

the Mortification to see him strike his Colours about Half past Two o'Clock.

The Bedford and Fortitude kept up their mutual Fire from their Stern Chaces from all the Decks; and about One Hour afterwards the Enemy hauled their Wind on different Tacks, to fire on the Convoy as they came up with them. The Three Frigates from the first employed themselves on that Service.

When I first made the Enemy's Force to be of such Magnitude as to leave no Hopes of saving the Convoy, I dispersed them by Signal, and I believe many escaped; at least Fifteen Sail I am sure of. For further Particulars I must refer their Lordships to Captain Turner, the Bearer of these Dispatches, who, with Captain Haggett of the Lutine, I must beg Leave to recommend to their Lordships as very deserving Officers.

Had the Enemy come to close Action with the Bedford and myself, I am well assured every Effort would have been used by Captain Montgomery, his Officers and Ship's Company, and more fully so from the handsome Support he gave me while the Firing continued, for His Majesty's Service and our mutual Support.

My Officers and Ship's Company behaved with that Coolness that generally attends British Seamen in such Cases, and I am sure would have fought the Ship to the last Moment, had the Enemy come up. I flatter myself every Thing was done, first to save the Convoy, and afterwards His Majesty's Ships; and I hope and trust my Conduct in this unfortunate Business will meet His Majesty's and their Lordships Approbation.

I am, &c.

T. TAYLOR.

Evan Nepean, Esq;

Admiralty-Office, October 20.

Extract of a Letter from Sir Peter Parker, Bart. dated Royal William, at Spithead, October 17, 1795, to Evan Nepean, Esq;

SIR,

I Have the Pleasure to acquaint you, for the Information of their Lordships, that His Majesty's Ships and Sloop named in the Margin* are arrived at Spithead. I have given Captain Taylor, of the Fortitude, Leave to go to Town to give their Lordships such Particulars of the late Action with the Enemy as they may be desirous of knowing.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Burges to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Argo, off the Needles, October 17, 1795.

SIR,

YOU will please to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty of the Arrival of His Majesty's Ship Argo under my Command, together with the Juno, Lord A. Beauclerk, and Thirty-two Sail of the Convoy, which left Gibraltar Bay on Thursday the 24th of September, under the Fortitude.

* Fortitude, Bedford, Lutine, Tiphone Sloop.

Commission in the Warwickshire Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

William Savage, Esq; to be Lieutenant. Dated June 25, 1795.

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Carlton-House, September 24, 1795.

Office for managing the Affairs of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

BY Order of the Earl Cholmondeley, Notice is hereby given, that every Creditor of His Royal Highness, whose Demand shall accrue after the 5th Day of July, 1795, is to deliver to this Office a Particular, in Writing, containing the Nature and Amount of such Demand, signed by him or her, within Ten Days after the Expiration of the Quarter of a Year in which such Demand shall accrue; and all Debts or Demands, of what Nature or Kind soever, which shall not exactly have accrued within the preceding Quarter of a Year, or which shall not be perfected as aforesaid, and within the Time limited as aforesaid, are not, under any Pretence or Colour of Authority whatever, to be paid, satisfied, or discharged, nor any Part thereof, but are barred both at Law and in Equity; and all Bonds, Bills, Notes, or other Securities for Money, given or made in Consideration of any Debt or Demand, whereof the Particulars in Writing are not delivered as aforesaid, are, to all Intents and Purposes, null and void.

See the Act of the 35th of His present Majesty, for settling an Annuity on His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and other Purposes, Cap. 129. Sec. 32.

Tim. Brent, Secretary.

Whitehall, October 6, 1795.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that in the Night of the 3d, or early in the Morning of the 4th of August last the Custom-House at Sowerham in the County of Sussex, was feloniously broke open by some evil disposed Person or Persons unknown, who ransacked the Ledgers of the Collector, and various other Officers belonging to the said Custom-House, and feloniously took and carried away out of the Desk of the said Collector the Sum of £01.

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in this Felony and Robbery said, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one or more of the said Offenders, who shall discover his or their Accomplice or Accomplices, so that any one or more of them may be apprehended and convicted of the said Offence.

PORTLAND.

And, as a further Encouragement, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do hereby promise a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person or Persons who shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, any one or more of the said Offenders; to be paid by the Receiver General of His Majesty's Customs upon Conviction.

APPRENTICE DUTY INDEMNITY.

Stamp-Office, Somerset-Place, May 16, 1795.

HIS Majesty's Commissioners for Managing the Stamp Duties do hereby give Notice, That by a Clause in an Act of the present Session of Parliament, it is enacted, for the Relief of all Persons who have omitted to pay the several Rates and Duties, or any Part thereof, upon Monies given, paid or contracted for, with Clerks, Apprentices or Servants, and also who have omitted to insert and write in Words at

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