

It is not easy for Lieutenant-Colonel Tarleton to add to the Reputation he has acquired in this Province; but the defeating 1000 Men, posted on very strong Ground, and occupying Log Houses, with 190 Cavalry and 80 Infantry, is a Proof of that Spirit and those Talents, which must render the most essential Services to his Country. Lieutenant Colonel Tarleton commends much the good Behaviour of the Officers and Men under his Command; and he particularly mentions Lieutenant Skinner, of the 16th Regiment of Infantry, who does Duty with the Legion, as having distinguished himself.

*Extract of a Letter from Major-General Leslie to Lord George Germain, dated Charles Town, December 19, 1780.*

I Did myself the Honor of writing to your Lordship, at Sea, on Board His Majesty's Ship the Romulus, the 27th Ult. From hard Gales, and contrary Winds, we did not get here before the 13th Instant. The Troops are all arrived in great Health: We met with no Loss except our Horses. Commodore Gayton paid the greatest Attention in keeping his Fleet together, and disposing of his Light Armed Vessels for the Protection of the Transports. I found Orders here to march up the Country, with about 1530 Men, to join Lord Cornwallis as soon as possible: The Want of Horses and Waggons prevented me proceeding on my March until this Day.

*Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Balfour, Commandant at Charles Town, to Lord George Germain, dated Charles Town, January 16, 1781.*

MY LORD,

I Am honored with Lord Cornwallis's Directions to address myself to your Lordship during his Absence from this Province, and to have the Honor of informing your Lordship, from Time to Time, of the State of the Army, and the Situation of Affairs here.

By the last Dispatches from Lord Cornwallis, which were dated the 11th Instant, the Army was then in Motion, and advancing towards North Carolina, so that his Lordship would reach Bullock Creek, between the Catawba and Broad Rivers, by the 16th; to which I am happy to add, that the Troops under his Command were, at that Time, in the highest Health.

The latest Accounts of the Enemy inform us, that General Green, with his Army, is at Hayly's Ferry, on the Eastern Banks of the Pedee.

In order to co-operate with Lord Cornwallis's Views on Cape Fear River, and to afford Provisions and other Supplies for his Army, a small Force of about 300 Men, under Major Craig of the 82d Regiment, will sail from hence with the Packet. Captain Barkley in the Blonde, with the Delight and Otter Sloops of War, convoy this Corps; and will co-operate with the Troops on this Expedition, which, I trust, will be successful, and give us Possession of Willmington, and of this very essential Communication.

It is with Pleasure I inform your Lordship, that many of the principal Inhabitants of the Province, and some who held the chief Offices under the late Rebel Powers, have reverted to their Loyalty, and declared their Allegiance to His Majesty's Government.

I have also the Satisfaction to acquaint your Lordship, that Major Ross and Captain Broderick are arrived with the Dispatches; and as the former Gentleman has mentioned to me your Lordship's great Anxiety to receive frequent Informations from hence, and as there has of late been no eligible Conveyance, I have, from these Motives, taken upon me to change the Course of the Packet, by sending her directly Home; to which I have been the rather induced, as a Ship of War shortly is to sail for New-

York, and will take with her the Commander in Chief's Dispatches, and the Mail for that Place.

Captain Mallom, of the 63d Regiment, an Officer of Merit, and who is returning to Europe for the Recovery of his Health, has Lord Cornwallis's Directions to deliver this Dispatch to your Lordship.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

H. BALFOUR.

*St. James's, February 14.*

This Day the Chevalier de Pinto, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from Portugal, had a Private Audience of His Majesty to notify the Death of the Queen Dowager of Portugal and the Algarves.

To which he was introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Hillsborough, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Stephen Cottrell, Esq; Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

*St. James's, February 15.*

This Day the Chevalier de Pinto, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from Portugal, had a Private Audience of Her Majesty, to notify the Death of the Queen Dowager of Portugal and the Algarves.

To which he was introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Ailesbury, Lord Chamberlain to Her Majesty, and conducted by the Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, February 15, 1781.*

ORDERS for the Court's going into Mourning on Sunday next, the 18th Instant, for the late Dowager Queen of Portugal, viz.

The Ladies to wear black Silk, fringed or plain Linen, white Gloves, Necklaces, and Ear-rings, black or white Shoes, Fans, and Tippets.

Undress, white or grey Luitrings, Tabbies, or Damasks.

The Men to wear Black full trimmed, fringed or plain Linen, black Swords and Buckles.

Undress, grey Frocks.

*St. James's, February 17.*

The King has been pleased to grant the Dignity of a Viscount of the Kingdom of Great Britain unto the Right Honourable George Lord Edgcumbe, and his Heirs Male, by the Name, Style and Title of Viscount Mount Edgcumbe and Vallerort.

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Reverend John Hallam, Doctor in Divinity, One of His Majesty's Chaplains in Ordinary, the Place and Dignity of Dean of the Cathedral Church of Bristol, void by the Death of the Reverend Doctor Cutts Barton.

*St. James's, February 17.*

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Reverend Mr. Richard Selby, of Great Budworth in the County of Chester and his Issue (pursuant to the Will of George Eaton, late of Pole in the County of Chester, Esq; deceased) His Royal Licence and Authority to take, use and bear the Arms, Crest and Surname of Eaton, such Arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in the Herald's Office, and also to order, that this His Majesty's Concession and Declaration be registered in His College of Arms.

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

13th Regiment of Dragoons, Lieutenant-General Francis Craig to be Colonel, vice General Sir Richard Peirson, K. B. deceased. Dated February 15, 1781.

Captain Thomas Jarratt, of the Corps of Engineers in Ireland, to be Major in the Army. Dated November 10, 1780.