

with Fish, and Yesterday Morning a small Vessel bound from hence to Edgland, both which Captures had been noticed from this Island.

I cannot too much praise the Readiness and Alacrity shewn by Major Gordon, the Officers and Soldiers of the Garrison, in the Execution of my Orders on this Occasion; for the Day was so far spent that One Quarter of an Hour's Delay might have frustrated all our Exertions; but I am in Duty bound to testify my particular Obligations to Town-Major Hainell, who solicited to be employed, and instantaneously embarking, effected the Capture without any Loss.

I am further happy in reporting, that our Battery was well served, as out of Three Shot fired within Reach, One passed through the Enemy's Sails, and another killed a Man on Board.

Admiralty-Office, January 2, 1798.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Edward Griffith, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Niger, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Spithead the 26th Ultimo.

YESTERDAY, the Start Point bearing North about Seven Leagues, I captured, after a few Hours Chace, the Delphine, a French Privateer Cutter, pierced for 10 Guns, 4 mounted, and 38 Men on Board. She sailed from St. Maloes Six Days ago, in Company with a Lugger; had captured the Active Brigantine, of Jersey, and had been beat off the Night before we fell in with her by an English Letter of Marque.

Copy of a Letter from Captain David Lloyd, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Termagant, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Hull the 30th Ultimo.

S I R,

YOU will be pleased to inform the Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that on the 28th Instant, the Spurn Point bearing W. N. W. distant Four Leagues, I captured, after a Chace of Four Hours, the French Privateer Schooner Le Victoire, of 14 Guns and 74 Men. She had been out Ten Days, had captured Two Colliers, and was in Pursuit of an English Merchantman when I first discovered her.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

DAVID LLOYD.

St. James's, January 2, 1798.

THE following Address having been transmitted to the Duke of Portland, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been by his Grace presented to the King; which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Provost, Magistrates and Town Council, and Deacons of Crafts, of the Burgh of Lanark, in Common Council assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign;

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Provost, Magistrates and Town Council, and Deacons of Crafts, of the Burgh of Lanark, beg Leave to approach the Throne to express our unfeigned Joy, and to offer our sincere Congratulations to your Majesty, on the Success

which has attended your Majesty's Fleet, under the Command of Admiral Lord Viscount Duncan, and the fair Prospect of decisive good Consequences which, under Divine Providence, must necessarily follow this important Naval Victory.

While we lament the Continuance of the War, and that your Majesty's gracious Endeavours to put an End to the Calamities attending it, have been frustrated by the Ambition and overbearing Spirit of our Enemies, we at the same Time feel the strongest Indignation at the insolent Manner in which your Majesty's gracious Overtures for Peace have been rejected, which must of Course produce Unanimity at Home, founded on a Conviction of the Justice and Necessity of your Majesty's Measures in the Prosecution of the War, in the Vindication of the Honour of your Crown, and the Rights and Liberties of your People.

With Hearts full of Gratitude we acknowledge the Happiness which we enjoy under your Majesty's auspicious Reign, fully convinced of the Uprightness of your Majesty's Government, and most firmly attached to your Majesty's Person and Family, we therefore humbly hope that such Measures may be adopted and continued until Peace shall be obtained, consistent with the Honour, the Safety, and true Interests of Great Britain, which is the earnest Prayer of,

Most Gracious Sovereign,

The Provost, Magistrates and Town Council, and Deacons of Crafts, of the Burgh of Lanark.

Signed in their Name, and by their Appointment, this 18th Day of December, 1797, by
John Bannatyne, Provost.

[Transmitted by Lord Stoford.]

Whitehall, December 30, 1797.

The King has been pleased to grant the Dignity of a Baronet of the Kingdom of Great Britain to John Knightley, of Fawsley in the County of Northampton, Clerk, and to the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten; with Remainder, in Default of such Issue, to the Heirs Male of the Body of Charles Knightley, of Preston Capes in the said County, Clerk, deceased, Brother of the said John Knightley, and to the Heirs Male of their Bodies lawfully begotten.

War-Office, January 2, 1798.

19th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Major Charles Bladen, from the 25th Light Dragoons, to be Major, vice Child, who exchanges.

25th Ditto, Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel William Gilbert Child, from the 19th Light Dragoons, to be Major, vice Bladen, who exchanges.

33d Regiment of Foot, Ensign Alexander Boyd to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Turner, who retires. John Paul, Gent. to be Ensign, by Purchase, vice Boyd.

36th Ditto, Brevet Major Robert Burne to be Major, by Purchase, vice Austin, who retires. Lieutenant Allan Maclean to be Captain of a Company, by Purchase, vice Burne.

Ensign Dugald Campbell, from the 72d Foot, to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Maclean.

Ensign William Tulloh, from the 76th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Harris, removed to the 74th Foot. Samuel Allen Wheeler, Gent. to be Ensign, without Purchase, vice Ross, promoted in the 52d Foot.