

Stormont, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell Dornier, Knight, Master of the Ceremonies.

Admiralty-Office, August 26, 1780.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Macbride, of His Majesty's Ship *Bienfaisant*, to Mr. Stephens, dated at Sea, August 13, 1780.

S I R,

I WROTE to you, for the Information of their Lordships, on my Arrival at Cork, the Intelligence I had received, and the Steps I intended to take in Consequence. The *Charon* arrived on the 11th Instant. I sailed with the Convoy next Day, having the *Charon*, *Licorne*, and *Hussar*, in Company. As many of the Convoy still remained, I ordered the *Licorne* and *Hussar* to keep off the Harbor's Mouth to hasten them, whilst the *Bienfaisant* and *Charon* lay-to with those that were out. At Day-light we had drove down as far as the Old Head of Kinsale, when I observed a large Sail in the South East in Chace of some of the Convoy; he was soon chased in Turn, the *Charon* in Company; the other two Frigates were out of Sight off Cork. About Half past Seven we came up with her. It is something singular, that the Action on both Sides began with Musquetry; he hoisted English Colors, and kept his Fire: I determined to do the same: As we ranged within Pistol-shot, some Conversation passed between us. In this Mode we got so far forward on his Bow, that neither his Bow or our Quarter Guns, would bear. Being certain what the Ship was, I then ordered the Small Arms on the Poop to begin; he returned it, and hoisted her proper Colors. It was some little Time before I could regulate my Sail, and place my Ship: They had determined to board us, and acted so to favor the Design. It was a daring, though unsuccessful Attempt. After an Hour and Ten Minutes smart Action, her Rigging and Sails cut to Pieces, Twenty-one Men killed and Thirty-five Men wounded, she struck, and proved to be the *Compte D'Artois*, of 64 Guns, upwards of 644 Men, a Private Ship of War commanded by the Chevalier Clonard, a Lieutenant de Vaisseaux, who is slightly wounded in the Action. His Brothers, the one a Colonel, the other Colonel en Second, in the Irish Legion of that Name, are on Board; likewise a Lieutenant Perry of the Monarch; and the People who were taken on Board the *Margaritta* Prize. The *Bienfaisant* had Three killed, and Twenty-two wounded; Furniture cut of Course; but the Masts and Yards not materially injured. There was one Man slightly wounded in the *Charon*. I brought-to, to refit; and the Convoy of Ninety-nine Sail proceeded on with a very fresh and fair Wind. The *Licorne* is in Company: The steady Gallantry of my Officers and Men did them Honor: I beg in particular to recommend my First Lieutenant Mr. Thomas Lewes to their Lordships Notice.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

JOHN MACBRIDE.

Navy-Office, August 24, 1780.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that they are ready to treat for Ships of 200 Tons and upwards, to serve as Transports and Victuallers. To be manned in the Proportion of Five Men and a Boy to every One Hundred Tons Measurement, and furnished with Three Cables of 120 Fathom each.

Ships now at the Out Ports will be allowed a cer-

tain Number of Days Pay for coming to a King's Yard, if they sail from the Port where they are by a certain Day, (which will be ascertained at the Treaty) and are found fit for the Service; which Allowance may be known by applying at the Clerk of the Admirals Office in this Office.

Navy-Office, July 29, 1780.

WHEREAS Barracks for the Marine Officers, at His Majesty's Marine Barracks at Chatham, are intended to be built; The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that on Thursday the 31st of August next, at Noon, they will be ready to treat with such Person or Persons as are willing to undertake the Carpenters and Joiners Work of the said Buildings; who are desired to attend at the same Time with their Proposals in Writing: And, for their further Information, a Plan, Elevation, and Section of the said intended Building, with a Draught of the Contract and Principal Dimensions, may be seen in the Office of the Clerk of the Admirals.

East-India House, August 23, 1780.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That they will be ready, on Wednesday next, the 30th Instant, to receive Proposals, sealed up, for supplying this Company with Six Ships, for One Voyage to India, from 500 to 1000 Tons Burthen, provided such Ships are suitable for the Company's Service.

It is to be observed, that the Proposal for each Ship must be signed by Two of the Owners and Captain, must have the Names of all the Owners expressed therein, and to mention the Tonnage of each Ship, according to Builders Measurement.

London, August 26, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers and Companies of His Majesty's Ship *Milford*, who were actually on Board at the taking the *San Rafael* Spanish Prize, on the 29th of June, 1779, that they will be paid their respective Shares of the Produce of the said Ship and Cargo, on Board the *Milford* at Plymouth, on Thursday next, the 31st Instant; and the Shares not then demanded will be recalled at the French Horn in Crutched-friars, the First Thursday in every Month for Three Years to come.

Peter Osborn,
Oliver Toulmin, } of London, Agents.

August 25, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers and Companies of the following Ships, who were actually on Board at the Captures of the Privateers under-mentioned, viz.

His Majesty's Sloop *Porcupine*, commanded by the Hon. Captain Thomas Cadogan, for the Hornes, American Privateer, taken the 29th of April, 1777;

His Majesty's Armed Sloop *Racehorse*, commanded by Lieutenant Charles Jordan, for the Guest, American Privateer, taken the 15th of October, 1777;

His Majesty's Sloop *Ostrich*, commanded by Captain Peter Rainier, and Armed Brig *Lowestoffe's* Prize, commanded by Lieutenant Robert Hibbs, for the *Polly*, American Privateer, taken the 8th of July, 1778;

that they will be paid their respective Shares of the Head-money granted for the said Captures, on Wednesday the 6th of September, next, at Messrs. Thomas and William Maudes, Downing-street, Westminster; where the same will be recalled on the First Wednesday in every Month for Two Years to come; and then the Books will be returned to Messrs. Robinson and Weir, the