

A Admiralty-Office, March 4, 1797.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Yorke, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Stag, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Spithead the 2d of March, 1797.

S I R,

I Beg you will inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty with the Arrival of His Majesty's Ship Stag, under my Command, at this Port, and of her having captured, near Scilly, the French Privateers, L'Approprate Brig, of Fourteen Guns and Sixty-five Men, and L'Hirondelle Cutter, of Six Guns and Forty-five Men, the latter of which was destroyed.

I am, Sir, &c. &c. &c.

JOS. SYD. YORKE.

Mercurii, 1^{mo} Die Martii, 1797.

WHEREAS the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the Merits of the Petition of Peter Moore, Esq; and Philip Francis, Esq; complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Tewkesbury in the County of Gloucester, have this Day reported to the House of Commons, "That it appeared to the said Select Committee, that the Merits of the Petition did, in Part, depend upon the Right of Election; and that, thereupon, the said Committee therefore required the Parties to deliver in Statements, in Writing, of the Right of Election for which they respectively contended. That, in consequence thereof, the Petitioners delivered in a Statement as follows: "The Petitioners state, that the Right of Election for the Borough of Tewkesbury is only in the Bailiffs, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the said Borough; meaning by the Word "Burgesses" such Persons as are entitled to their Freedom by Servitude or Copy, and by the Word "Commonalty" the Inhabitant Householders of the said Borough." That the Sitting Members, James Martin and William Dowdeswell, Esquires, delivered in a Statement as follows: "The Right of Election is in the Freemen of the said Borough, and in any Person seized of an Estate of Freehold in an entire Dwelling-House situate within the said Borough." That upon the Statement delivered in by the said Petitioners the said Select Committee have determined, That the Right of Election, as set forth in the said Statement, is not the Right of Election for the said Borough of Tewkesbury. That upon the Statement delivered by the Sitting Members the said Select Committee have determined, That the Right of Election, as set forth in the said Statement, is not the Right of Election for the said Borough of Tewkesbury." That the said Select Committee, having duly considered the said Statements, and the Evidence adduced before them touching the Right of Election, have determined, That the Right of Election is in the Freemen at large, and in all Persons seized of an Estate of Freehold in an entire Dwelling-House within the ancient Limits of the said Borough." I do hereby give this Notice, in pursuance of the Directions of the Act, made in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the further Regulation of the Trials of controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in

"Parliament." Given under my Hand, this First Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

HENRY ADDINGTON, Speaker.

Whitehall, February 18, 1797.

WHEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, that on Saturday the 4th Instant a most daring and outrageous Attack was made on Mr. Robert Birt, of Mount Edgcombe in the County of Devon, by three Men, one of whom cut him in the most inhuman Manner across the Face, with a Hanger, and fractured his Jaw in two Places.

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the daring Outrage above-mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person who actually wounded the said Robert Birt) who shall discover his or their Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

PORTLAND.

And, as a further Encouragement, a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as is before excepted) to be paid upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders, by

MOUNT EDGCUMBE.

Whitehall, February 18, 1797.

WHEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, that on the Night of Sunday the 1st Ultimo, Nicholas Bray, Supervisor of Excise at Bodmin in Cornwall, was assaulted, in Company with David Knight, William Drew, and Richard Haskins, Officers of Excise, who, after the Seizure of Four Horses and a Quantity of Spirituous Liquors, near Portpain in the said County, were assaulted also by a considerable Body of Smugglers, armed with Fire Arms and Bludgeons, who rescued from them the greatest Part of the Seizure, fired a Blunderbuss at one of the Officers, and beat both him and them in a most cruel Manner.

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the daring Outrages above-mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any Accomplice or other Person (except the Man who actually fired the Blunderbuss) who shall discover any of the Persons concerned in the said Assault and Rescue, so that he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

PORTLAND.

And, as a further Encouragement, a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid by the Commissioners of Excise, on Application to their Secretary.

By Order of the Board,

Tho. Burton, pro Sec.

Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich,

January 25, 1797.

THE Commissioners and Governors of the said Hospital hereby give Notice, that at Salters-Hall, in London, on Wednesday the 19th Day of April next, or as soon after as conveniently may be, several Plots or Parcels of Ground, late Part of Grindon Common, which adjoin to the Kennel, Sewingsfields, Sheld together