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Their Majesties and the Royal Family, on their Arrival at Spithead, went on board the Aquilon Frigate of 32 Guns, commanded by the Honorable Captain Stopford, attended by the Board of Admiralty and Admiral Sir Peter Parker, when the Royal Standard was hoisted at the Main Toppallant-Mast Head, the Lord High Admiral's Flag at the Fore Toppallant-Mast Head, and the Union Flag at the Mizzen Toppallant-Mast Head, the other Ships saluting as before. The Board of Admiralty then repaired on board the Niger Frigate of 32 Guns, commanded by the Honorable Captain Legge, when the Flag of their Office was hoisted at her Main Toppallant-Mast Head, and Admiral Sir Peter Parker returned to his proper Ship. Shortly afterwards both Frigates got under Sail, and stood with a fine Breeze towards the Needles; and, on their Arrival off Cowes, Their Majesties were saluted by the Monarch of 74 Guns, on board which Rear-Admiral Sir James Wallace's Flag was flying, also by the Andromache Frigate and the Hornet Sloop, under his Command, and by the Perseus Frigate, all of which were lying there, were manned in their Shrouds, had their Guard turned out, and cheered as Their Majesties passed.

The Tide being nearly spent, and the Wind not favorable for going back in the Frigates to Spithead, Their Majesties and the Royal Family, the Board of Admiralty, and the Admiral Earl Howe, returned in their respective Barges to the Dock-Yard, where they arrived about Ten o'Clock in the Evening.

Sunday, June 29.

Their Majesties and the Royal Family went this Morning to the Chapel in the Dock-Yard, attended by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Board of Admiralty, Admiral Earl Howe, the Admirals and other Officers of the Fleet, the Master-General of the Ordnance, and the Commissioners of the Navy and Victualling, &c. where Prayers were read by the Reverend Mr. Howell, and a Sermon, suitable to the Occasion, was afterwards preached by the Reverend Mr. Scott, Chaplain to the Ordinary. Their Majesties and the Royal Family then went to see the Ship, (launched the Day before) which had been taken into Dock to be coppered; an Operation then in Hand, and which was compleatly performed in Eight Hours and Ten Minutes. His Majesty, after inspecting very minutely every Part of the Ship, and going to the Bottom of the Dock to see the Copper Sheathing put on, returned, with the Queen and Royal Family, to the Commissioner's House, where the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, Admiral Earl Howe, Admiral Sir Alexander Hood, Rear-Admiral Gardner, Sir Roger Curtis, and the Post Captains of the Channel Fleet, had the Honor of dining at His Majesty's Table; previous to which Rear-Admiral Gardner had the Honor to kiss His Majesty's Hand upon being appointed Major-General of Marines.

When Dinner was over, Their Majesties and the Royal Family went, in their Carriages escorted as before, to the Governor's House in the Garrison; and His Majesty, Prince Ernest Augustus, the Commander in Chief of the Forces, the Master-General of the Ordnance, and other General Officers, &c. having walked entirely round the Whole of the Ramparts, came back to the Governor's House, and, with the Queen and Royal Family, afterwards went up to the Queen's Bastion adjoining, and then, escorted as before, returned in the Evening to the Commissioner's House in the Dock-Yard.

Monday, June 30.

His Majesty this Morning went to see the Prince of Wales, which (having been completely coppered

in the Course of Yesterday, as before mentioned) was put out of Dock and afloat in the Harbour, and returned afterwards to the Commissioner's House, where His Majesty was pleased to signify his Intention of granting the Dignity of a Baronet of Great Britain to Charles Saxton, Esq^r the Resident Commissioner, and conferred the Honor of Knighthood on Captain Bayne of the Queen's Regiment, in consequence of which they had both the Honor of kissing His Majesty's Hand. Their Majesties and the Royal Family went afterwards, about Nine o'Clock, to the King's Stairs, embarked on board the King's Barge, where the Royal Standard was immediately hoisted, and proceeded to Spithead; Admiral Earl Howe, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Admirals and Captains, in their several Barges, (with their respective Colours and Pendants hoisted as before) attending; and, upon coming in View of the Battery on the Platform, were saluted with Twenty-one Guns from that Battery, followed by the Guns round the Ramparts, and, when the Royal Standard came in Sight of the Fleet at Spithead, they were saluted by the same Number of Guns from each of the Ships there.

On their Arrival at Spithead Their Majesties and the Royal Family went on Board the Aquilon Frigate, when the Royal Standard, with the Lord High Admiral's Flag and the Union Flag, were hoisted, and Their Majesties were saluted by the Ships at Spithead as before; and, soon afterwards, the Aquilon made Sail with a fair Wind to Southampton, (attended by the Niger Frigate) where they and the Royal Family landed about Two o'Clock, and immediately proceeded to Windsor, and arrived there, in perfect Health, at Ten the same Evening.

The Shores, both on the Portsmouth and Gosport Side, were lined with an incredible Number of People, whenever Their Majesties and the Royal Family went from the Dock-Yard by Water, who expressed their Loyalty to Their Majesties, as they passed along, by Acclamations and other Demonstrations of Joy; and the Houses, as well as the Steeple of the Church in the Town of Portsmouth, and the Houses and Buildings in Portsea and Gosport, were illuminated every Night (except Sunday) during Their Majesties Stay; and several transparent Paintings and other Devices, which had been prepared for the Occasion, were exhibited in different Parts of those Towns.

The King was pleased to express the highest Approbation of the Forwardness in which he found the Refitment of the Channel Fleet, of the excellent Condition of the Dock-Yard, Arsenal and Garrison, and of the Regularity with which every Thing was conducted; and shewed the utmost Satisfaction at the Demonstrations of Loyalty and Affection with which Their Majesties and the Royal Family were received wherever they went by all Ranks of People.

The Weather was remarkably fine during the whole Time Their Majesties and the Royal Family remained at Portsmouth, and every Thing seemed in an eminent Degree to favour the Royal Visit.

His Majesty, before he left Portsmouth, was graciously pleased to give Orders for Donations to be made, out of his Privy Purse, to the Artificers, Workmen and Labourers of the Dock-Yard, including the Ordinary, to the Workmen and Labourers of the Victualling and Ordnance Departments at the Port, and to the Crews of the Queen Charlotte and Aquilon and the Chatham Yacht, similar in Proportion to their Numbers to those which were made when His Majesty was at Portsmouth in 1773. And His Majesty was also graciously pleased to order One Hundred Pounds to be distributed to the Poor of each of the Parishes of Portsmouth and Portsea, Fifty Pounds to the Poor of Gosport, and Fifty Pounds to the Debtors in Portsmouth Goal, amounting, with other Donations, to upwards of Three Thousand Pounds.