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Admiralty-Office, August 28, 1804.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Lord Gardner, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the Coast of Ireland, to William Marsden, Esq; dated at Cork the 22d of August 1804.

SIR,

CAPTAIN MAITLAND, of His Majesty's Ship Loire, (who has been cruising for the last Three Weeks, for the Protection of the home-bound Convoys,) arrived here this Afternoon with the Blonde, a large French Privateer, of Thirty Guns, Nine-Pounders, and Two Hundred and Forty Men.

Enclosed I have the Honor of transmitting to you, for their Lordships' Information, Copy of Captain Maitland's Letter to me on the Subject, together with a List of Wounded on board the Loire. I have the Honor to be, &c.

GARDNER.

MY LORD, *Loire, at Sea, August 18, 1804.*

I HAVE much Satisfaction in announcing to you the Capture (by His Majesty's Ship Loire) of a Frigate Privateer, belonging to Bourdeaux, mounting Thirty Nine-Pounders, with Two Hundred and Forty Men, which I had the good Fortune to fall in with in Lat. 49 Deg. 30 Min. Long. 12 Deg. 20 Min. on the 17th Instant; she has been a wonderful Annoyance to the British Trade during the present War, and is the Ship Captain Gordon so gallantly contested with, until the Wolverine was in the Act of sinking. She held the Loire a Chace of Twenty Hours, the last Quarter of an Hour being a running Action; from our Situation, together with the Darkness of the Night, few of our Guns took effect upon her till latterly. Seven of her Men were badly wounded, Two of which are since dead. Six of the Loire's Men were wounded, Two only severely, and, I am happy to add, are in a fair Way of Recovery. I have every Reason to be pleased with the Conduct of the Officers and Ship's Company I have the Honor to command, during the short Time the Action lasted, and feel satisfied, that had she been a Frigate of equal Force to the Loire, they would have lost none of the Credit they so deservedly obtained on a former Occasion.

The Blonde had been out Twenty Days from

Passage in Spain, without having made any Capture. She is a very fine Ship, sails remarkably fast, and appears to me very well calculated for His Majesty's Service. Enclosed is a List of the Wounded on board the Loire.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

Admiral Lord Gardner. F. L. MAITLAND.

List of Wounded on board His Majesty's Ship Loire, in Action with the Blonde, 17th August 1804.

Midshipman.—Mr. Connor.

Seamen.—William Taylor, James Thompson, (severely,) Joseph Covey, David Light, and Alexander Brown.

(Signed)

FRED. L. MAITLAND.

HIS Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honorable John Foster, the Right Honorable Sir Evan Nepean, Baronet, Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, or the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant for the Time being, or, in the Absence of the Chief Secretary, the Under Secretary for the Time being for the Civil Department of the said Chief Secretary's Office, the Right Honorable Lodge Lord Frankfort, the Right Honorable John Loftus Loftus, commonly called Lord Viscount Loftus, and the Right Honorable Maurice Fitzgerald, to be His Majesty's Commissioners for executing the Office of Treasurer of His Majesty's Exchequer in Ireland, Letters Patent have been passed under the Great Seal of Ireland accordingly:

And His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honorable John Foster to be Chancellor of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer in Ireland, Letters Patent have been passed under the Great Seal of Ireland accordingly.

Whitehall, August 28, 1804.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Thomas Lampard, of Warminster, in the County of Wilts, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

IN pursuance of the Directions of an Act passed in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to repeal so much of Two Acts made in the