

W.A. I fell in with the French National Frigate La Dedaigneuse of Thirty Six Guns and Three Hundred Men, with Dispatches from Cayenne for Rochfort, and chased her until Noon the following Day; when I discovered His Majesty's Ships Sirius and Amethyst, off Cape Finisterre, whose Captains I directed by Signal to chase, and continued in Pursuit of the Enemy until Two o'Clock on Wednesday Morning, being within Musket Shot, she opened her Fire on the Sirius and Oiseau, which was immediately returned, and surrendered to the above Ships after an Action of Forty five Minutes, distant from the Shore, near Cape Belem, about Two Miles; her running Rigging and Sails were cut to Pieces; several Men killed and Seventeen wounded, amongst the latter were the Captain and Fifth Lieutenant. My warmest Thanks are due to Captains King and Cooke for their Exertions, but particularly to the former, as from the Sirius's steady and well-directed Fire, the Enemy received considerable Damage; the Amethyst, from unfavourable Winds, was unable to get up until she had struck. I am happy to say, notwithstanding the gallant Resistance made by the Dedaigneuse, neither of the Ships lost a Man; the Sirius's Rigging and Sails were a little damaged, her Main-Yard and Bowsprit slightly wounded. I cannot conclude without expressing my Approbation of the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Ship under my Command, and in Justice to them, must add, their Anxiety to close with the Enemy, on first discovering her, was equal to what it was on becoming so superior; and must further beg to acknowledge the very great Assistance I received from Mr. H. Lloyd my First Lieutenant, during a long and anxious Chase of Forty-two Hours; I trust your Lordship will be pleased to recommend him to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty as a most valuable Officer and deserving of their Attention; on his Account most sincerely do I lament the baffling Winds that prevented my bringing the Enemy to Action on the preceding Day, which I was several Times in Expectation of doing. La Dedaigneuse is a perfect new Frigate, Copper fastened, and sails well, carries Twenty-eight Twelve-Pounders on her Main Deck, and pierced for Forty Guns. I have given the Prize in Charge of my First Lieutenant with Directions to proceed to Plymouth; and have also to acquaint your Lordship of my having detained, on the 1st Instant, the Swedish Ship Hoffnung, from Valentia bound to Altona, laden with Brandy, Burthen Two Hundred and Sixty Tons.

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

S. H. LINZEE.

The Earl of St. Vincent, K. B.
 &c. &c. &c.

Commission in the Tenth (or Edinburgh) Regiment of North British Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant. Dated January 25, 1801.
 Lieutenant John Douglas to be Captain, vice Weatherstone, resigned.

Marine Pay-Office, No. 34, Upper Grosvenor-Street, February 6, 1801.

Notice is hereby given to all Half-Pay Marine Officers, and their Agents, that by Command of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty they are required

immediately to send their Address and Place of Abode to this Office, at the same Time stating whether in consequence of Age, Loss of Limb, or other Infirmity, they now enjoy their Half-Pay.

N. B. No further Issue of Half-Pay will be allowed till the above Notice is satisfactorily complied with.

Navy-Office, January 31, 1801.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Friday the 20th of next Month, at One o'Clock, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to contract for delivering at Milford a Quantity of Oak Timber, for completing a 74 Gun Ship, Frigate, and Sloop, building at that Place.

No Tender will be received after Twelve o'Clock, nor any noticed unless the Party, or an Agent for him, attends.
 R. A. Nelson, Secretary.

Navy-Office, February 5, 1801.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Tuesday the 24th Instant, at One of the Clock, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to contract for supplying, for the Use of the Navy,

Check Shirts made of Linen,
 Ditto, of Cotton,
 Frocks,
 Trowfers,
 Drawers,

And Boys' Slop Cloathing;

on standing Contracts, to be delivered at the Slop-Office here, agreeable to Samples that may be seen on Application at this Office.

No Tender will be received after Twelve o'Clock, nor any noticed, unless the Party, or an Agent for him, attends.
 R. A. Nelson, Secretary.

Admiralty-Office, February 7, 1801.

THESE are to give Notice, That a GENERAL COURT of the Governors of the Charity for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commission and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy, will be held at this Office on Thursday the 26th Instant, in order to choose Two VICE-PRESIDENTS and FIFTEEN ASSISTANTS for the Year ensuing.

OFFICE FOR TAXES, SOMERSET-PLACE. February 10, 1801.

PURSUANT to an Act passed in the present Session of Parliament, Notice is hereby given, That the Average Price of Three per Centum Consolidated Annuities, sold at the Bank of England on this Day, was £. 57 one-eighth per Centum.

By Order of the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes.
 Matthew Winter, Secretary.

Lottery-Office, Somerset-Place, February 3, 1801.

THE Managers and Directors of the Lottery for the Year 1800, do hereby give Notice, that the Drawing of the said Lottery will begin on the 2d Day of next Month, in Guildhall, in the City of London, where it will be continued every Day (Sundays, Thanksgiving, and Fast Days excepted,) till the Whole be finished, according to the Terms of the Act of Parliament.

By Order of the Managers and Directors,

John Gray.