

behaved vastly well, and the Bravery and excellent Conduct of the Crew deserve much Praise.

The Pique was exceedingly shattered in her Rigging, and the Jason has not one Mast or Yard but what is much damaged, nor a Shroud or Rope but what is cut, with all the Sails torn to Pieces. If our Ship could have remained in her first Position, or our Companion could have occupied the Situation he wished, the Business must have been sooner finished, without so much Injury being done aloft.

It is but Justice to observe that every Effort was made on board the Mermaid, during our long Chace, to approach the Enemy, and I feel much indebted to Captain Newman for heaving this Ship off, as that was the only possible Means to save her. So soon as we were afloat, the Squadron under Captain Stopford was seen in the Offing, and being called in by Signal, was of infinite Service.

I have the Honour to be, &c.
CHARLES STIRLING.

A List of Killed and Wounded on board His Majesty's Ship Jason, in the Action with La Seine.

- Lieutenant Robotier, killed.
- One Corporal of Marines, killed.
- Five Seamen, killed.
- Captain Stirling, wounded.
- Messrs. Bedford and Luscombe, wounded.
- Nine Seamen, wounded.
- Total killed, 7; wounded, 12.

Signed CHARLES STIRLING.

On board La Seine, late French Frigate, 3d July 1798.

My Lord,

IT is with real Concern I have to inform your Lordship of the Loss of His Majesty's Ship Pique, under my Command, on the Night of the 30th Ult., in Action with the French Frigate La Seine; by running on Shore in the Passage Breton, where, at low Water, she was entirely bulged. For the Transactions of that Day I leave your Lordship to Captain Stirling's Dispatches, but must take the Liberty of mentioning the entire Satisfaction I had from the steady and cool Behaviour of the Officers and Men I had the Honour to command; particularly Mr. Lee, First Lieutenant; Mr. Devonshire, Second; and Mr. Watson, acting Third; and Lieutenant McDonald of the Marines; as likewise Mr. Edween, the Gunner, whose Conduct in his Department deserves my warmest Praise.

It is some small Satisfaction to me, my Lord, for the Loss of His Majesty's Ship, that the Prize was got off by the Assistance given from the St. Fiorenzo; and her being a very strong and nearly new Ship, she does not appear to have received any material Damage in her Hull, except from Shot, as she makes very little Water.

I have the Honour to inclose a List of Killed and Wounded of His Majesty's Ship Pique.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

DAVID MILNE.

Right Honourable Lord Bridport, K. B.

&c. &c. &c.

Return of Killed and Wounded on board his Majesty's Ship La Pique, in the Action with the French Frigate La Seine, on the 30th of June, 1798.

- James Collins, Sailmaker, killed.
- Mr. Robinson, Boatswain, wounded.
- Thomas Andrews, Boatswain's Mate, wounded.

Benjamin Lockwood, Seaman, wounded.
William Richards, Seaman, missing.
Benjamin Masland,
Robert Sallafs,
Joseph Furfman, } Marines, wounded.

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 of 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.

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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. 50, 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, Bishopsgate-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 Glasfhouse-Yard, St. Andrew, Holborn, and St. George the Martyr, Queen's Square, St. Sepulchre, St. Pancras, and Islington.

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