

Our Resources, and the good Sense and Publick Spirit which prevail through every Part of My Kingdom, will, I trust, enable you to provide the necessary Supplies without essential Inconvenience to My People, and with as little Addition as possible to the permanent Burdens of the State. The Progress made towards such a System by the Measures adopted in the last Session, and the Aid given to Publick Credit by the Plan for the Redemption of the Land Tax, have been attended with the most beneficial Effects, which you will, I am persuaded, omit no Opportunity to confirm and improve.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

I rely with Confidence on the Continuance of your Exertions to enable Me ultimately to conduct the great Contest in which We are engaged to a safe and honorable Conclusion.

We have surmounted many and great Difficulties. Our Perseverance in a just Cause has been rewarded with distinguished Success; and Our present Situation, compared with that of other Countries, sufficiently proves how much, in a Period of general Danger and Calamity, the Security and Happiness of the British Nation have depended (under the Blessing of Providence) on its own Constancy, its Energy, and its Virtue.

*Downing-Street, Nov. 20, 1798.*

A Decree having been published by the French Directory, declaring, that all Persons Natives of, or originally belonging to Neutral Countries or Countries in Alliance with France, who may form a Part of the Crews of any of the King's Ships of War, or any other British Vessels, shall be considered and treated as Pirates; His Majesty has directed it to be signified to the Commissary for the French Prisoners in Great Britain, that if this Decree shall, in any Instance, be carried into Effect against any such Persons taken in any Vessels the Property of His Majesty, or of His Majesty's Subjects, and navigated under the British Flag, it is His Majesty's Determination to exercise the most vigorous Retaliation against the Subjects of the French Republic, whom the Chance of War has now placed, or may hereafter place, at the King's Disposal.

*Admiralty-Office, November 20, 1798.*

*Copy of a Letter from Commodore Sir John Borlase Warren, K. B. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on board the Canada, Plymouth-Dock, 18th November, 1798.*

SIR,

I Have been waiting with great Anxiety the Arrival of the Robust and La Hoche at this Port to enable me to make a Return of the Killed and Wounded in the different Ships under my Orders upon the 12th October last; but, as I understand those Ships may be still further detained by Repairs at Lough Swilly, I send the inclosed, which it was impossible for me to obtain before the present

Moment, as the whole Squadron was separated in Chace of the flying Enemy, and have successively arrived at this Port; it was impracticable, therefore, to communicate the Particulars to their Lordships sooner, or to state the very gallant Conduct of Captains Thornbrough and De Courcy, in the Robust and Magnanime, who, from their Position in the Van on that Day, were enabled to close with the Enemy early in the Action, and were zealously and bravely seconded by every other Ship of the Squadron, as well as by the Intrepidity displayed by the Anson in the Evening, in obeying my Signal to harass the Enemy, and in beating off their Frigates.

For further Particulars I refer their Lordships to the Letters they may have received from Captains Countess and Moore of the Ethalion and Melampus.

I am happy in reflecting that so many Advantages to His Majesty's Arms have been purchased with so inconsiderable a Loss in the Ships of the Squadron.

I have the Honor to remain, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

JOHN WARREN.

*A Return of the Killed and Wounded on board the Squadron of His Majesty's Ships under the Orders of Sir John Borlase Warren, Bart. K. B. in the Action with a Squadron of French Ships, on the 12th October, 1798.*

Canada.—1 Seaman wounded; since dead.

Foudroyant.—9 Seamen wounded.

Robust.—No Return. But I understand the First Lieutenant Mr. M'Colby lost his Arm, and One Marine Officer was killed.

Magnanime.—7 Seamen wounded.

Ethalion.—1 Seaman killed, 4 Seamen wounded.

Melampus.—1 Seaman wounded.

Amelia.—No Return.

Anson.—2 Seamen killed, 2 Petty Officers, 8 Seamen, 3 Marines wounded.

Total.—3 Seamen killed, 2 Petty Officers, 30 Seamen, 3 Marines, wounded.

(Signed) JOHN WARREN.

*A List of a Squadron of the French Republic in the Engagement on the 12th October, 1798, on the Coast of Ireland, with a Squadron of His Majesty's Ships under the Orders of Captain Sir John Borlase Warren, Bart. K. B.*

*La Hoche*, 84 Guns, (no Return,) Commodore Bompard; Monsieur Hardi, Commander in Chief of the Army, Monsieur Simon, Adjutant-General.—Taken by Sir John Borlase Warren's Squadron.

*La Coquille*, 40 Guns, 580 Men, Captain Deperon.—Taken by Ditto.

*L' Ambuscade*, 36 Guns, 559 Men, Captain Clement la Konfieur.—Taken by Ditto.

*La Resoluc*, 36 Guns, 510 Men, Captain Berjeat.—Taken by Ditto.

*La Bellone*, 40 Guns, 240 Seamen, 340 Troops, Captain Jacob.—Taken by Ditto.

*L'Immortalite*, 40 Guns, 580 Men, Captain Le Grand; General of Brigade, Monsieur Menage.—Taken by the Figard.

*La Romaine*, 40 Guns, Captain Berguine.—Escaped.

*La Loire*, 44 Guns, (no Return,) Captain Second.—Taken by the Anson.

