

of Captain Keen, of the Chapman, I directed him to conduct the Operations of the Cutters and Launches, and endeavour to possess himself of the Harbour and Fort, the Tides being so low, and the Wind blowing out, that neither of the Sloops could get in. The Launches proceeded to attack the Fort, of which they soon possessed themselves, upwards of 200 of the Rebels precipitately retreating from it, leaving behind them their Colours flying and Three Six-pounders. The Launches then immediately proceeded up the Harbour; and, upon their Arrival at the Town, had the Happiness to find the King's Troops were just marching into it, they having entirely defeated the Rebels in Two separate Attacks on the 20th and 21st, and who are now flying in all Directions, Two of their Generals, Hay and Roche, taken Prisoners.

As the Object of the Squadron remaining at Anchor here is now fully accomplished, it is my Intention to get to Sea to-morrow, if possible; and I am happy to be informed, since the Reduction of Wexford, that the Appearance of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels off the Harbour, and the Measures pursued by them, has been attended with the happiest Consequences, and greatly contributed to check the further Progress of the horrible Massacres that have been committed in the Town of Wexford, disgraceful to Humanity.

There being a Number of Boats and small Vessels along the Coast, belonging to the Rebels, which I conceived would be employed in facilitating the Escape of the Fugitives, I have ordered the Boats of the Squadron in, and destroyed about 100 of them; in some, Pikes were found concealed.

The Public Service has greatly benefited by the judicious Arrangements of Captain Keen and Lieutenant Carpenter, and by the Zeal and Activity manifested by them and the Officers and People employed in the different Ships, Boats and Launches under their Command, and otherwise.

Admiralty Office, June 30, 1798.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Halsted, of His Majesty's Ship Phoenix, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated at Plymouth, the 5th Instant.

I HAVE the Honour of acquainting you, for their Lordships Information, that His Majesty's Ship, under my Command, arrived here this Morning, in Company with the Caroline French Privateer, and the Henry of Liverpool, her Prize. The above Ships were captured by the Phoenix on the 31st Ult. in Lat. 49 Deg. 02 Min. N. Long. 15 Deg. 38 Min. W. The Caroline is a very handsome Ship, coppered, only Eight Months old, and sails exceedingly fast. She is pierced for Twenty Guns, carrying Twelves and Sixes, most of which were thrown overboard in Chace, and 105 Men, had been Ten Days from Nantz, without making any other Capture than the Henry, and a Danish Ship. The Henry is a valuable Ship, bound to Jamaica, and was captured by the above Privateer, on the 3d Ult. on which Day we also sent in an American Ship, which had been taken some Days before.

This Privateer is one of those I went in Search of, the 28th Ult. agreeably to Intelligence I received from the Success Transport, and by which Ship I had the Honour of acquainting you for their Lordships' Information, by Letter of that Day's Date.

ARMORIAL BEARING TAX.

Stamp-Office, Somerset-Place, June 30, 1798.

HIS Majesty's Commissioners for managing the Stamp Duties, do hereby give Notice, that Armorial Bearing Certificates, COMMENCING THE 25th OF JUNE, 1798; AND ENDING THE 24th OF JUNE, 1799, are now granting, and will continue so to be, at the following Offices or Places, until Saturday the 25th August ensuing, inclusive, UPON PAYMENT OF THE RESPECTIVE DUTIES ONLY, viz.

- 2l. 2s. by any Person keeping a Coach or other Carriage, upon which any Duty under the Management of the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes is chargeable, and on which any Armorial Bearing, or Ensign, shall be painted, marked, or affixed.
- 1l. 1s. by any Person not keeping any such Coach or other Carriage, who shall be charged to the Duties on Inhabited Houses; or on Houses, Windows, or Lights, by any Act passed in the present Session of Parliament.
- 10s. 6d. by any Person not keeping any such Coach or other Carriage, nor being charged to the said Duties on Inhabited Houses, or on Houses, Windows, or Lights.

OFFICES.

The Head Office in Somerset-Place, for Persons residing in the Parishes of St. Mary-le-Strand, St. Clement Danes, St. Paul, Covent-Garden, St. Giles in the Fields, St. George, Bloomsbury, the Liberty of the Rolls, Lincoln's-Inn, and the Temple.

City District, at No. 56, Lombard-Street, London, for Persons residing within the City of London and the Liberty of St. Martin's-le-Grand.

For the District of the Tower Hamlets, Liberties and Precincts thereof, with Bethnal-Green, and Parts adjacent; also to Persons residing in the following Wards within the City of London, viz. Aldgate, Billingsgate, Lime-Street, Portoken, and Tower; and to Persons residing in the Streets, Squares, Lanes, &c. leading from Fish-Street Hill, Gracechurch-Street, Biscopgate-Street Within and Without, Eastward in the City of London, at No. 35, Wellclose-Square.

For the Westminster District, including the Parishes of St. Martin in the Fields, St. Margaret, St. John; St. James, St. Ann, St. Mary-le-Bonne, St. George, Hanover-Square, and Paddington, on the Terrace, Spring-Garden, and in Vere-Street, Oxford-Street.

For the Clerkenwell District, the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, at the Sessions House on Clerkenwell-Green, for Persons residing in the Parishes of St. James and St. John, Clerkenwell, St. Luke, St. Leonard, Shoreditch, the Liberty of Glasshouse-Yard, St. Andrew, Holborn, and St. George the Martyr, Queen-Square, St. Sepulchre, St. Pancras, and Islington.

At all which Offices or Places the Persons applying for the said Certificates will be furnished, gratis, with the proper printed Form of the Entry, required by the Act, to be filled up in Writing, and delivered in, previously to the issuing of any Certificates.

By Order of the Commissioners,
John Brettell, Secretary.