

of York, to be selected among the Officers of Rank in his Army.

Answer.—Hostages shall be *reciprocally* given, to be selected among the Officers of Rank of the Two Armies, to guarantee the Execution of this Agreement.

By Order of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, Commander in Chief of the Combined English and Russian Army.

(Signed) H. TAYLOR, Secretary.

SIR, *Alkmaar, October 17, 1799.*  
I Have seen General Brune, and have talked over with him fully all the Articles on which I have received His Royal Highness's Instructions. I have found the greatest Disposition on the Part of General Brune to enter fairly into the Subject.

In respect to the essential Article of the Fleet, General Brune has already received a Letter from the Dutch Directory, to make the Delivery of it a *sine qua non*; and I much doubt whether there is any Chance of his being brought to give Way on this Point, at least without some Assurance that His Royal Highness would forward the Demand to his Court.

In respect to the other very essential Article of the Prisoners, after much Conversation, I brought the General to lower his Demand to Eight Thousand Men, beyond which he cannot recede. Every other Point can be amicably settled.

I beg His Royal Highness's Orders on these Points; and I hope to receive them by Noon Tomorrow.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.  
(Signed) J. KNOX.

To the Honorable Colonel Hope, Adjutant-General, &c. &c. &c.

SIR, *Head-Quarters, Schagen Brug, October 18, 1799.*  
HIS Royal Highness the Commander in Chief, in his Instructions to you of Yesterday's Date, having declared that every Paper or Proposal from General Brune, and consequently *that* relative to the Whole Dutch Fleet, will of course be regularly transmitted to England, can give no other Answer than what you are already empowered to make, *viz.*

“ His Royal Highness will, on no Account, “ treat upon this Article; the Execution of “ which, it must be evident to both Parties, “ is impossible.”

If General Brune expects any Thing further to pass on that Subject, the sooner the Negotiation is put an End to the better.

In regard to the Number of Prisoners, if every other Point is clearly and immediately decided upon, His Royal Highness may be induced to relax; if not, it is unnecessary to enter further into the Subject; and he directs you to finish the Negotiation.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.  
(Signed) ALEX. HOPE,  
Deputy Adjutant-General.

The Honorable Major-General Knox,  
&c. &c. &c.

*Alkmaar, October 18, 1799.*  
Three P. M.

SIR,  
I Have received your Letter, and have the Pleasure to inform you, that every Thing is settled to His Royal Highness's Satisfaction; in consequence of which General Brune has given immediate Orders to all his Posts that Hostilities shall cease, and that no further Work of any Kind shall be carried on; he requests His Royal Highness will be pleased to give similar Orders without Loss of Time, as a Report has just been made that some Houses have been set on fire on the Road leading to Herenhuyfen.

I have the Honor to be, &c.  
(Signed) J. KNOX.

To the Honorable Colonel Hope, Adjutant-General, &c. &c. &c.

P. S. General Brune has sent off to Amsterdam to direct that nothing hostile shall be attempted on the Part of the Flotilla there fitted out; and he begs that similar Notice may be sent to Admiral Mitchell.

*Whitehall, November 23, 1799.*

The King has been pleased to grant the Dignity of a Baronet of the Kingdom of Great Britain to Thomas Troubridge, Esq; Captain in the Royal Navy, and of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, and to the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten.

*Whitehall, November 23, 1799.*

The King has been pleased to appoint George Napier, Esq; to be Commissary of the Commissariat of Caithness, vacant by the Death of William Sinclair, Esq.

Also Mr. William Tayler to be Commissary Clerk of Caithness and Sutherland, vacant by the Death of Mr. Alexander Macleod, late Commissary Clerk.

*Whitehall, November 23, 1799.*

The King has been pleased to present the Reverend Thomas Taylor to the Church and Parish of Tippermuir, in the Presbytery and Shire of Fife, vacant by the Translation of the Reverend John Inglis to the Church of Old Grey-Friars in Edinburgh:

Also Doctor James Playfair to the Church and Parish of Saint Leonard's, in the Presbytery of Saint Andrew, and County of Fife, vacant by the Death of Doctor Joseph MacCormack, late Minister there.

*Navy-Office, November 18, 1799.*

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Tuesday the 26th Instant, at One o'Clock, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to contract for supplying His Majesty's Yards at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Sheerness, and Portsmouth, with Boards cut from Riga Crown Logs, on a standing Contract, to commence the 21st of next Month.

No Tender will be received after Twelve o'Clock on the Day of Treaty, nor any noticed unless the Party, or an Agent for him, attends.

R. A. Nelson, Secretary.