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THE King and Queen set out from Windsor on Thursday the 26th of last Month, early in the Morning, for Portsmouth, accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Augusta and Elizabeth, and attended by Lady Courtown, Lady Frances Howard, and Lady Caroline Waldegrave; and, arriving at Portsea Bridge about Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, were saluted, on their entering the Lines, by the Guns at that Barrier.

On their Arrival at the Lion Gate Their Majesties were received by General Sir William Augustus Pitt, K. B. Governor of Portsmouth, who delivered to the King the Keys of the Garrison, which His Majesty was pleased to return to him.

On Their Majesties entering the Lion Gate, the Guns round the whole Ramparts were fired, beginning at the Battery next to that Gate, and ending with the Block-House Battery on the Gosport Side.

Their Majesties then proceeded to the Dock-Yard, and arrived at the Commissioner's House at Half past Ten o'Clock, where they were received at the Door by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Board of Admiralty, the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, the Master-General of the Ordnance, the Earl of Harrington Goldstick in Waiting, Admiral Sir Peter Parker, Bart. Commanding Officer in the Port, and by the Commissioners of the Navy and Victualling, &c. At Twelve o'Clock Their Majesties, with the Princesses Augusta and Elizabeth, and Their Royal Highnesses Prince Ernest Augustus, with the Princesses Mary, Sophia and Amelia, (who arrived at the Commissioner's House the Night before) went to the King's Stairs, where they embarked in the Barge prepared for their Reception, the Royal Standard being immediately hoisted, and, attended by the Earl of Chatham, First Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty, proceeded to Spithead; Admiral Sir Peter Parker, in his Barge with his Flag flying, leading the Procession, and the Board of Admiralty in their Barge carrying the Flag of their Office, immediately preceding the King's Barge, which was followed by Admiral Sir Alexander Hood, K. B. and Rear-Admiral Gardner, in their Barges, by those of Rear-Admirals Bowyer and Pasley, (though they were unable to attend themselves) having their respective Flags flying, and by the Captains of all the Line of Battle Ships at Portsmouth and Spithead, and of the Frigates of the Channel Fleet, in their respective

Boats, with Pendants flying, in Two Lines, according to their Seniority.

As Their Majesties passed the Garrison they were saluted with Twenty-one Guns from the Battery on the Platform, and, when the Royal Standard was seen from the Fleet at Spithead, they were saluted in the same Manner by the several Ships there, which was repeated by the Guns on the Platform; and as they passed the Ships (all of which were manned on their Lower and Topmast Shrouds) their Companies gave Three Cheers; the Guard being turned out, bearing a March, and the Officers saluting.

On Their Majesties going on board the Queen Charlotte, the Royal Standard was hoisted at the Main Topmast Head, the Flag of the Lord High Admiral at the Fore Topmast Head, and the Union Flag at the Mizzen Topmast Head; the Admiralty Flag was directly afterwards hoisted on board the Queen, at which Time the Flags of Admiral Earl Howe and Rear-Admiral Gardner were removed, and hoisted on board the Pegasus and Latona; the Standard was immediately saluted by the whole Fleet, as before; the Queen (in which the Admiralty Flag was flying) having fired Two Guns as a Signal for that Purpose, and the Salute was answered by an equal Number of Guns from the Battery on the Platform.

The King, on his coming upon the Quarter-Deck, presented Admiral Earl Howe with a Sword, richly set with Diamonds, and likewise with a Gold Chain to be worn about the Neck; and he also presented Admiral Sir Alexander Hood, Rear-Admiral Gardner, and Sir Roger Curtis First Captain of the Fleet, with similar Chains; to each of which is to be suspended a Medal now preparing for that Purpose.

Their Majesties and the Royal Family, having partaken of a cold Collation with Admiral Earl Howe, went into their Barge about Six o'Clock, attended by the Earl of Chatham; and returned into the Harbour in the same Order of Procession in which they went to Spithead, with this Difference only, that Admiral Earl Howe, in his Barge with the Union Flag hoisted, led the Procession instead of Admiral Sir Peter Parker, who took his Station in the Rear immediately after the King's Barge; the Ships at Spithead and the Battery on the Platform saluting as before. On their Arrival in the Harbour, they rowed round the French Prizes captured by Admiral Earl Howe, and then returned to the Commissioner's House.