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Westminster, June 21, 1799.

THIS Day the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honorable House of Commons by Sir Francis Molyneux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of His Majesty's Commission for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate Attendance of this Honorable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read*; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly; and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for raising the Sum of Fifteen Millions Five Hundred Thousand Pounds by way of Annuities.

An Act to repeal the Duty granted by an Act of the last Session of Parliament on Raw Linen-Yarn, the Produce of the Territories of the King of Prussia, and imported directly from thence into this Kingdom, and for charging another Duty in lieu thereof.

An Act for regulating the Rates of Portage to be taken by Innkeepers and other Persons within the Cities of London and Westminster, the Borough of Southwark, and Places adjacent.

An Act to amend an Act made in the Thirty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and Two Acts made in the last Session of Parliament, for raising a Militia Force in that Part of the Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland.

An Act to enlarge the Term, and alter and enlarge the Powers of several Acts relating to the Harbour of Liverpool, and for making Two additional Wet-Docks and Piers in or near the Port of Liverpool, and for rendering more safe and commodious the said Port and Docks.

An Act for authorizing the Company of Proprietors of the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal Navigation to vary the Course of certain Parts of the said Canal, directed to be made by an Act passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and also to make a Branch out of the said

Canal, and also to vary the Course of a Navigable Cut directed to be made from the said Stratford-upon-Avon Canal, in the Parish of Lapworth, into the Warwick and Birmingham Canal; in the Manor of Kingwood, in the County of Warwick, by another Act passed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and for amending the said Acts.

And Nine Private Acts.

Admiralty-Office, June 22, 1799.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Sir William Sidney Smith, to Mr. Nepean, dated Tigre, off Tripoly, in Syria, the 2d of April, 1799.

I Beg Leave to transmit for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Copy of my Report to the Right Honorable Earl of St. Vincent, of late Events in this Quarter.

Tigre, off St. John d'Acre, the 23d March, 1799.

MY LORD,
I Have the Honor to inform you that, in consequence of Intelligence from Gezar Pacha, Governor of Syria, of the Incursion of General Buonaparte's Army into that Province, and his Approach to its Capital, Acre, I hastened with a Portion of the Naval Force under my Orders to its Relief, and had the Satisfaction to arrive there Two Days before the Enemy made his Appearance.

Much was done in this Interval under the Direction of Captain Miller, of the Theseus, and Colonel Phelypeaux, towards putting the Place in a better State of Defence, to resist the Attack of an European Army; and the Presence of a British Naval Force appeared to encourage and decide the Pacha and his Troops to make a vigorous Resistance.

The Enemy's Advanced Guard was discovered at the Foot of Mount Carmel, in the Night of the 17th, by the Tigre's Guard Boats: these Troops, not expecting to find a Naval Force of any Description in Syria, took up their Ground close to the Water Side, and were consequently exposed to the Fire of Grape Shot from the Boats, which put them to the Rout the Instant it opened upon them and obliged them to retire precipitately upon the Side