

And whereas many of the said Deserters may have enlisted in other Regular Corps, and are now serving therein, His Majesty is graciously pleased to extend to such Deserters the Benefit of this Pardon; and to direct that they shall continue to serve in the Corps wherein they now are, without being under the Necessity of declaring themselves Deserters, in order to entitle them to the Benefit of this Pardon; and they shall not be liable, at any future Time, to be claimed by the Regiments in which they formerly served: But this Clause is not to extend to Deserters enlisted by the Corps raising Recruits for general Service; which Deserters are only to be entitled to their Pardon on declaring themselves at Chatham Barracks to be such, and being there transferred to some established Regiment.

And whereas several of the said Deserters have been apprehended, and are now in Gaol, or in Regimental Custody, His Majesty is likewise pleased to grant them his free Pardon, of which they are to have the Benefit upon their Arrival under Escort at Chatham Barracks, where they will be disposed of in the Manner above-mentioned.

Any Soldier who may desert after these His Majesty's gracious Intentions are made public, shall not be included in the above Pardon, but be proceeded against with the utmost Severity.

By His Majesty's Command,
W. WINDHAM.

Westminster, October 25, 1796.

THIS Day the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by Mr. Quarre, the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of His Majesty's Commission for declaring His Royal Assent to an Act agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Act, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to*

An Act for naturalizing Gaetano Testolini:

Westminster, November 2, 1796.

THIS Day the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by Mr. Quarre, the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of His Majesty's*

Commission for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for continuing and granting to His Majesty certain Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

An Act for granting an Aid to His Majesty, by a Land-Tax, to be raised in Great Britain, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

Admiralty-Office, November 5, 1796.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Kinsmill, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Cork, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board His Majesty's Ship Polyphemus the 29th of October. 1796.

S I R,

I Have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the Purpose for which I ordered His Majesty's Ship Santa Margarita out on a Cruise, as stated in my Letter of the 19th Instant, has been most fortunately accomplished, by her capturing Two French Ship Privateers, and retaking One of their Prizes; Particulars of which will be seen in the accompanying Letters from Captain Martin.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

R. KINGSMILL.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Martin, of His Majesty's Ship Santa Margarita, to Vice-Admiral Kingsmill, dated at Sea the 24th of October, 1796.

I Have the Honor to inform you, that His Majesty's Ship under my Command has this Day captured a very fast sailing Ship Privateer, called Le Buoharparte, of 16 Guns and 137 Men: She has been Ten Days from Brest, and taken Three Vessels, as named in the Margin *.

Extract of another Letter from Captain Martin, of the Santa Margarita, to Vice-Admiral Kingsmill, dated the 27th of October, 1796.

ON the 25th Instant in the Morning we discovered Two Ships, that immediately made towards us, and approached nearly within hail before they observed the Santa Margarita to be a Frigate. They endeavoured to render the Retreat of one or the other secure, by standing on different Tacks, and I followed the largest, with little Prospect of taking the other; but Mr. Birchall, the First Lieutenant, him

* The Ship Clarence, Ashington, from Jamaica to London, sent to Brest.—Neptune Brig, from Dublin to St. Michael's, sunk.—Ann Brig, of Poole, to Naples, burnt.