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Whitehall, May 22, 1781.

Extract of a Letter from Sir James Wright, Bart. Governor of the Province of Georgia, to the Right Honourable Lord George Germain, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, dated at Savannah the 9th of March, 1781.

ON the 6th Instant, my Lord, I assented to Five Bills, and have the Satisfaction to acquaint your Lordship, that one of them is intitled, "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Duties upon all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, of the Growth or Production of this Province, which may be exported from hence, as the Contribution of Georgia to the General Charge of the British Empire." These Duties, my Lord, His Majesty's loyal Subjects in this Province have freely and chearfully given and granted, and humbly beg that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to condescend to accept of the same as a small Token of their Gratitude to His Majesty, and Affection to the Mother Country. A Duty of Five per Cent. was proposed, but the greatly distressed, reduced, and exhausted State of the Province, it was thought, would not admit of laying on so large a Duty at present; and therefore it is only Two and Half per Cent. Another is intitled, "An Act for securing His Majesty's Government and the Peace of this Province, and for the more effectual Protection of the King's loyal Subjects here against the wicked Attempts and Designs of the Rebels and other disaffected Persons, and for other Purposes herein after mentioned."

Admiralty-Office, May 22, 1781.

THE following are Extracts of Letters received by Mr. Stephens from Vice-Admiral Darby, Commander in Chief of a Squadron of His Majesty's Ships employed to the Westward; and of a Letter from the Right Honourable Lord Shuldham, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships at Plymouth.

Britannia, off Scilly, May 16, 1781.

IHAVE only just Time to acquaint their Lordships, that the Nonfuch, which parted from us the Evening of the 13th, has joined us since Dark, having fallen in that Night with a French Man of War of 80 Guns, supposed to be the Languedoc; she had 27 Men killed, and 50 or 60 wounded, and is much shattered.

Britannia, to the Westward of the Start, May 19, 1781.

IMENTIONED, in my Letter of the 16th Instant, the Nonfuch's having fallen in alone with a French Ship of War, of at least 80 Guns. I now enclose a Copy of Sir James Wallace's Narrative to me of that great and spirited Action.

Transactions on Board the Nonfuch, in an Engagement between the 14th and 15th of May, 1781, received in Vice-Admiral Darby's Letter of the 19th.

ON the 14th, being the look-out Ship from the Van Squadron, at Eight A.M. saw Three Sail in the N.E. Made the Signal, chased; soon after

we saw a Sail in the E. S. E. which we took to be a French Line of Battle Ship; chased, gained upon her. At about Half past Ten at Night came alongside of her; she gave us her Broadside, we returned it; she dropped astern, we wore and raked her; we continued the Action for near an Hour, during some Part of which we were on Board one another; she carried away our Sprit-fail-yard; and our Anchors hooking her Quarter carried away the Flukes of them. All this Time she had so much the worst of the Action, that she took the Opportunity of our Heads being different Ways to make all the Sail she could to get away; we wore, and chased her again; our Mizzen-mast being entirely disabled prevented our getting up with her before Five A. M. It being Day-light, we could distinguish one another plainly; she appeared to be a French Eighty Gun Ship, in good Order for Battle.

Some People on Board us, who pretend to know, say she is the Languedoc. At Five we began the Action again, and continued till Half past Six, when finding our Ship much disabled, the Fore-yard coming down, all the Masts, Yards, Sails, and Rigging much hurt, Guns dismounted;—the Wreck of these, and dead and wounded Men filling the Deck, I thought it proper to haul our Wind, in order to clear it. The Enemy kept on her Course for Brett.

Our Loss in Men is Twenty-six killed, and Sixty-four wounded*.

(Signed) J. A. WALLACE.

* Among the former are no Officers; but among the latter are, viz.

Mr. Spry	-	1st	} Lieutenants.
Falconer	-	3d	
Market	-	4th	} Acting Lieutenants
Williams	-		
Stone	-	Master.	
Hotham	-	Boatswain.	

Cambridge in Hamoze, May 19, 1781. 11 A. M.

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IHAVE the Pleasure to acquaint you, for their Lordships Information, that Vice-Admiral Darby, with His Majesty's Squadron under his Command, is now off the Eddystone, proceeding to the Eastward with a moderate Breeze at N. W. and that Five Sail of the Line are now standing in the Sound.

I am, &c.

S H U L D H A M.

St. James's, May 20.

This Day the Count de Pignatelli, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of the Two Sicilies, had his Audience of Leave of Her Majesty.

And afterwards the Prince de Caramanico, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Sicilian Majesty, had his first Private Audience of Her Majesty.

To which they were introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Ailesbury, Lord Chamberlain to Her Majesty, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell Dormer, Knight, Master of the Ceremonies.

Cumberland House, May 20.

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