

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, the Incorporations of Smiths, Weavers, Taylors, and Bakers in the Town of Dunfermline, humbly beg Leave to approach your Majesty's Throne with increased Sentiments of Loyalty, Attachment, and Gratitude.

We have long acknowledged the great Mercy of Almighty God in preserving to us a King who has ever been found firmly and unalterably attached to those Principles on which our Constitution is established, and to which not only your Majesty owes your Crown, but your People their civil and religious Liberties, and Prosperity as a Nation.

Impressed with the most dutiful Loyalty, and highest Sense of Gratitude, for your Majesty's late firm and dignified Conduct in Support of the true Principles of our Constitution, we sincerely pray the Almighty long to continue your invaluable Life, and to transmit to the latest Posterity the Crown of these Kingdoms to your Majesty's Royal Successors.

Subscribed in our Name, and by Appointment of our respective Incorporations, by

*John Henderson, Smiths.
James Ferguson, Weavers.
John Horn, Taylors.
Rob. Tod, Bakers, Convener.*

[Transmitted by the Right Honourable Robert Dundas.]

Admiralty-Office, June 9, 1807.

Copy of a Letter from Commodore Sir Samuel Hood, K. B. to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board His Majesty's Ship Centaur, at Sea, March 16, 1807.

SIR,

I BEG Leave to inclose you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Copy of a Letter I have received from Captain Shipley, of His Majesty's Ship Comus, stating the Capture of Eight of the Enemy's Vessels, which Service appears to have been planned and executed with good Judgment and Energy.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

SAMUEL HOOD.

*His Majesty's Ship Comus,
March 15, 1807.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to report, for your Information, the Capture of Six of the Enemy's Vessels, (described in the Margin*) by the Boats of His Majesty's Ship under my Command, under the Direction of Lieutenants G. E. Watts and Hood Knight, and Lieutenant J. Campbell, of the Royal Marines, with a Detachment of Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines. They were moored in the Puerto de Haz, Grand Canaria, and defended by the cross Fire of Three Batteries; Lieutenant Campbell was the only Person wounded on the Occasion.

Since your Orders of the 1st Instant, His Majesty's Ship has also captured Two Spanish Brigs,

1. Spanish Brig, Five Guns, loaded with Salt Pork.
2. Spanish Brig, loaded with Wine and Fruit.
3. Spanish Brig, loaded with Salt Fish.
4. Spanish Brig, in Ballast.
5. Spanish Brig, in Ballast.
6. Spanish Brig, in Ballast.

St. Philip, with Salt Fish, and Nostra Senora de los Remedios, with a mixed Cargo of Merchandize.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) CONWAY SHIPLEY.

Commodore Sir S. Hood, K. B. &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, June 9, 1807.

Copy of another Letter from Commodore Sir Samuel Hood, K. B. to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board His Majesty's Ship Centaur, Funchal Bay, Madeira, May 18, 1807.

SIR,

HIS Majesty's Ship Comus has just anchored, and I have the Honour to inclose you a Copy of a Letter from Captain Shipley, detailing a gallant Exploit effected by the Boats of that Ship.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

SAMUEL HOOD.

P. S. Inclosed is a List of the Killed and Wounded in the Boats of the Comus.

*His Majesty's Ship Comus, off Canaria,
May 9, 1807.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to relate to you the Particulars of a gallant Exploit performed last Night by the Boats of His Majesty's Ship, under the Direction of Lieutenant George Edward Watts, and assisted by Lieutenant Hood Knight and Mr. Jeaffreson Miles, Master's Mate, with a Party of Petty Officers, Seamen, and Royal Marines, in the Port of Grand Canaria.

A large armed Felucca, with His Catholic Majesty's Colours flying, had been for the Three last Days lying under the Protection of a strong Port and Two Batteries, and the Wind Yesterday Evening proving favourable, she was boarded by Lieutenant Watts in the large Cutter, under a severe Fire of Musketry from between Thirty and Forty Soldiers, sent to assist in her Defence; and he had nearly cleared her Deck when the Two other Boats, which did not row so well, arrived, and fully accomplished the Business.

Her Cables were now cut, and the Boats took her in Tow, (the Enemy having had the Precaution to send her Sails and Rudder on Shore,) when a Hawser, fast under Water a-stern, was manned in the Fort, and the Vessel dragged nearly under the Muzzels of the Guns before it could be cut, upon which an exceeding heavy Fire from all the Batteries was commenced, and continued until she was out of Sight.

She proves to be the St. Pedro Spanish Packet, having a Cargo of Bale Goods, &c. &c. from Cadiz, bound to Buenos Ayres.

This was effected with the Loss of One Man killed and Five wounded, as per inclosed List. Mr. Watts has several Wounds, but none of them dangerous, and I feel convinced his gallant Conduct, with the Exertions of every Officer and Man employed on this Service, will meet your Approbation.

Twenty-one of the Enemy's Troops were made Prisoners, Eighteen of whom are wounded; the Rest, excepting a few who swam on Shore, were killed, as was her Captain and some of her Crew.

She had captured since her Departure from Cadiz, the Lord Keith, bound from London to Mogador.

His Majesty's Ship has taken and destroyed since the 1st Instant, the St. Francisco Spanish Lugger,