

Admiralty-Office, August 4, 1801.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Thomas Rogers, of His Majesty's Ship Mercury, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated off the Tremite Islands, in the Adriatic, 23d of June 1801.

SIR,

I Beg Leave to enclose, for their Lordships' Information, a Copy of a Letter I have received from Captain Ricketts, of the Corfo; as also of one from myself to Lord Keith.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

THOMAS ROGERS.

*El Corfo, off Manfredonia,
May 27, 1801.*

SIR,

I Have the Honor to acquaint you, that this Morning, at Nine o'Clock, we captured, off Manfredonia, the Corvielle, a small Vessel, mounting One Brass Gun, commanded by M. Bernard Du Bourdier, Lieutenant of the Regenerée, who with another Officer was carrying Dispatches from Alexandria to Ancona.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) W. RICKETTS.

Captain Rogers, Senior Officer of His Majesty's Ships in the Adriatic.

Mercury, off the Tremite Islands, in the Adriatic, 23d June, 1801.

MY LORD,

I Have the Satisfaction to acquaint your Lordship with the Capture of a notorious French Pirate, this Afternoon, by the Boats of the Mercury and El Corfo: He had taken Refuge in the Morning, when chased by the Corfo, among the Rocks in the Tremite Islands, inhabited by a few Renegadoes only; and upon the Mercury's Appearance landed the greatest Part of his Crew, who posted themselves with a Four-Pounder, and Musketry upon a Hill to defend the Vessel, close to which she lay a-ground with Hawfers fast to the Shore; notwithstanding this advantageous Position, the Boats, under the Command of Lieutenant Mather, of the Mercury, rowed in with great Intrepidity, exposed to a smart Fire of Grape and Musketry from the Vessel and the Hill, while the Mercury and Corfo awed the Enemy by firing what Guns could be brought to bear upon him; and we had the Satisfaction to see our People very gallantly board the Vessel, and land at the same Time to drive the Banditti from the Hill, in which they fortunately succeeded, without the Loss of a Man; and Lieutenant Wilson, with the Party of Marines, maintained the Position, while the Seamen hove the Vessel off the Rocks, and brought her out, with several Prisoners taken upon the Hill. She is a Tartan, called Le Tigre, fitted out at Sinigalia, but lost from Ancona, mounts Eight Six and Twelve-Pounders, and had a Crew of Sixty French and Italians; the Plunder found on board this Vessel is sufficient Evidence of her Character, consisting of Bales of Cotton, and other Goods taken from Vessels of different Nations.

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

(Signed) T. ROGERS.

Admiral Lord Keith, &c. &c. &c.

TO OFFICERS ON HALF-PAY.

War Office, August 1, 1801.

ALL Officers on the Half-Pay of the Land Forces, resident in Great Britain and Ireland, who are not serving in the Militia, or who do not

hold Offices under Government, are hereby required immediately to transmit to the General Officers commanding in the Districts within which they respectively reside, an Account, in Writing, of their Age, past Services, and present Place of Abode, in order that their Services may be called for as Circumstances shall render it expedient: And such as think themselves, from Age or Infirmities, unfit for further Service even in this Country, are to accompany their Reports with sufficient Vouchers of their Inability, and the Causes thereof.

Such Officers on Half-Pay as are serving in the Militia, or are otherwise employed under Government, (Officers of the Yeomanry and Volunteer Corps excepted, whose Reports are to be made to the Generals commanding in Districts as above mentioned,) are to transmit similar Accounts to the Secretary at War, specifying also the Nature of the Public Situations which they possess.

The General Officers commanding in Districts will make Returns to the Secretary at War of the Names of the Officers who shall report themselves in pursuance of the above Notice. And every Officer who shall neglect to make his Report, either to the Commander of a District or to the Secretary at War, according to the Circumstances of his Situation, within One Month from the Date hereof, will be considered as otherwise provided for, or dead, and his Name will be struck off the Half-Pay List accordingly.

By His Majesty's Command,

C. YORKE.

OFFICE FOR TAXES, SOMERSET-PLACE.

August 4, 1801.

PURSUANT to an Act passed in the Thirty-ninth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, Notice is hereby given, That the Average Price of Three per Centum Consolidated Annuities, sold at the Bank of England on this Day, was £:59 per Centum.

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

NEW STAMP DUTIES ON DEEDS, &c.

Stamp-Office, Somerset-Place, July 3, 1801.

IN pursuance of Directions received from the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, His Majesty's Commissioners for managing the Stamp Duties do hereby give Notice, That, in order to prevent any Inconvenience to those Persons in the different Parts of the Kingdom, who shall not have been able to supply themselves with Vellum, Parchment, and Paper stamped according to an Act of Parliament, to which the Royal Assent was given Yesterday, owing to the Period for its Commencement taking place so soon after the passing thereof, there is a Clause in the said Act, empowering the Commissioners to cause such Instruments, viz. any Indenture, Lease, or other Deed, charged with an additional Duty of Three Shillings by an Act of the Thirty-seventh of the King, Cap. 90. as may, through Necessity, have been executed by any, or all of the Parties, upon Stamps in Use previous to the Year 1801, to be stamped with the additional Duties of FIVE SHILLINGS granted by Two Acts of the last Session of Parliament, on Payment of the said Duties only, without any Penalty, provided the same shall be brought or sent to the Head