

Vessel *Le Chameau*, and destroyed another off Cape La Hague, on the Night of the 25th Instant.
I am, &c. W. SELBY.

His Majesty's Ship Cerberus, off Cape La Hague, 26th January, 1804.

SIR,
IN pursuance of your Orders, I Yesterday at One P. M. weighed in His Majesty's Ship *Cerberus*, under my Command, from Guernsey Roads, and having passed through the Little Ruffel, I shaped a Course for Cape la Hague, in order, if possible, to look into Cherbourg before dark; in our Approach to the above Cape, we discovered a Convoy of the Enemy, consisting of Four armed Vessels, steering to the Eastward. We had the good Fortune to cut them off before they reached the Cape, which obliged them to anchor. The Strength of the Tide prevented our reaching them.

I therefore hauled the Wind to the Southward, under a Press of Sail, until after dark, when we bore up for Cape la Hague, and at Midnight saw them coming round the Cape, but so close to the Land that it was considered dangerous to take the Ship near them. However, a heavy Squall of Wind driving them a little further from the Shore, we succeeded in capturing the National Gun Vessel *Le Chameau*, and driving one on the Rocks, the rest effected their Escape, owing to the Vicinity of the Rocks, which at that Time was not more than a Cable's length from us.

The above Gun Vessel is Three Hundred Tons Burthen, is quite new, carrying Four long Six-Pounders and Two Swivels, and commanded by Francis Galliare Ensign de Vaisseau, having on board at the Time of Capture Fifty-eight Men, Twenty-one of which are Soldiers, fully accoutred. She is calculated to carry between Two and Three Hundred Troops, and appears to be a Gun Vessel fit for His Majesty's Service.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

WILLIAM SELBY.

Rear-Admiral Sir James Saumarez, Bart. K. B.
Commander in Chief, Guernsey.

Whitehall, January 31, 1804.

The King has been pleased to grant to the Rev. Robert Holmes, Doctor in Divinity, the Deanry of the Cathedral Church of Winchester, void by the Death of Doctor Newton Ogle:

The King has also been pleased to grant to the Reverend William Howley, Clerk, Master of Arts, the Place and Dignity of a Canon of the Cathedral Church of Christ, in the University of Oxford, the same being void by the Resignation of Doctor Robert Holmes:

The King has also been pleased to grant to the Honorable and Reverend Henry Lewis Hobart, Clerk, Master of Arts, the Place and Dignity of a Canon or Prebendary of the Metropolitane Church of Canterbury, void by the Death of Doctor Bennett Storer.

The King has been pleased to appoint Mr. Robert Jameson, to the Office of Regius Professor of Natural History, and Keeper of the Museum, or Repository of Natural Curiosities in the University of Edinburgh, vacant by the Death of Doctor John Walker.

Whitehall, January 31, 1804.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Maurice Halford Barrow, of East Grinstead, in the County of Sussex, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Pay-Office, Horse-Guards, January 31, 1804.

THE Right Honorable the Paymaster-General of His Majesty's Forces having ordered Six Months' Half-Pay to be issued to all the reduced Officers of His Majesty's Land Forces, between the 24th June 1803, and the 25th December following; also Six Months' Allowance to the Officers and private Gentlemen of His Majesty's late Third and Fourth Troops of Horse Guards, for the same Time; Notice is hereby declared, that on Wednesday the 8th of February next ensuing, Attendance will be given at the above-mentioned Office for Payment of the same accordingly.

J. Stephenfon, Cashier of Half-Pay.

Whitehall, 21st January 1804.

WHEREAS it hath been humbly represented to the King, that in the Night of Thursday the 22d of December last, about Ten o'Clock, the Report of several Guns was heard in a Wood belonging to and near the House of Francis Ferrand Foljambe, Esq; of Osberton, in the County of Nottingham, whereupon William Hall his Gamekeeper, and several others of his Servants, went out to endeavour to apprehend the Offenders, and having pursued them from the Wood where the Report was first heard to another at some Distance, they all (except William Holmes, one of the Servants of Mr. Foljambe, who was on Horseback) entered the Wood, and in the Middle of it found one William Atkins armed with a Gun, which he presented, threatening to blow out the Brains of the first that came near him; and it was not till after considerable Resistance Atkins was secured: And whereas during the Struggle with Atkins the Report of another Gun was heard on the Outside of the Wood, and immediately afterwards a Cry as of a Person in Agony, and thereupon several of the Servants of the said Francis Ferrand Foljambe, Esq; ran to the Spot, and found there the said William Holmes lying on the Ground dangerously wounded; and the said William Holmes hath deposed, that seeing two Men, one in a Blue Jacket, the other in a Smock Frock, he rode up to the Man in a Jacket, and endeavoured to secure him, on which the Man immediately fired at him, and then, with his Companion, effected his Escape: And whereas the Circumstances of Two Men of the Names of ——— Smith and William Thornton having been seen in Company with Atkins on the Evening of the Commission of this atrocious Outrage in the Dress described by William Holmes; and it appearing that the said William Thornton that Evening brought Powder and Shot at Retford; and neither Smith nor Thornton having since been seen or heard of in the Neighbourhood where they resided, strongly authorize the Suspicion that they were Parties in the Perpetration of the Atrocity;

His Majesty, therefore, for the better and more speedily apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the above Outrage, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any One of the said Offenders (except the Person who actually fired the Gun, and wounded the said William Holmes) who shall make such Discovery of his Accomplice or Accomplices therein,