

I feel great Pleasure at a Ship of the Heureux's superior Description being captured from the Enemy, and great Merit is due to Captain Barlow for his Exertions in the Protection and Assistance he has afforded the Trade during his Cruise.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.  
R. KINGSMILL.

*Phœbe, Kinsale Harbour,  
March 9, 1800.*

SIR,  
I Have to acquaint you, that on the 5th Instant, in Latitude 50 Deg. 2 Min. N. Longitude 14 Deg. 43 Min. W. His Majesty's Ship under my Command, captured the French Ship Privateer Heureux, of Bourdeaux, mounting Twenty-two Brafs Twelve-Pounders, and manned with Two Hundred and Twenty Men.

She bore down to us at Eight in the Morning, her Commander taking the Phœbe for an East Indiaman, and not discovering his Error until within Point blank Musquet Shot, when she wore on our Weather-Bow, and hauled to the Wind on the same Tack as the Phœbe.

In this Situation she began a spirited, well-directed Fire, which was kept up a considerable Time, in the Hope of escaping by disabling our Masts, Sails, and Rigging: an Act of Temerity to be regretted, as it occasioned a Loss to His Majesty's Ship, of One Seaman killed and Five wounded, two of them mortally, and since dead; and to the Enemy a Loss of Eighteen killed and Twenty-five wounded; most of which have lost Limbs.

The Heureux is the most complete flush Deck Ship I have ever seen, coppered, Copper fastened, highly finished, and of large Dimensions: viz. One Hundred and Twenty-eight Feet long, Thirty-two and a Half broad, and admeasures near Six Hundred Tons.

The Accounts given of her Sailing are very extraordinary; she will be considered as a most desirable Ship for His Majesty's Service.

She had been out Forty-two Days, and had taken only a small Portuguese Sloop, laden with Wine, which had been blown off the Land in her Passage from Limerick to Galway.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

ROBERT BARLOW.

*To R. Kingsmill, Esq; Admiral of the Blue,  
&c. &c. &c. Cove of Cork.*

Admiralty-Office, March 25, 1800.

*Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Courtenay Boyle, Captain of His Majesty's Ship Cormorant, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated in the River Tagus, 7th of March 1800.*

ON the 20th Ultimo, I retook the Elizabeth Jane, of London, from the Bahamas, with Twenty-five Frenchmen on board her; that Vessel parted with me on the 24th, and I have not since heard of her; on the Evening of that Day in Lat. 45 Deg. 45 Min. N. 10 Deg. 29 Min. W. I captured the Spanish Brig Privateer El Batador of Fourteen Guns, and Eighty-seven Men, out of St. Andero Eight Days, on a Cruise of Three Months; had made no Captures: it then blowing a hard Gale of Wind and a very heavy Sea running, I thought it impossible to take Possession of her, but by the zealous and well managed Conduct of Mr. Joseph

Blyth, my Second Lieutenant, with the Gunner, and Seven other Volunteers, she was boarded; the Boat, in the Attempt to exchange Prisoners, sunk, when, from the few Persons on board with Mr. Blyth, and the darkness of the Night, the Spaniards Twice attempted to retake her, but were frustrated.

*Westminster, March 25, 1800.*

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 granting to His Majesty the Sum of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds, to be issued and paid to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, to be by them placed to the Account of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt.

An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters.

An Act to prohibit, until the First day of October One Thousand Eight Hundred, the Use of Wheat in making Starch.

An Act for continuing for a further Term of Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, the Term of Two Acts; one made in the Twelfth and the other in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for clearing, deepening, repairing, maintaining and improving the Haven and Piers of Great Yarmouth, and for deepening and making more navigable the several Rivers, emptying themselves into the said Haven, and preserving Ships wintering therein from Accidents by Fire, and also for building a new Bridge over the Haven of Great Yarmouth, and for altering and enlarging the Powers thereof, so far as the same relate to the said Haven and Piers.

An Act for dividing, allotting and inclosing the Commons and Waste Grounds, within the Parishes of Cantley and Haffingham, in the County of Norfolk; and for draining and preserving the same, and also certain Marsh Lands, within the said Parishes.

An Act for continuing for the Term of Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and for altering and enlarging the Powers of Two Acts, one made in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, and the other in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for repairing the High Road leading from Brent-bridge, in the County of Devon to Gasking-Gate, in or near the Borough of Plymouth, in the said County.