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*Westminster, March 10, 1800.*

**T**HIS 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 Twenty Millions Five Hundred Thousand Pounds by way of Annuities.

An Act for granting to His Majesty Additional Duties of Excise on British and Foreign Spirits and Tea.

An Act for the Regulation of His Majesty's Marine Forces while on Shore.

An Act for altering, amending, and rendering more effectual an Act made in the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of King George the Second, intituled, An Act for draining and preserving certain Fen Lands in the several Parishes of Maney, Upwell, Welney, Downham, Witcham, and in a certain extra Parochial Place in Byal-Fen, within the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge.

An Act for continuing for Twenty-one Years and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, the Term, and altering and enlarging the Powers of Two Acts passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of His late Majesty, and in the Nineteenth Year of His present Majesty, for repairing the Road from the Borough of Leicester in the County of Leicester, to the Town of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, in the said County.

An Act for more effectually repairing, widening, and improving the Roads from the Borough of Leicester, in the County of Leicester, to the Town of Narborough, and from the said Borough of Leicester, to the Town of Earl Shilton, and from the said Town of Earl Shilton, to the Town of Hinchley, in the said County.

*Admiralty-Office, March 11, 1800.*

*Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Thomas Pasley, Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Plymouth, to Esian Nepean, Esq; dated the 7th Instant.*

Enclosed is a Letter from the Captain of the *Nereide*, addressed to Lord Bridport, respecting the Prizes captured by that Frigate.

*Nereide, Plymouth Sound, March 1800.*

MY LORD,

**I** Beg Leave to inform you, that on the 28th Ultimo, when cruising with His Majesty's Ships *Repulse* and *Agamemnon* off the Penmarks, being considerably to Leeward of the above Ships, I lost Sight of them in the Night, and at Three A. M. I saw a Light to Windward, which I kept Company with, supposing it the Commodore's, but it proved a Danish Brig; on my standing back to the Rendezvous on the following Night, we discovered Five Sail, Four Ships evidently of Force, and a Schooner: the Moment I had made the necessary Preparations for Battle, I hauled my Wind for them; on the Dawn of Day I plainly discovered they were of Force, and then laying too; when nearly within Gun-Shot of the largest Ship they dispersed different Ways; I continued to chase: Night coming on I lost Sight, but was fortunate enough the following Morning to see one of them, which, after chasing Twelve Hours and running One Hundred and Twenty-Three Miles, we captured, which proved to be the *Vengeance* Privateer, of Bourdeaux, pierced for Eighteen Guns Twelve-Pounders, but only Sixteen mounted and One Hundred and Seventy-four Men; by her we found that she sailed on the 26th from the above Place, in Company with the following Ships, which were those we fell in with, viz.

*Bellona*, Twenty-four Guns, Twelve-Pounders, Six Thirty-six-Pound Carronades, and Four Hundred and Twenty Men.

*La Vengeance*, Eighteen Guns, Twelve-Pounders, and One Hundred and Seventy-four Men.

*La Favorite*, Sixteen Guns, Eight-Pounders, and One Hundred and Twenty Men.

*La Huron*, Sixteen Guns, Six-Pounders, and Eighty-seven Men.

