

Settlement, or the Territories or Dependencies thereof, from any Part of His Majesty's Dominions, shall be subject to any Duty.

And it is His Majesty's Pleasure, that no Goods, Wares or Merchandize, the Growth, Produce or Manufacture of the Countries to the Eastward of the Cape of Good Hope, be imported into the said Settlement, or the Territories or Dependencies thereof, except by the United Company of Merchants trading to the East Indies; and that no such Goods, Wares or Merchandize, be permitted to be exported from thence, except for Sea Stores only, or by the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, or by their Licence.

But it is His Majesty's Pleasure that nothing in this Order contained shall extend to prevent Ships or Vessels employed in the Southern Whale Fishery from carrying on the same in such and the same Manner as might have been done if this Order had not been made.

And it is also His Majesty's Pleasure, that no Arms or Artillery, Gunpowder or Ammunition, of any Sort, be allowed to be imported into the said Settlement, or the Territories or Dependencies thereof, except by the said United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, or by Licence from His Majesty.

And it is His Majesty's further Pleasure, that the Trade and Commerce to and from the said Settlement, and the Territories and Dependencies thereof, shall be subject to such of the Laws of Trade and Navigation as would have affected the same if this Order had not been made, except so far as such Laws are contrary to this present Order.

And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary Directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

*Steph. Cottrell.*

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 9, 1797.*

SUCH Ladies as desire to dance Minuets at the Ball which is to be at St. James's on Wednesday the 18th Instant, are requested to send their Names and Rank, in Writing, to this Office, on or before Monday the 16th, and to send for their Tickets the next Day (Tuesday) between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Two in the Afternoon. And to prevent the inconveniencies which have arisen from the Space before Their Majesties, which is allotted for Minuet Dancing, being exceedingly crowded, it is requested that those Ladies only who mean to dance will send for Dancers Tickets, and sit in those Places, as the Seats have been found too few to accommodate the Dancers.

*Admiralty-Office, January 9, 1797.*

*Extract of a Letter from Sir Richard Strachan, Captain of His Majesty's Ship Diamond, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated in the Ance de Vauville, the 24th of last Month.*

I Have to inform you that this Morning, being off Alderney, we saw a Brig, which we gave Chace to, and in the Evening we came up with her in the Ance de Vauville; she is called L'Esperance, has been out from Havre Four Days.

*Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Murray to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board His Majesty's Ship Cleopatra, off the Start, the 1st Instant.*

ON the 16th of December in the Morning, in Latitude 48 deg. 42 min. N. Longitude 20 deg. 31 min. W. we fell in with, and, after a short Chace, captured L'Hirondelle, French Privateer, of 12 Guns and 70 Men, 15 Days out from Bourdeaux.

She is a fine Brig, pierced for 16 Guns, but now mounting only 12, and newly coppered.

*Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir George Keith Elphinstone, K. B. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board His Majesty's Ship Monarch, Crookhaven, the 30th of last Month.*

I Have the Honor to inform you, that the Impatiente French Frigate, carrying 20 Four-Pounders, 320 Men, and 250 Soldiers, came on Shore near this Place about One o'Clock this Morning, and was totally lost. Seven of the Men escaped on the Rocks.

*Whitehall, January 10, 1797.*

By Dispatches received this Day by his Grace the Duke of Portland, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, dated the 6th Instant, it appears that his Excellency had received Accounts from Vice-Admiral Kingmsmill, stating, that on the 5th Instant His Majesty's Ship the Polyphemus, Captain Lumsdaine, had captured and brought into the Cove of Cork, La Tortue, a French Frigate of 44 Guns, 625 Men, including Troops; and that she had also captured a large Transport, full of Troops, which being extremely leaky, and Night coming on, with heavy Gales of Wind, Captain Lumsdaine had been prevented from taking Possession of, but which, from many Signals of Distress afterwards made by her, and his Inability to render any Assistance, he had every Reason to apprehend must have sunk during the Night.

It further appears from the Accounts of the Prisoners on Board La Tortue, that La Scævola, another large French Frigate, had recently foundered at Sea, with all her Crew.

*Admiralty-Office, January 7, 1797.*

PURSUANT to an Act of Parliament passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, this is to give Notice to the concerned, That Information has been sent to this Office, that the Snow Mary, belonging to New York, of the Burthen of

150 Tons