

An Act to amend and render more effectual several Acts, passed in the Sixth, Tenth, Fifteenth, and Sixteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, for making a Navigable Canal from the Trent to the Mersey, and a Branch from the said Canal to Fregghall, and a Rail Way from thence to or near Caldon, in the County of Stafford.

An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers of an Act, made in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intitled, An Act for making, widening, and repairing a Road from the North East Side of the Goswell Street Road next Islington, in the County of Middlesex, and near to the Road called the New Road, over the Fields and Grounds, to Old Street Road, opposite to the Dog-House-Bar, and at and from the Dog-House-Bar to the End of Chiswell Street, by the Artillery Ground.

An Act for repairing and widening the Roads leading from Wetherby to Knaresborough in the County of York.

An Act for amending and widening the Road from the Passage or Ferry over the River Severn at Newnham, in the County of Gloucester, through the Parishes of Newnham and Little Dean, to a Place called Saint White's, adjoining His Majesty's Forest of Dean, in the said County.

An Act to enlarge the Term and Powers of an Act, made in the Second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for repairing, widening, and altering the Road from Sandon, in the County of Stafford, to Bullock Smithy, in the County of Chester; and from Hilderstone to Draycott in the Moors, and from Wetley Rocks to Tean, in the said County of Stafford.

And to Thirteen Private Bills.

St. James's, April 19.

The following Address of the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply for the County of Inverness, has been presented to the King by the Honourable Archibald Frazer, Representative in Parliament for the said County, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply for the County of Inverness, met at Inverness, April 3, 1783.

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply for the County of Inverness, beg Leave to express our grateful Sense of your gracious and paternal Attention to the Welfare of your People, in having an End put to a long, unfortunate, and expensive War. An Event peculiarly welcome to this Country at present; as it enables us more easily and effectually to supply those Wants, which two successive inclement Seasons have occasioned.

Permit us to assure your Majesty, that although remote in local Situation, we nevertheless feel ourselves animated with a genuine filial Attachment to your Person, Family, and Government.

Signed by our Appointment, by Simon Frazer, of Farraline, our Præses.

Simon Frazer.

St. James's, April 19.

The King has been pleased to appoint the Lord Viscount Torrington to be His Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Brussels.

Admiralty Office, April 19, 1783.

THE Letters, of which the following are Extracts, from the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the Leeward Islands, at Jamaica, and in North America, have lately been received at this Office, viz.

Extract of a Letter from Admiral Pigot, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships at the Leeward Islands, to Mr. Stephens, dated Formidable, Gros Islet Bay, St. Lucia, March 3, 1783.

ON my Arrival in this Bay, I learned that the Triton, Amphion, and one or two Frigates, were sailed from Martinique: I immediately dispatched Captain Ingis in the St. Alban's, with the Prudent, Magnificent, and Barbadoes Sloop, to range along the Islands as far as Eustatius. I have received a Letter from him, acquainting me, That, off Sandy Point, St. Christopher's, he discovered the Amphion, and Concorde Frigate; that they hauled close under the Batteries; but, not liking their Situation, they weighed and pushed for St. Eustatius; that the Amphion got in Security under that Island; but that the Magnificent had taken the Concorde, and that she was now in English Harbour. She is a very fine Frigate of 36 Guns, wants nothing but a Main and Foremast. Captain Pasley, in his Way from Lord Hood to Antigua, (where he was going to heave down his Ship) fell in with and captured a large Storeship belonging to Mons. Vaudreuil, and has carried her into English Harbour. She is loaded with large Masts, Yards, Boltsprits, Jib Booms, Oak Standards, Oak Plank, great Numbers of Spars of all Sorts, and Bar Iron; with many other Articles which the French had collected from Portsmouth, while they were at Boston.

Extract of another Letter from Admiral Pigot to Mr. Stephens, dated also the 3d of March, 1783.

CAPTAIN Payne, who I had appointed to the Command of the Leander, and sent to convoy a Cartel Ship to the Northward of the Islands, acquaints me, That he had, on the Night of the 18th of January, fallen in with and engaged a large Ship: I have not a Doubt of her being at least of 74 Guns, having seen and examined several of the Shot that were lodged in the Leander. I should not do Justice to Captain Payne, his Officers and Ship's Company, if I did not acquaint their Lordships, that, from every Enquiry as to the Action, it appears to have been conducted with the greatest Bravery and good Order; and indeed I have in several Instances found Captain Payne a very active good Officer. It is rumoured at this Island, that the Ship he engaged was the Couronne, and that she is got into Porto Rico.

N. B. The Action began at Midnight, and continued near Two Hours. Both Ships were considerably damaged, and separated in the Course of the Night.

A List of Prizes taken by His Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the Leeward Island Station, under the Command of Hugh Pigot, Esq; Admiral of the Blue, &c. &c. between the 11th of December, 1782, and the 4th of March, 1783.

December, 1782. By the Hercules. Ship Union.  
— By Ditto. Sloop Fortune.  
— By Ditto. Schooner General Clawson.  
January 12, 1783. By the Barbic. Schooner Small Schooners.