

of His Majesty's Justices of the Court of King's Bench, or to one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace.

Steph. Cottrell.

Admiralty-Office, July 29, 1806.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Honorable Lord Keith, K. B. Admiral of the White, &c. &c. to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board the Edgar, off Ramsgate, 27th July 1806.

SIR,

I HAVE the Satisfaction of transmitting, for their Lordships' Information, a Copy of a Letter which I have received from Captain Lavie, of His Majesty's Ship the Blanche, acquainting me with the Capture, in the Latitude of the Ferroe Islands, of the French Frigate La Guerriere, one of the Enemy's Squadron that has been harassing our Ships employed on the Greenland Fisheries.

Their Lordships will have great Pleasure in observing, from the List annexed to Captain Lavie's Report, that in consequence of his good Conduct, this large Frigate has been carried with very little Loss on our Part, and that he speaks in Terms of high Commendation of Lieutenant Davies and the Rest of the Blanche's Officers and Ship's Company.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

KEITH, Admiral.

His Majesty's Ship Blanche, Yarmouth

My LORD, Roads, July 26, 1806.

I HAVE the Honor to acquaint you of my Return to Yarmouth Roads, having in Company La Guerriere French Frigate, commanded by Monsieur Hubert, (of the Legion of Honor,) whom I captured on the 19th Instant, in Latitude 62 Deg. N. off the Ferroe Islands, after a sharp Contest of Forty-five Minutes.

La Guerriere is of the largest Class of Frigates, mounting Fifty Guns, with a Complement of Three Hundred and Seventeen Men, but these were soon sadly reduced by our destructive Fire, and the Ship has also suffered very severely, while the Damages of the Blanche are confined to the Topmasts, Rigging, and Sails.

It now becomes a pleasing Duty to beg you to recommend Lieutenant Henry Thomas Davies to their Lordships' Notice, and to speak in Terms of Respect of his general good Conduct, as also of Lieutenants Bastin and Allan; of Mr. Robertson, the Master, and Lieutenant John Campbell, of the Marines.

The Warrant Officers, Midshipmen, and Ship's Company are likewise entitled to my warmest Praise. Underneath you will observe the List of Killed and Wounded.

I have, &c.

THOMAS LAVIE.

BLANCHE.

None killed.

Wounded.

Lieutenant Bastin, not dangerously.

Thomas Wilkinson, James Wilkins, Marines, not dangerously.

George Morley, Marine, dangerously.

LA GUERRIERE.

Twenty killed.

Thirty wounded, Ten dangerously.

T. LAVIE.

The Right Honorable Admiral Lord Keith,
&c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, July 29, 1806.

THE following Letter from Rear-Admiral Sir William Sidney Smith, addressed to Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood, has been forwarded to the Admiralty in his Lordship's Letter of 2d Instant.

Pompée, at Anchor off Scania,
May 24, 1806.

MY LORD,

I ARRIVED at Palermo in the Pompée on the 21st of last Month, and took on me the Command of the Squadron, your Lordship has done me the Honour to place under my Orders. I found Things in the State that may be well imagined on the Government being displaced from its Capital, with the Loss of one of the two Kingdoms, and the Dispersion of the Army assembled in Calabria. The judicious Arrangement made by Captain Sotheron of the Ships under his Orders, and the Position of the British Army under Sir John Stuart at Messina, had however prevented further Mischiefs.

I had the Satisfaction of learning that Gaeta still held out, although as yet without Succour, from a mistaken Idea, much too prevalent, that the Progress of the French Armies is irresistible. It was my first Care to see that the necessary Supplies should be safely conveyed to the Governor. I had the inexpressible Satisfaction of conveying the most essential Articles to Gaeta, and of communicating to his Serene Highness the Governor (on the Breach Battery, which he never quits,) the Assurance of further Support to any Extent within my Power, for the Maintenance of that important Fortrefs hitherto so long preserved by his Intrepidity and Example. Things wore a new Aspect immediately on the Arrival of the Ammunition, the redoubled Fire of the Enemy with red-hot Shot into the Mole (being answered with redoubled Vigour) did not prevent the landing of every Thing we had brought, together with Four of the Excellent's Lower Deck Guns, to answer this galling Fire, which bore directly on the Landing Place.—A second Convoy, with the Intrepid, placed the Garrison beyond the immediate Want of any Thing essential, and the Enemy from advancing his nearest Approaches within Two Hundred and Fifty Yards, was reduced to the Defensive in a Degree, dreading one of those Sorties which the Prince of Hesse had already shewn him his Garrison was equal to, and which was become a much safer Operation, now, that the flanking Fire or Eight Neapolitan Gun Boats, I had brought with me in Addition to Four His Highness had already used successfully, would cover it, even to the Rear of the Enemy's Trenches. Arrangements were put in train for this Purpose, and according to a wise Suggestion of His Serene Highness, Measures were taken for the Embarkation of a small Party from the Garrison to land in the Rear of the Enemy's Batteries to the Northward.

I confided the Execution of the Naval Part of this Arrangement to Captain Richardson, of His Majesty's Ship Juno, putting the Neapolitan Frigate and Gun-Boats under his Orders. His Serene Highness possessing the Experience of European Warfare, and a most firm Mind, having no Occasion for further Aid on the Spot, I felt I could quit the Garrison without Apprehension for its Safety in such Hands, with the present Means of Defence, and that I could best co-operate with him by drawing some of the attacking Force off for the Defence