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*Whitehall, September 12, 1801.*

THE King was pleased, by Warrant under His Royal Signet and Sign Manual, bearing Date the 7th Day of January last, to give and grant unto Horatio Baron Nelson of the Nile, and of Burnham Thorpe, in the County of Norfolk, (now Viscount Nelson,) Knight of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, and Vice-Admiral of the Blue Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet, His Royal Licence and Permission to receive and bear the Great Cross of the Order of St. Ferdinand and of Merit, conferred upon him by Ferdinand the IVth, King of the Two Sicilies.

The King was also pleased, by Warrant under His Royal Signet and Sign Manual, bearing Date the 9th of January last, to give and grant unto the said Horatio Baron Nelson (now Viscount Nelson) His Royal Licence and Permission to accept, for himself and his Heirs, the Title of Duke of Bronte, with the Fief of the Dutchy annexed thereto, also conferred upon him by the said King of the Two Sicilies :

And also to command, that these His Majesty's Concessions and Declarations, together with the relative Documents, be respectively registered in His College of Arms.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, September 11, 1801.*

ORDERS for the Court going into Mourning, on Sunday next the 13th Instant, for the late Elector of Cologne, viz.

The Ladies to wear Black Silk, fringed or plain Linen, White Gloves, Necklaces and Ear-rings, Black or White Shoes, Fans, and Tippets.

Undress—White or Grey Lutestrings, Tabbies, or Damasks.

The Gentlemen to wear Black, full-trimmed, fringed, or plain Linen, Black Swords and Buckles.

Undress—Grey Frocks.

The Court to change the Mourning on Thursday the 17th Instant, viz.

The Ladies to wear Black Silk or Velvet, Coloured Ribbons, Fans, and Tippets, or plain White, or White and Gold, or White and Silver Stuffs, with Black Ribbons.

The Gentlemen to wear Black Coats, and Black or plain White, or White and Gold, or White and

Silver Stuff Waistcoats full-trimmed, Coloured Swords and Buckles.

And on Sunday the 20th Instant the Court to go out of Mourning.

*Admiralty-Office, September 12, 1801.*

*Extract of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Sir James Saumarez, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated in Rosia-Bay, the 26th July 1801.*

I Herewith enclose Captain Hood's Report of the Venerable's very gallant Action with the French Ship Formidable, the Morning of the 13th Instant; and also the Returns of her Killed and Wounded.

*His Majesty's Ship Venerable, at Sea, 13th July 1801.*

SIR,

YOU must have observed my giving Chase to an Enemy's Line of Battle Ship at Daybreak, this Morning, at Seven, she hoisted French Colours, and I could perceive her to be an Eighty Gun Ship; at half-past, being within point-blank Shot, the Enemy commenced firing his Stern Chace Guns, which I did not return for fear of retarding our Progress, until the light and baffling Airs threw the Two Ships Broadside-to, within Musket-Shot, when a steady and warm Conflict was kept up for an Hour and a Half, and we had closed within Pistol-Shot, the Enemy principally directing his Fire to our Masts and Rigging; I had at this Time the Misfortune to perceive the Main-Mast to fall overboard, the Fore and Mizzen-Mast nearly in the same State, and since gone, the Ship being near the Shore close to the Castle of Sancti Petri, the Enemy escaped. It was with much Difficulty I was enabled to get the Venerable off her Cables and Anchors, all disabled, and it was only by the great Exertion of the Thames with the Boats you sent me, she was saved, after being on Shore for some Time.

I shall have no Occasion to comment on the Bravery of the Officers and Ship's Company in this Action, who had with much Patience and Perseverance suffered great Fatigue by their Exertions to get the Ship to Sea, and not Five Hundred Men able to go to Quarters; but I beg Leave to add, I have been most ably supported by Lieutenant

