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AT the Court at the Queen's Palace, the 13th
of August 1806,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IT is this Day ordered, by His Majesty in Council,
That the Parliament which stands prorogued to
Thursday the Twenty-eighth Day of this instant
August, be further prorogued to Thursday the Ninth
Day of October next.

Admiralty-Office, August 16, 1806.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Holloway to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board the Princeps of Orange, Downs, August 15, 1806.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to transmit, for their Lordships' Information, a Letter which I have received from Lieutenant Hughes, of His Majesty's Fire-Brig Phosphorus, giving an Account of his having beat off a French Lugger Privateer, under Circumstances which, I have no Doubt, when their Lordships consider the State of the Phosphorus, they will think highly creditable to him.

I also transmit a List of the Wounded, amongst whom is Lieutenant Hughes; and I am sorry to add that he will not be able to proceed to Sea in the Phosphorus in Execution of his Orders.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

J. HOLLOWAY.

His Majesty's Fire Brig Phosphorus,

SIR, August 15, Downs, 1806.

I HAVE the Honor to inform you, for the Information of the Commander in Chief, in pursuance of Orders from the Right Honorable Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, proceeding to join the Channel Fleet, I Yesterday Morning at Day-break, the Isle of Wight bearing North, Eight Leagues, perceived a large Lugger, pierced for Sixteen Ports, but mounting, apparently only Twelve Guns, and full of Men, in chace of us: At Ten Minutes past Five, after hailing him, and receiving an Order to strike, or he would sink us—commenced engaging him. At Twenty Minutes

past Five, the Enemy laid us alongside, with Three Cheers, and from his Superiority of Men, there being, as near as we could judge, from Seventy to Eighty of them, attempted to carry us by boarding, but such was the brave and determined Resistance of the few Men I had under my Command, that after lying Five and Forty Minutes alongside of us, and after an Action of one Hour and Ten Minutes, he made sail and steerred off. The Moment we could get the Brig wore, we made all sail in chace of him, but finding it impossible to come up with him, and having the Sails and Rigging much cut, with a Number of Men wounded, and no Surgeon or Assistant on board; I bore up and made all sail for this Place, which I hope will meet the Approbation of the Commander in Chief and yourself.

The superior Force with which we were engaged, will, I trust, speak sufficiently of itself for the Bravery of the few Men in His Majesty's Brig, consisting in all, Officers included, but of Twenty-four, with Four Twelve-Pound Carronades, one of which was rendered useless a short Time after the Action commenced, by the Breeching and Goose-neck breaking.

I cannot pass over the great Assistance I received from Mr. Thomas Hester, Acting Second Master, without mentioning it in this public Manner; I am sorry to say he is in the List of Wounded, but not dangerously.

Enclosed I have the Honor to transmit a List of the Wounded, which, though great, cannot come near that of the Enemy, Numbers of whom were seen to fall in every Direction.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

W. J. HUGHES, Lieut. and Com.
J. Holloway, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the
Red, Sc. Sc. Sc. Downs.

A List of Men wounded on board His Majesty's Fire-Brig Phosphorus, W. J. Hughes, Lieutenant, and Commander, on the 14th of August, engaged with a French Privateer off the Isle of Wight.

Lieutenant W. J. Hughes, Commander, Middle Finger off, and severely wounded in the Left Hand.

Mr. Thomas Hester, Second Master, (per acting Order,) badly wounded in the Right Thigh.