

my's Ships by Captain Fleetwood Pellew, under a heavy Fire from the Ships and the Batteries. On approaching the Phoenix, the Crew abandoned her, and on boarding she was found scuttled. The Guns were immediately turned on the other Ships, while the Boats were destroying the Remainder, when she was also set on Fire and burnt, with the Whole of the Enemy's armed Force, and nearly Twenty Merchantmen.

The gallant Conduct of Captain Fleetwood Pellew, Lieutenant William Fitzwilliam Owen, Commander of the Sea Flower, and Lieutenant Thomas Groule, First of the Culloden, the Officers, Seamen, and Marines employed under their Command in this important Duty, is deserving of every Praise. The Service was directed with great Coolness and Judgment, and executed in the most steady, zealous, and active Manner. Though exposed to the continued Fire of the Enemy, happily with little Effect, the only Loss sustained being One Marine killed, One Marine and Three Seamen wounded.

The Enemy's Two remaining Line of Battle Ships had unfortunately quitted this Anchorage, or must inevitably have shared a similar Fate. The Dutch Admiral was left at Batavia.

I have lauded the Prisoners upon Parole, under an Assurance from the Governor that they shall not serve again until regularly exchanged.

The necessary Destruction of the William Corvette has deprived me of an Opportunity of rewarding the Services of Lieutenant Owen on this Occasion, I therefore beg Leave to recommend him and Lieutenant Thomas Groule, First of His Majesty's Ship Culloden, (who were appointed to lead Divisions on this Service,) to their Lordships' Protection.

I inclose herewith a List of the Enemy's Ships destroyed and taken, and a Return of Killed and Wounded; and have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) E. PELLEW.

Ships destroyed and taken in Batavia Roads.

Burnt.

National Frigate Phoenix, Captain Vander Sande, of 36 Guns and 260 Men, laden with Naval Stores for the Ships at Criffley.

National Brig Avanturier, Captain E. Coudere, of 18 Guns and 90 Men.

National Brig Zee Ploeg, Captain L. Febré, of 14 Guns and 50 Men.

Company's Armed Ship Patriot, of 18 Guns and 90 Men.

Company's Armed Ship Arnstein, of 10 Guns and 50 Men.

Company's Armed Brig Johanna Suzanna, of 8 Guns and 24 Men.

Company's Armed Brig Snelheid, of 6 Guns and 24 Men.

Taken.

National Corvette William, Captain Feteris, of 14 Guns and 98 Men.

National Brig Maria Wilhelmina, of 14 Guns and 50 Men.

About Twenty Merchant Ships destroyed, and Two taken.

(Signed) E. PELLEW.

*His Majesty's Ship Culloden, Batavia Roads,
28th November, 1806.*

N. B. The William Corvette was afterwards destroyed, as unfit for His Majesty's Service.

A Return of Killed and Wounded in the Boats of His Majesty's Ship Culloden, in destroying the Enemy's Force at Batavia, on the 27th Day of November, 1806.

William Richards, Marine, killed.

John Field, Seaman, wounded.

Christopher Mofs, Seaman, ditto.

Thomas Brian, Seaman, ditto.

Robert Miles, Marine, ditto.

(Signed) E. PELLEW.

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Queen's Palace, July 1, 1807.

THE following Address of the Archbishop, Bishops, and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury, in Convocation assembled, was this Day presented to His Majesty by His Grace the Lord Archbishop, attended by the Prolocutor, Dr. Vincent, Dean of Westminster:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful Subjects, the Archbishop, Bishops, and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury, in Convocation assembled, approach your Majesty, in humblest Manner, to testify our Loyalty and Affection to your Person and Throne.

If, Sir, in conveying these Sentiments to your Majesty, we cannot satisfy ourselves with general Expressions, we trust the peculiar Circumstances that have called us before you will justify a contrary Proceeding.

To discourage popular Animosity, and to promote, as far as we are able, Peace, and good Humour, and Christian Charity, among all Men, are Duties most congenial to us, and that best become us. But, Sir, in the Pursuit of these Duties, however convenient to the instant Success of them, we cannot consent to be silent on Subjects, when gravely agitated, that, in our Apprehensions, affect the Security of the Established Church. In our Earnestness to avoid religious Controversy we must not abandon ourselves to religious Indifference:—And, with an anxious Disposition to conciliate every Denomination of Christians, we dare not dissimble to your Majesty the Value and Importance we place in those Sanctions which our Ancestors pronounced to be the Bulwarks of the Establishment.

The Influence which the Church possesses in the State, arising from its Discipline and Authority, is sufficient perhaps, under the Protection of the existing Laws, to the Purposes for which it was given; but no one who knows the Nature and Extent of that Influence, will deem it to be excessive; and how far it may be able to maintain itself on the moderate Foot upon which it stands, independent of the Support which the Legislature hath hitherto afforded it, is, at best, Matter of unpromising Experiment.

The Church of England is in its Constitution tolerant; and because it is tolerant, depends largely for its Existence on external Regulation. If this be withdrawn, the Spirit of Toleration, whatever be the Danger of the Establishment, may still remain