

AT the Court at the *Queen's Palace*, the 25th of June 1806,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the Second Section of His Majesty's Order in Council of the Fifth Day of April One thousand eight hundred and five, certain Stations for the Performance of Quarantine by certain Ships and Vessels in the said Order specified, furnished with Clean Bills of Health, are assigned to such Ships and Vessels according to the Ports to which they are respectively bound; and Doubts have arisen at what Stations Quarantine ought to be performed by Ships and Vessels with Clean Bills of Health, captured or detained and brought into the Ports of Great Britain as Prize: His Majesty is thereupon pleased, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to declare and order, that all such Ships and Vessels shall, for the Purpose of performing Quarantine, be deemed, and taken to be bound to the Ports into which they have been, or shall be so brought, and shall, together with all Persons, Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and other Articles on board thereof, perform Quarantine accordingly: And 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, His Majesty's Secretary at War, and the Governors and Commanders in Chief for the Time being of the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, and Man, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

W. Fawkener.

Whitehall, July 15, 1806

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honorable Thomas Grenville; the Right Honorable George John Earl Spencer, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter; The Right Honorable William Windham, the Right Honorable Charles James Fox, His Majesty's Three Principal Secretaries of State; the Right Honorable William Wyndham, Baron Grenville, First Commissioner of His Majesty's Treasury; the Right Honorable Henry Petty, (commonly called Lord Henry Petty,) Chancellor and Under-Treasurer of His Majesty's Exchequer; the Right Honorable George Howard, (commonly called Viscount Morpeth); the Right Honorable John Hiley Addington; the Right Honorable John Sullivan, and the Right Honorable John Joshua Earl of Carysfort, in that Part of the United Kingdom called Ireland, Knight of the Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, to be His Majesty's Commissioners for the Management of the Affairs of India.

Admiralty-Office, July 15, 1806.

Copy of a Letter from the Earl of St. Vincent, K. B. Admiral and Commander in Chief. &c. to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board the Hibernia, off Ushant, the 11th Instant.

S I R,

I TRANSMIT herewith Copies of a Letter, with its Inclosure, from Rear-Admiral Harvey, reciting a very neat Exploit, conducted by Lieutenant

Mulcaster, First of the *Minerva*; whom I feel great Pride in acknowledging as an *Elevé* of my own.

I am, &c. ST. VINCENT.

Tonnant, off Cape Finisterre,

June 23, 1806.

MY LORD,

THE Weather being hazy, we did not see the *Minerva* when the Princess Royal parted Company this Morning. As we stood in Shore the *Minerva* joined; and Captain Collier sent me a Letter, of which the inclosed is a Copy. It displays an enterprising Spirit on the Part of his Officers and Men employed upon this Service.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

ELIAB HARVEY.

The Earl of St. Vincent, K. B. &c. &c. &c.

Minerva off Cape Finisterre,

June 23, 1806.

S I R,

THE particular Part of your Orders having been accomplished, by my falling in with His Majesty's Ships *Renown* and *Warrior* on the 21st Instant, I felt it my Duty to direct my Attention to the Annoyance of the Enemy's Trade carried on along this Coast to the Ports of Ferrol and Vigo, and having Reason to believe there were some *Lugger Privateers* in *Finisterre Bay*, under the Protection of the Fort, I last Night, it being calm, dispatched Two Boats from His Majesty's Ship under my Command to scour the Bay.

From among the Volunteers for this Service, it fell to the Lot of Lieutenant *Mulcaster*, First Lieutenant, accompanied by Lieutenant *Menzies* of the Royal Marines, to command the Cutter;—the Barge was directed by Lieutenant *Ogle Moore*.

This Forenoon I had the Satisfaction to see the Boats returning, accompanied by Five Spanish *Luggers* and *Chasse Marées*, as per Margin*, mostly laden with Wine, bound to Ferrol and Corunna. Lieutenant *Mulcaster* speaks very handiromely of the Support he received from the Officers and Petty Seamen and Marines employed on this Affair.

I feel I should be deficient in my Duty, did I omit to state the Circumstances attending the Execution of this Service, so creditable to Lieutenant *Mulcaster* and his Companions.

The first Object was the Fort, mounting Eight Brass Guns, of Twenty four and Twelve Pounds, which commanded the Vessels. This was carried in a most neat and masterly Manner by the Bayonet and Pike, before the Guard had either Time to raise the Drawbridge, or discharge a Twelve-Pounder, which had been brought to face the Gate, (a Fishing Boat having apprized them of the Approach of our Boats,) Part of the Spanish Guard laid down their Arms, and are now on board; the rest escaped.

As the Day began to dawn, and as the Men were much harrassed from a long row to the Shore, and a fatiguing March over a heavy Sand, the Party were obliged to confine themselves to spiking the Guns, and throwing some of them into the Sea, e'er they took Possession of the Vessels.

The Circumstance from which I derive most Pleasure is, that this Service was executed without a Man being hurt on either Side, although the Boats in

* *Angel de la Guarda, Johan Antonio Anemas, Santa Antonio Anemas, Nostra Senora del Carmen, and Santa Christo Janemas.*