, with Part of the Fleet under his Command, arrived Yesterday at Spithead, and was then expecting the Remainder, with a Prize Ship, a Letter of Marque, called *Le Compte de Hallwiel*, 350 Tons, 24 Guns, and 80 Men, bound from Cape Francois to Bourdeaux, having on Board some Sugar, Coffee, and Indigo; also an English Brig, her Prize, bound from Newfoundland to Lisbon, and a Lugger Privatier, taken the 17th Instant, off Peterall Point, called *La Sauterelle*, of 8 Guns, and 36 Men.

*Copy of a Letter from Captain William Peere Williams, of His Majesty's Ship Flora, to Mr. Stephens, dated at Falmouth the 15th of August, 1780.*

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**I**BEG you will communicate to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the following Particulars, which I have the Pleasure of transmitting to you from this Port, where contrary Winds have obliged me to put in.

On Thursday the 10th Instant, at Half past Four in the Afternoon, standing in under Ushant, in Quest of the Fleet, the Wind at that Time about E. N. E. we discovered, through the Haze, a square-rigged Vessel and Cutter under our Lee, laying-to with their Heads to the Northward, distant from us about Four Miles; whereupon we made Sail, beat to Quarters, and edged towards them, which the Ship perceiving, wore, hauled to the Wind, backed her Mizen Top Sail, and waited our Approach, the Cutter working off and on. At 10 Minutes past Five we got a-breast of her, and, within Two Cables Length, upon shewing our Colours, received her Fire, which we instantly returned, and continued briskly on both Sides for about an Hour, gradually nearing each other; when our Wheel being shot away, our Shrouds, Back-stays, and Running Rigging much cut, we dropped on board of her, and continued the Engagement in that Position about 15 Minutes; the Enemy then deserting their Great Guns, attempted to board us, but were instantly repulsed with Loss. Our People boarded them in Return, Sword in Hand, struck their Colours, and in a short Time took Possession of the Ship, which proved to be a French Frigate called *La Nymphe*, commanded by the Chevalier Du Remain, who died the same Evening, of the Wounds he received in the Action. She is Four Years old, is Copper-bottomed, mounts 32 Guns, though pierced for 40, and her Complement consisted of 291 Men. She had been only Four Days out of Brest, and was employed upon Reconnoitring Service off that Port.

Before I conclude my Letter I beg Leave to add, that my Officers and People in general shewed the greatest Coolness and Intrepidity on this Occasion, and indeed merit more Encomiums than I can find Words to express; their Conduct will, I flatter myself, meet with their Lordships Approbation, and recommend them to their future Favour.

I am, &c.

W. P. WILLIAMS.

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