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Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 9, 1781.
SUCH Ladies as desire to dance Minuets at the Ball which is to be at St. James's on Thursday the 18th instant, are requested to send their Names and Rank, in Writing, to this Office, on or before Tuesday the 16th, and to send for their Tickets the next Day, (Wednesday) between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Two in the Afternoon.

N. B. No Attendance will be given at this Office on the Day of the Ball, after Two o'Clock.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 9, 1781.
TO prevent the Inconveniencies which have arisen from the Space before Their Majesties, which is allotted for Minuet Dancing, being exceedingly crowded, it is requested that those Ladies only who mean to dance will send for Dancers Tickets, and sit in those Places, as the Seats have been found too few to accommodate the Dancers.

St. James's, January 9.
 The King has been pleased to approve and confirm the Nomination and Appointment of John Macpherson, Esq; to be One of the Counsellors of the Governor General and Council of the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal, in the Room of Richard Barwell, Esq;

Admiralty-Office, January 9, 1781.
 Copy of a Letter from the Honourable Captain Keith Elphinstone, of the Warwick, to Mr. Stephens, dated at Spithead the 7th Instant.

S I R,
I HAVE the Honor to inform the Board of the Arrival of His Majesty's Ship under my Command, and of my having cruized, in Company with the Edgar and Maidstone, on the Station pointed out by my Orders; also that, on the 5th Instant, having parted Company from the above Ships, I fell in with, engaged, and took a Two-Deck Ship under Dutch Colours (after having admonished her Commander to surrender without Effect). She is the Rotterdam, belonging to the States-General, of 50 Guns and 300 Men, commanded by Mynheer Volbergen, Eleven Days from Holland, bound to the West Indies; they had been twice attacked before this Period; I had the good Fortune to lose no Men; the Sails, Masts, and Rigging, are cut to Pieces. I have great Satisfaction in acknowledging the Obligation I am under to the Officers of each Class.

The Ship's Company, notwithstanding their being young in Service, and reduced in Number by the several Dutch Vessels we had manned and sent into Port, conducted themselves with becoming Spirit and Activity.

I am, &c.
G. K. ELPHINSTONE.

Extract of a Letter from Lord Mulgrave, Captain of the Courageux, to Mr. Stephens, dated Spithead, 8th Instant.

I ARRIVED here this Morning with La Minerve, French Frigate of 32 Guns and 316 Men, taken by the Courageux, in Company with

the Valiant; on the 4th of this Month, about Three in the Afternoon, Ushant bearing East, distant 14 Leagues. She had sailed from Brest on the 3d, with La Fine, L'Aigrette, and La Diligente, to cruize for a Fortnight off Scilly. The Chevalier de Grimouard, who commanded her, did not strike till she had been for about an Hour under the Fire of our Broadside, within Musquet Shot. From the Ships being so near each other, the few Shot fired by the Frigate in the Course of that Time necessarily took Place, by which the Courageux had 10 Men killed and 7 wounded. The Fore-mast, Mizzen-mast, and Bowsprit, are damaged. On Board La Minerve, Monf. Andrieu, one of the Lieutenants, and 49 Men, were killed; and 23 wounded, amongst whom it is with great Concern that I mention the Chevalier Grimouard and his Nephew Monf. Nofsay, both I fear very dangerously. All her Masts were rendered unserviceable, and the Hull much damaged. The Valiant parted from us in Chase of one of the other Frigates. The disabled Situation of the Prize made it absolutely necessary to tow her into Port.

Guildhall, Kingston upon Hull,
 January 5, 1781.

Ordered,
THAT a Bounty be given by this Corporation of Three Guineas to every Able Seaman, Two Guineas to every Ordinary Seaman, and One Guinea to every Landman, (not being an Apprentice, or impressed) who shall, before the First Day of March next, voluntarily enter into His Majesty's Sea Service at this Port; to be paid by Edward Coulson, Esq; the Treasurer of this Corporation, upon being approv'd of by the Regulating Officer here.

Carleton Monckton, Common Clerk.

Office of Ordnance, January 3, 1781.
THE Principal Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance hereby give Notice, that they will be ready, at their Office in St. Margaret's-street, Westminster, on Saturday the 13th Instant, to receive Proposals from such Persons as may be willing to provide 8,000,000 of Bricks for His Majesty's Works at Chatham; to be delivered upon the Spot free of all Charges: Two Thirds thereof to be soft and One Third hard Bricks.

Proposals to specify the Price, and the Time or Times of Delivery intended. The Names of the Parties to be written on the Outside of the Letter of Proposals.

By Order of the Board,
 John Boddington.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Ship Nonsuch, Sir James Wallace, Commander, who were actually on Board at the taking the La Belle Poulle, a French Frigate, on the 16th of July last, that they will be paid their respective Shares of Prize and Head-money, on Board the Nonsuch, at Portsmouth, on Thursday the 11th of January 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.

Marsh and Creed, London, } Agents.
 John Lloyd, Plymouth,