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From Saturday December 15, to Tuesday December 18, 1804.

At the Court at the *Queen's Palace*, the 5th of December 1804;

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council of the Sixth Day of June last, for prohibiting the Exportation out of this Kingdom, or carrying Coastwise, Gunpowder or Salt-Petre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, will expire upon the Sixth Day of this instant December: And whereas it is judged expedient for His Majesty's Service, and the Safety of this Kingdom, that the said Prohibition should be continued for some Time longer, His Majesty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby order, require, prohibit, and command, that no Person or Persons whatsoever, (except the Master-General of the Ordnance for His Majesty's Service,) do at any Time, during the Space of Six Months, to commence from the said Sixth Day of this instant December, presume to transport into any Parts out of this Kingdom, or carry Coastwise, any Gunpowder or Salt-Petre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, or ship or lade any Gunpowder or Salt-Petre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, on board any Ship or Vessel in order to transporting the same into any Parts beyond the Seas, or carrying the same Coastwise, without Leave or Permission in that Behalf first obtained from His Majesty or His Privy Council, upon Pain of incurring and suffering the respective Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by an Act passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to empower His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Salt-Petre, and to enforce the Law for empowering His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition; and also to empower His Majesty to restrain the carrying Coastwise of Salt-Petre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition:"—And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master-General and the rest of the principal Officers of the Ordnance, and

His Majesty's Secretary at War, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain. *Steph. Cottrell.*

Admiralty-Office, December 17, 1804.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Honorable Lord Keith, K. B. Admiral of the Blue, &c. to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board the *Monarch*, off Ramsgate, the 16th December 1804.

S I R,

I TRANSMIT, for their Lordships' Information, a Copy of a Letter from Captain Foote, of His Majesty's Sloop the *Favorite*, to Captain Laroche, of His Majesty's Ship the *Melpomene*, at present commanding the Squadron before Havre de Grace, acquainting him with his having captured *La Raccrocheuse* a French Privateer from St. Vallery, and driven another into that Port.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

KEITH.

His Majesty's Ship Favorite, at Sea, December 13, 1804.

S I R,

I HAVE the Satisfaction to inform you, that I Yesterday fell in with Two French Luggers Privateers, and that after a Chace of Three Hours, I captured *La Raccrocheuse*, Captain Jacques Broquant, out One Day from St. Vallery en Caux, mounting Fourteen Guns, Four-Pounders, and carrying Fifty-six Men. The above Luggers had in their Possession a Brig, and were boarding a Bark, both which they quitted on my approaching them; I therefore made Signal to a Cutter in Sight, which I believe to be the Countess of Elgin, to chace the Merchant Vessels, and from the Exertions I observed her to make, I have no Doubt but she has succeeded.

The Luggers steering different Courses, the headmost one escaped, her Name is *L'Adolphe*, mounting the same Number of Guns as the Capture, belongs to the same Port, where she must have returned, having thrown every Thing overboard in the Chace.

I am, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES FOOTE.

Christopher Laroche, Esq.

(A Copy.) KEITH.