

Augusta Hired Armed Cutter, of Eight Three-Pounder Guns, and Twenty-five Men, reporting the Particulars of an Engagement between that Vessel and Two Dutch Armed Schooners, in which Lieutenant Scott, her Commanding Officer, has been killed. The Resistance made by the Princess Augusta to so superior a Force does great Credit to the gallant, but unfortunate Officer, who commanded her, as well as to the Master and her Crew.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

KEITH.

Utrecht, in the Downs,

Sept. 23, 1803.

THE Princess Augusta Hired Armed Cutter arrived at Dover this Evening; her Lieutenant, J. W. Scott, Gunner, William Lavender, and Boatswain, William Cornelius, being slain in Battle, on the 20th Instant, in Combat with Two Dutch Schooners, the one mounting Twelve Guns, and Seventy Men, the other Eight Guns and Fifty Men.

The Lieutenant, in his dying Moments, recommended the Master to fight the Cutter bravely; and to tell the Admiral he did his Duty.

These Expressions, my Lord, in the Moments of Dissolution, will endear his Memory to his Countrymen; and, whilst those more immediately connected with him sigh at the Recollection of their Loss, they will have the Consolation to reflect, that he fell gloriously in his Country's Cause, expiring with the Heroism of a British Officer.

Two Seamen, Crump and Rose, are also wounded; the former with a Ball in the Thigh, the latter with a Ball above the Ankle.

The Princess Augusta, your Lordship will recollect, is One of the smallest Cutters under your Lordship's Command, being about Seventy Tons.

The Conduct of Joseph Thomas, the Master, and the Crew of this little Vessel, fighting bravely after the Loss of their Officer, and beating off Two Vessels of such superior Force, merits more Encomium than my Pen is enabled to express.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

ROBERT MONTAGU.

His Majesty's Hired Cutter Princess Augusta, Joseph Thomas, Master.

SIR,
SATURDAY September 24th, Three Hours, Four Minutes, P. M. I landed at Dover, not being able to get into the Downs this Tide. After delivering Orders from Lord Keith to His Majesty's Ships cruising of Helvoetsluys, Texel, and the Entrance of the Elbe, on Tuesday the 20th Instant, at Five, P. M. Texel bearing S. W. Distance Fifteen Leagues, saw Two Schooners in the S. W. bearing down towards us, under English Colours; got all clear for Action, suspecting them to be Enemies. At Half past Six, P. M. they hauled down their English Colours, and hoisted Dutch; then, being within Hail, asked What Sloop we was? Lieutenant Scott answered, Princess Augusta; the largest, which hailed, being to Windward, gave us a Broadside, which killed our Gunner and Boatswain, and wounded Lieutenant Scott in the Shoulder, who died the next Morning, at Forty-five Minutes past Nine, A. M. with his Wound. We then returned our Broadside at the largest, which mounted Twelve Guns, and had on board Seventy Men, who endeavoured to board us several Times to Windward,

which was the Larboard Side. The smallest, which mounted Eight Guns, and had on board Fifty Men, agreeable to the Number we saw on Deck, which came up under our Lee and gave us his Broadside, then endeavoured to board us; but after an Hour's Engagement, close Quarters, with the largest one's Bowprit over our Stern, several Times, by the Assistance of the Mate and Exertion of the Crew we beat them off; but our Rigging and Mould being much damaged, and having Two Men killed and Three wounded, out of our small Number, we were not able to renew the Action.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

JOSEPH THOMAS.

Whitthall, September 8, 1803.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto His Excellency William Drummond, His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the Sublime Porte, His Royal Licence and Permission to receive and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Crescent transmitted to him by the Grand Signior.

And also to command, that this His Majesty's Concession and Declaration, together with the relative Documents, be registered in His College of Arms.

St. James's, September 21, 1803.

THE following Addresses having been presented to the King; which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Conveener, Deacons, and whole incorporated Trades of the City of Aberdeen.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHILE our Fellow-Subjects are unanimous in expressing their Sentiments of Loyalty for your Majesty's Person and Government, and of Zeal for defending our Country against a threatened Invasion, we also esteem it our Duty to make known to your Majesty our most sincere and hearty Concurrence in the same Sentiments and Resolutions.

Though we must lament the Calamities and Distresses occasioned by the War in which we have been so long involved, yet we have hitherto enjoyed the good Fortune of seeing it confined to foreign Nations and other Lands, and of pursuing our peaceful Occupations in Security; but now when we are in Danger of being attacked upon our own native Shores, and every Blessing we possess becomes the Prize of Victory, it is Time for every Hand to arm, and for every Citizen to be a Soldier.

Many of our young Men have already evinced their Patriotism as Volunteers in your Majesty's Service, and, if called on, another Battalion can be instantly raised, ready and willing, with Heart and Hand, to defend our Country and our Constitution against every invading Enemy.

From these and similar Exertions, assisted by the Spirit and Gallantry of your Majesty's Navy and Regular Army, we rely with perfect Confidence, that this daring Attempt of Invasion will be defeated, or, should it be allowed by Divine Provi-