

Coast of England, where the Ships in which such Goods are imported shall respectively perform their Quarantine.

That whatsoever Ship or Person shall receive any Men or Goods from on Board any Ship or Vessel under Quarantine, shall be compelled to perform the like Quarantine.

That such Persons as, after Quarantine performed, shall be employed in the Hold of any Ship or Vessel, for the taking any Goods not liable to retain Infection, from the Goods and Merchandizes before enumerated, shall be obliged to perform a new Quarantine.

That the Captains of every His Majesty's Ships of War, who shall meet any such Ship or Vessel coming to any of the Ports of Great Britain, or of the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark or Man, shall take due Care to prevent the landing any Goods, Seamen or Passengers from on Board the same, until they shall be put under the Direction of the Officers of His Majesty's Customs.

That the Commissioners and other Officers of His Majesty's Customs do use their utmost Diligence and Care that the Quarantine before directed be duly performed.

That the Commanders of His Majesty's Ships of War, as likewise the Commanders of His Majesty's Forts and Garrisons lying near the Sea Coasts, and all the Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Chief Magistrates, Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, and all other Officers and Ministers of Justice, be aiding and assisting to the said Officers of His Majesty's Customs, and to all others that shall be concerned in stopping all such Ships as aforesaid, and in bringing them to the Places appointed for the Performance of their Quarantine, and in due Performance thereof.

And the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master General and the rest of the Principal Officers of the Ordnance, His Majesty's Secretary at War, and the Governors or Commanders in Chief for the Time being of the said respective Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Man, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

W. Fawkener.

Whitehall, October 19.

The King has been pleased to grant to the Right Honorable Alexander Baron Loughborough, His Majesty's Chancellor of Great Britain, and the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten, the Dignity of

a Baron of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Style and Title of Baron Loughborough, of Loughborough, in the County of Surrey, with Remainders severally and successively to Sir James St. Clair Erskine, Baronet, and to John Erskine, Esq; Brother of the said Sir James St. Clair Erskine, and the respective Heirs Male of their Bodies lawfully begotten.

The King has also been pleased to grant the Dignity of a Baronet of the Kingdom of Great Britain to James Bland Burges, Esq; Under Secretary of State in the Department for Foreign Affairs, and the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten.

Admiralty-Office, October 20.

*His Majesty's Ship Fortitude, October 12, 1795,
Cape Finisterre, by Account, bearing East
about 16 or 17 Leagues.*

S I R,

BE pleased to acquaint my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty I left Gibraltar Bay the 24th of September, taking the first Spirit of an Easterly Wind after my Letter written their Lordships of the 21st of the same Month, when the Wind was westerly.

In coming through the Gut in the Night His Majesty's Ships Argo and Juno, with some of the Ships, parted Company, and, I conclude, by steering more to the Northward than myself with the other Men of War and Body of the Convoy, it being near Dark in the Evening before many got out of Gibraltar Bay, though the Fortitude was under Weigh with the much greater Part by Ten A. M.; but, on the whole, their Separation has turned out a most fortunate Circumstance; for, with great Regret, I am to inform their Lordships, that on the 7th Instant, Cape St. Vincent, by Account, bearing S. 83 E. 48 Leagues, the Wind N. by W. standing on the Larboard Tack, I discovered Nine Sail of the Enemy's Ships, Six of the Line, Two of which I judged to be of 80 Guns, and Three large Frigates, who directly gave Chace to His Majesty's Ships under my Command and Convoy, under a Press of Sail. I made every possible Disposition for the better Security of the Convoy by divers Signals, and which, had many of them been punctually obeyed, a much greater Number would have escaped. I then formed the Line, with the Bedford, Censeur and Fortitude, determined, if possible, to give them Battle, and save as many of the Convoy as I possibly could.

Just as the Ships under my Command had formed, the Censeur rolled away her Fore Topmast; by which, having only a Frigate's Mainmast, she was rendered useless. The Van Line of Battle Ship of the Enemy then but long Gun-Shot off, and the rest coming fast up, I judged it proper, with the general Opinion of my Officers, coincided with that of Captain Montgomery of the Bedford, to bear up, keeping very near together for our mutual Support, and cutting down every Part of the Stern for the Chace Guns. I ordered the Lutine Frigate directly to take the Censeur in tow, but, from the very heavy Fire from the Enemy's Van Ship, it could not be effected.

Captain Gore, who commanded her, though in the disabled State his Ship was in, not half manned, (and but very little Powder) made the most gallant Defence; but being overpowered at last, by Two Sail more of the Enemy's Line coming up, I had the