

Westminster, April 14, 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 appointing Commissioners to put in Execution an Act of this Session of Parliament intituled An Act for continuing and granting to His Majesty a Duty on Pensions, Offices, and Personal Estates in England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and certain Duties on Sugar, Malt, Tobacco and Snuff, for the Service of the Year One thousand eight hundred, together with those named in the Two former Acts for appointing Commissioners of the Land Tax.

An Act for indemnifying Persons serving in Volunteer Corps who have omitted to take out Certificates for wearing Hair-Powder, and to amend so much of an Act made in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled An Act for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Certificates issued for using Hair-Powder, as relates to the exempting Persons serving in Volunteer-Corps, and certain Officers in His Majesty's Navy serving on the Establishment of the Royal Hospital at Greenwich, from the said Duty; and for obliging Persons claiming to be exempt from the Duties on Horses provided and furnished for Volunteer Corps, to deliver Certificates thereof to the proper Officers.

An Act for making and repairing the Road from the Town of Stonehaven, through the Slugmount, to the New Bridge over the River Dee at Coble-hugh, in the County of Kincardine.

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 made in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, and in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for repairing the Road from Wakefield to Austerlands, in the West Riding of the County of York.

An Act to continue for Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, the Term, and alter and enlarge the Powers of an Act made in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for amending, widening, turning, varying, altering, and keeping in Repair several Roads therein-mentioned, in the County-Palatine of Lancaster, so far as the same relates to the Road from Haslingden to Todmorden, being the Second District of the said Roads, and for making and maintaining a Branch therefrom at or near a Place called Fearn, in Wolfenden-Booth, to Edge-Side in the same Booth; and another Branch therefrom at or near a Place called Robert's

Mill, in Bacup-Booth, into the Rochdale Turnpike-Road, in the Parish of Spotland, all in the said County-Palatine of Lancaster.

An Act for more effectually Repairing the Road from Alemonth, through Alnwick and Rothbury to Hexham, and a Branch from the said Road between Alnwick and Rothbury, to Jockey's Dike-Bridge, in the County of Northumberland.

And Two Private Acts.

Admiralty-Office, April 26, 1800.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. James Le Bair, Commander of the *Mayflower* Private Ship of War, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Guernsey the 17th Instant.

S I R,

I Have the Honor to acquaint you, for their Lordships' Information, that on the 8th Instant, Cape Penas, at Ten A. M. bearing S. W. Distance about Five Leagues, saw a Schooner on our Lee Beam standing to the Northward; at Noon perceived said Schooner to tack and standing for us; shortly after which she tacked again and stood off, we continuing to chace her; at Five P. M. came within a League of her, and shewed her our Colours, which she answered by hoisting the National Flag; at Eight it fell calm, in consequence of which we got out Sweeps and stood for her till Midnight: on the 9th, at Two A. M. lost Sight of her; at Five discovered her about Four Miles a-head, the Weather continuing to be calm; at Nine a Breeze sprung up, when we set Sail after her; at Three P. M. came within Gun-Shot of her, she always attempting to get off; at half past Three she took in Sail and hove to; at Four came a-breast of her within Musket-Shot, when we attacked and continued to engage her for the Space of Five Hours, without altering our Position; when she struck, and proved to be Le Troisieme Ferrailleur Privateer, belonging to Bourdeaux, commanded by Francois Lugeol, mounting Two Twelve-Pound Carronades and Twelve long Four-Pounders, Six of which are Bras, and manned with Sixty-eight Men, Three of whom were killed and Five wounded during the Action. Our Loss consisted in One Man killed and Four wounded.

This Schooner is about One Hundred and ninety Tons Measurement, quite new and coppered, had been Forty Days from Bourdeaux; during which Time she had captured the American Schooner Active, Jonathan Holbrook, Master, bound from Liverpool to Boston, and a Brig from Teignmouth to Newfoundland, which she burnt. Besides this I captured several Vessels during my Cruise, a List of which I have the Honor to subjoin, and remain, Sir, &c. &c. &c.

JAMES LE BAIR.

The St. Incarnacao Portuguese Brig, bound from St. Ubes to Cork, recaptured.

The St. Francisco de Asis Spanish Ship Letter of Marque, in Ballast, mounting Six Six-Pounders and Twenty-four Men.

The Republican Schooner Neptune, mounting Four Four-Pounders and Twenty-seven Men, bound from Guadaloupe to the first French Port, having General Des Fourneaux and his Suite on board.

The French Latine-rigged Privateer called the Tarn, mounting Two long Nine and Four Four-Pounders, (all Bras) and Fifty-five Men.