

Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Dominions, Islands, and Territories thereunto belonging.

The King has also been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable Robert Dundas; the Right Honourable John Jeffreys, Earl Camden, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, President of His Majesty's Council; the Right Honourable Robert Banks, Lord Hawkebury; the Right Honourable Henry Robert Stewart (commonly called Viscount Castlereagh); and the Right Honourable George Canning, His Majesty's Three Principal Secretaries of State; His Grace William Henry Cavendish, Duke of Portland, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, First Commissioner of His Majesty's Treasury; the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, Chancellor and Under Treasurer of His Majesty's Exchequer; George Percy, Esq; (commonly called Lord Lovaine); the Right Honourable John Baron Teignmouth; the Right Honourable Thomas Wallace, and George Johnstone, Esq; to be His Majesty's Commissioners for the Management of the Affairs of India.

Whitehall, April 3, 1807.

The King has been pleased to appoint Joseph Hunt, Esq; to be Treasurer of the Ordnance.

Whitehall, April 4, 1807.

The King has been graciously pleased, by Warrant under His Royal Signet and Sign Manual, bearing Date the 30th Day of March last, to grant unto the London Institution His Royal Licence and Authority to bear certain Armorial Ensigns, together with Supporters on their common Seal, Shields, Banners, or otherwise, provided the same be first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in the Herald's-Office, otherwise His Majesty's said Licence and Permission to be void and of none Effect:

And also to order, that this His Majesty's Concession, and especial Mark of His Royal Favour, be registered in His College of Arms.

Admiralty-Office, April 4, 1807.

Copy of a Letter from Sir Thomas Troubridge, Bart. Rear-Admiral of the White, &c. to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board His Majesty's Ship the Blenheim, Port Cornwallis, August 20, 1806.

SIR,

I INCLOSE to you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter which I have received from Captain Elphinstone, of His Majesty's Ship Greyhound, in the Java Seas, dated the 27th July last, containing an Account of some successful Operations against the Enemy, performed by that Ship, in Company with His Majesty's Sloop Harrier; and of his having, on the 25th of that Month, fallen in with the Dutch Republican Frigate Pallas, of Thirty-six Guns, and Two Hundred and Seventeen Men, and the William Corvette, of Twenty Guns and One Hundred and Ten Men, having under Convoy the Two large armed Ships named in the Margin*, laden with Spices, the Produce of the Moluccas; that after a smart Action of about

* Victoria and Battavia.

Forty-five Minutes, the Pallas and her Convoy struck to His Majesty's Ships. The Corvette taking the Advantage of the crippled State of the Greyhound and Harrier, effected her Escape.

The Encomiums bestowed by Captain Elphinstone on all his Officers, Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines, and also upon Captain Troubridge, the Officers, and Men of the Harrier, renders any Observation I might be induced to make, unnecessary.

I am happy further to acquaint you, that the Greyhound, Harrier, and Prizes, arrived Yesterday at Port Cornwallis.

I inclose Captain Elphinstone's Return of the Killed and Wounded.

I am, &c.

T. TROUBRIDGE.

His Majesty's Ship Greyhound, Java Sea, 27th July 1806.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to inform you, that His Majesty's Ships Greyhound and Harrier, after destroying, on the 4th of July, under the Port of Manado, the Dutch Company's Brig Christian Elizabeth, armed with Eight Guns, and having a Complement of Eighty Men, stood across the Molucca Sea to the Island of Tidon, when they captured, on the 6th, another of the Enemy's Cruizers called the Belgica, armed with Twelve Guns, and manned with Thirty-two Men; from thence proceeding to the Westward, on the Evening of the 25th of July, Four Sail of Ships were descried passing through the Straights of Salayer; immediate Chace was given to them; and, by Nine, I had the Satisfaction of seeing them lying-to between the small Dutch Posts of Bonthean and Balacomba, at about Seven Miles distance from the Shore. I easily made out one of them to be a Frigate, and another a Corvette; but a Third had so much the Appearance of a Line of Battle Ship, that both Captain Troubridge and myself deemed it prudent to wait till Daylight before we examined them. We accordingly lay-to during the Night, at Two Miles distance to Windward. As the Day broke, I had the Pleasure of finding the Ship which had forced us on cautionary Measures, was a large Two-decked Ship, resembling an English Indiaman.

The Enemy (for they proved to be a Dutch Squadron) immediately drew out in Order of Battle on the Larboard Tack under their Topsails; the Frigate taking her Station in the Van, an Armed Ship astern of her, the large Ship in the Centre, and the Corvette in the Rear. Fortunately for us the Frigate, by fore-reaching upon her Second stern, caused a small Opening in their Line. It was suggested to me by Mr. Martin, Master of His Majesty's Ship Greyhound, that if we could close with the Enemy whilst in that Position our Attack might be made to Advantage; accordingly, under French Colours, we bore up, as if with an Intention to speak the Frigate; and when within Hail, all further Disguise being unnecessary, we shifted our Colours, and commenced firing, which was instantly returned with a Smartness and Spirit that evinced they were fully prepared for the Contest. The Harrier, who had kept close astern of the Greyhound, on seeing her engaged, bore round up, and passed between the Frigate and her Second stern, raked them both, (the latter with such Effect,) that they bore up in Succession to return her Fire, thus leaving the Fri-