

and Attachment to His Person and Government, and the zealous Devotion to the Public Service, which have characterized all your Deliberations; and most especially to thank you for the seasonable Exertions which you have enabled Him to make for the Augmentation of the Military Force of His Kingdom.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

His Majesty has commanded us to return you His warmest Thanks for the Supplies which you have granted with so much Cheerfulness for the current Year; and when He considers the Provision which you have made for those contingent and unforeseen Services which the Events of the War may render necessary, His Majesty has the greatest Satisfaction in recognizing the Wisdom wherewith, in a Time of extraordinary Difficulties, you have anticipated the possible Demands which those Difficulties may occasion.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

His Majesty commands us to assure you, that He deeply deplores the unfortunate Issue of the War upon the Continent.

The immense Extension of the Power and Influence of France, and the undisguised Determination of the Enemy to employ the Means and Resources of those Countries which he possesses or controuls, for the Purpose of effecting the Ruin of His Majesty's Kingdom, undoubtedly present a formidable View of the Difficulties and Dangers which this Country has to encounter.

But His Majesty trusts that the loyal and brave People over whom He reigns are not to be daunted or disheartened. From the Recollection of those Difficulties under which His People have successfully struggled, and of those Dangers which they have happily surmounted, His Majesty derives the Consolation of believing that the same Spirit and Perseverance which have hitherto remained unbroken, will continue to be exerted with unabated Vigour and Success.

And while His Majesty commands us to repeat the Assurances of His constant Readiness to entertain any Proposals which may lead to a secure and honourable Peace, He commands us at the same Time to express His Confidence, that His Parliament and His People will feel with Him the Necessity of persevering in those vigorous Efforts, which alone can give the Character of Honour to any Negotiations, or the Prospect of Security or Permanency to any Peace.

His Majesty therefore trusts that His Parliament and His People will always be ready to support Him in every Measure which may be necessary to defeat the Designs of His Enemies against the Independence of His Majesty's Dominions, and to maintain against any undue Pretensions, and against any hostile Confederacy, those just Rights which His Majesty is always desirous to exercise with Temper and

Moderation, but which, as essential to the Honour of His Crown, and true Interests of His People, He is determined never to surrender.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

After which the Lord Chancellor said;

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

*By virtue of His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in His Majesty's Name, and in Obedience to His Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Thursday the Twenty-fourth Day of September next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-fourth Day of September next.*

*Commissions in the Hangerford Volunteer Infantry, signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Berks. Dated June 30, 1807.*

Captain Joseph Barnard to be Major-Commandant, vice Fowle, deceased.

*To be Captains,*

Lieutenant Thomas C. Hawkefworth, vice Barnard, promoted.

Lieutenant James Jelfs, vice Townsend, resigned.

*To be Lieutenants,*

Richard Parsons, Gent. vice Hawkefworth, promoted.

Ensign Robert Coxhead, vice Jelfs, promoted.

*To be Ensign,*

John Coxhead, Gent.

*To be Surgeon,*

Richard Barker, Gent. vice Smith, resigned.

Admiralty-Office, August 15, 1807.

*Copy of a Letter from Admiral Lord Gardner to the Honourable William Wellesley Pole, dated Ville de Paris, off Ushant, August 11, 1807, and received this Day.*

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I TRANSMIT herewith, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter which I received this Day by the Lavinia from Plymouth, from Rear-Admiral Sir Richard Strachan, dated off Rochefort, the 28th Ultimo, accompanying a Letter from Captain Dilkes, of the Hazard, giving an Account of the Boats of the Vessels stationed off the Pertuis Breton having, on the 27th July, succeeded in capturing and driving on Shore Sixteen Chasse Marées of the Enemy; the Performance of which Service appears to reflect great Credit on Captain Dilkes, as well as the other Officers and Men employed on this Occasion.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

GARDNER.

*Cesar, off the Pertuis d'Autioche, July 28, 1807.*

MY LORD,

ON the Morning of the 27th, Captain Dilkes having observed at Daylight several small Vessels under Sail in the Pertuis Breton, sent the Boats of his Squadron in Chace, and they succeeded in capturing, in a Manner highly to the Credit of the