

of Great Britain, in perfect Reliance on the King's overlooking a forced Act of apparent Hostility against His Flag and Subjects, and establishing His Royal Highness's Government in His Ultra-Marine Possessions as originally promised. I have now the heartfelt Satisfaction of announcing to you, that our Hopes and Expectations have been realised to the utmost Extent. On the Morning of the 29th, the Portuguese Fleet (as per List annexed) came out of the Tagus with His Royal Highness the Prince of Brazil and the whole of the Royal Family of Braganza on board, together with many of His faithful Counsellors and Adherents, as well as other Persons attached to His present Fortunes.

This Fleet of Eight Sail of the Line, Four Frigates, Two Brigs, and One Schooner, with a Crowd of large Armed Merchant Ships, arranged itself under the Protection of that of His Majesty, while the firing of a reciprocal Salute of Twenty-one Guns announced the friendly Meeting of those who but the Day before were on Terms of Hostility; the Scene impressing every Beholder (except the French Army on the Hills) with the most lively Emotions of Gratitude to Providence, that there yet existed a Power in the World able, as well as willing, to protect the oppressed.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

W. SIDNEY SMITH.

List of the Portuguese Fleet that came out of the Tagus on the 29th of November 1807.

Principe Reale, of 84 Guns.
Rainha de Portugal, of 74 Guns.
Conde Henrique, of 74 Guns.
Meduza, of 74 Guns.
Affonso d'Albuquerque, of 64 Guns.
D. Joao de Castro, of 64 Guns.
Principe de Brazil, of 74 Guns.
Martino de Freitas, of 64 Guns.

Frigates.

Minerva, of 44 Guns.
Golfinho, of 36 Guns.
Urania, of 32 Guns.
And one other, Name not as yet known.

Brigs.

Voador, of 22 Guns.
Vinganca, of 20 Guns.
Lebre, of 22 Guns.

Schooner.

Curioza, of 12 Guns.
(Signed) JOAQU. JOZE MONT. TORRES,
Major-General.

(Copy.) W. SIDNEY SMITH.

His Majesty's Ship Hibernia, 22 Leagues West of the Tagus, Dec. 1, 1807.

SIR,
IN Another Dispatch of this Day's Date, I have transmitted a List of the Portuguese Fleet that came out of the Tagus on the 29th Ultimo, which I received that Day from the Hands of the Admiral commanding it, when I went on board the Principe Reale to pay my Visit of Respect and Congratulation to His Royal Highness the Prince of Brazil, who was embarked in that Ship. I here inclose the List of those left behind. The Absence of but one of the Four Ships is regretted by the Portuguese (the

Vasco de Gama) she being under Repair: Her Guns have been employed to arm the Freitas, Sixty-four, a new Ship, and one of those which came out with the Prince. The other Three are mere Hulks; and there is also one Ship on the Stocks, the Principe Regente, but she is only in Frame.

The Prince said every Thing that the most cordial Feelings of Gratitude towards, and Confidence in, His Majesty and the British Nation might be supposed to dictate.

I have by Signal (for we have no other Mode of communicating in this Weather) directed Captain Moore in the Marlborough, with the London, Monarch, and Bedford, to stay by the Body of the Portuguese Fleet, and render it every Assistance.

I keep in the Hibernia close to the Prince's Ship. I cannot as yet send the Foudroyant, Plantagenet, and Conqueror, on to Admiral Purvis, according to their Lordships' Order of the 14th, which, I trust, will be the less felt as an Inconvenience off Cadiz, as they appear to have been ordered thither with Reference to the Russians being within the Straits, before it was known they were on my Station.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

W. SIDNEY SMITH.

List of the Portuguese Ships that remained in Lisbon.
S. Sebastiao, of 64 Guns—unserviceable without a thorough Repair.

Maria Prima, of 74 Guns—unserviceable; ordered to be made into a Floating Battery, but not yet fitted.

Vasco de Gama, of 74 Guns—under Repair, and nearly ready.

Princesa da Beira, of 64 Guns—condemned; ordered to be fitted as a Floating Battery.

Frigates.

Fenix, of 48 Guns—in need of thorough Repair.

Amazona, of 44 Guns—in need of ditto.

Perola, of 44 Guns—in need of ditto.

Tritao, of 40 Guns—past Repair.

Veney, of 30 Guns—past Repair.

(Copy.) W. SIDNEY SMITH.

Hibernia, at Sea, Lat. 37° 47' Long.

SIR, 14° 17' Dec. 6, 1807.

I HAVE the Satisfaction to acquaint you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that I succeeded in collecting the whole of the Portuguese Fleet, except a Brig, after the Gale, and that the Weather was such as to allow the necessary Repairs and such Distribution of Supernumeraries and Resources to be made, as to enable Vice-Admiral Don Manuel d'Acunha Sottomayor to report to me Yesterday all the Ships capable of performing the Voyage to Rio Janeiro, except One Line of Battle Ship, which he requested might be conducted to an English Port. I meant to escort her Part of the Way, but she did not quit the Fleet with me last Night as settled. I hope, however, she may arrive safe, as she is not in a bad State, being substituted for the Martino de Freitas, which was at first destined to go to England, in consequence of a fresh Arrangement made Yesterday on the latter being found in the best State for the Voyage of the Two. I have detached Captain Moore in the Marlborough, with the