

the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, and the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

*Steph. Cottrell.*

*Horſe Guards, November 8.*

BY Dispatches this Morning received from His Royal Highness the Duke of York, dated Arnheim, the 28th of October and 1st and 4th of November, 1794, it appears, that the Enemy, on the 27th Ult. made an Attack on the British Out-Posts in Front of Nimeguen, which were driven in; a new Position was in consequence taken up opposite to the Left of the Town, against which a heavy Fire has since been kept up by the French, who, the same Evening, attacked the Out-Posts of Fort St. André which fell back to the Fort. Lieutenant-General Abercrombie and Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William Clarke were slightly wounded in this Skirmish, and Captain Picton, of the 12th Regiment, was also wounded, in a Sally made from Nimeguen on the Morning of the 28th. On the 1st of November the Enemy broke Ground, but it does not appear that they have since made any considerable Progress in the Siege. The same Dispatches mention that Venlo surrendered on the 28th. The Garrison is allowed to march out with the Honours of War, and Ten Pieces of Cannon; and is not restrained from serving again. Coblentz has been in the Possession of the French since the 21st Ult.

*Horſe-Guards, November 8.*

BY a Dispatch which has been received from Major-General Williamson, dated Jamaica the 1st of September, 1794, it appears, that the Persons to whom the Defence of the Post of Petite Riviere, in the Island of St. Domingo, had been entrusted by General La Vaux, Commander in Chief of the Troops of the Convention in that Island, made an Offer to Lieutenant-Colonel Brisbane, commanding His Majesty's Forces at St. Marc, to place the Post of the Petite Riviere, with the Parish of that Name, and the adjacent Plain of Artinobite, under His Majesty's Authority. This Offer was accepted by Lieutenant-Colonel Brisbane, and a Capitulation to this Effect was signed on the 19th of August, 1794. The Terms of this Capitulation, and the Means by which it was effectuated, were concerted with M. De Villanuova, commanding the Forces of His Catholic Majesty in that Part of the Island, who appears, on this Occasion, and in the Execution of some Military Operations which had previously taken Place, to have co-operated in the most cordial and friendly Manner with His Majesty's Forces.

*St. James's, November 4.*

The following Address of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies was this Day presented to the King by William Devaynes, Esq; the Chairman, accompanied by John Hunter, Esq; the Deputy Chairman, and the undermentioned Directors, viz. Sir John Smith Burges, Bart. George Tatem, Esq; William Bensley, Esq; Thomas Parry, Esq; Hugh Inglis, Esq; John Travers, Esq; Thomas Fitzhugh, Esq; Charles Mills, Esq; Abram Roberts,

Esq; the Hon. William Elphinstone, Thomas Pattle, Esq; David Scott, Esq; Thomas Theophilus Metcalfe, Esq; William Money, Esq; Stephen Williams, Esq; Walter Ewer, Esq; Simon Fraser, Esq; and Charles Grant, Esq; being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bedchamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's loyal Subjects, the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, beg Leave, in this arduous Crisis, to express our Sentiments of zealous Attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person, Family and Government. When Principles, equally destructive to the Rights of private Property, and to all Establishments, religious and political, are avowed and acted upon by a populous and powerful Nation in the Centre of Europe, we consider it as a Duty incumbent on all your Majesty's Subjects, but particularly on great Commercial Societies, possessing and employing large Capitals in the Circulation of Trade, to express, in the most decided Terms, a Detestation of such a System of Warfare, which is without Example in the History of the civilized World; and at the same Time we declare that we will, as Individuals, in common with our Fellow Subjects, cheerfully sustain the extraordinary Burthens which a War, so extensive in it's Operations and so important in it's Consequences, may require.

The Constitution of our Country has been fully tried, and we have every Reason to be satisfied with the Principles on which it is founded: The Comfort and Happiness enjoyed by all Classes of your Majesty's Subjects, are Proofs of it's Wisdom and Efficacy; and the public Power of the Country equally demonstrates it's Superiority over every other known Government in the World. Having these Sentiments strongly impressed on our Minds, we pledge ourselves to support your Majesty's Government and the Constitution, with our Lives and Fortunes, against the Foreign Enemy; and the same Sentiments will prompt us to every active Exertion necessary for the Suppression of Domestic Tumults. In all Communities there will be Faction and Discontent; but the Subjects of your Majesty's Government are so secure in Property and personal Liberty, that amongst them Faction against the Law and Constitution can originate only in Wickedness or Folly. Anxious as we naturally are to see the Peace of Europe restored, we are fully persuaded that active and vigorous Exertions for the Prosecution of the War are the only effectual Means to obtain it, on safe and honorable Terms. As a small but earnest Testimony of our Zeal to support your Majesty's Government, the Constitution of the Country, and the Rights of Society, grossly violated by the Principles and Practices of the common Enemy of Europe, we beg Leave to submit to your Majesty our Wish to raise and clothe Three Regiments of Infantry, at the Expence of this Company, to consist of One Thousand Men each, for the eventual Service of the Company in India; but to remain, during the present War, at the Disposal of your Majesty's Government, to serve in Great Britain or Ireland, or the Islands of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney and Sark. And we beg Leave to request that the Officers belonging to our

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