

London, Monarch, and Bedford, to attend the Portuguese Fleet to the Brazils. I have thought it my Duty in Addition to the usual Order, to take the above Ships under his Orders, to give Captain Moore One to hoist a broad Pendant after passing Madeira, in order to give him greater Weight and Consequence in the Performance of the important and unusually delicate Duties I have confided to him. I feel the most perfect Reliance in that Officer's Judgment, Ability, and Zeal.

The Portuguese Ships did not after their Reparation want more Provisions or Slops from us than the List inclosed, which I supplied from this Ship and the Conqueror.

This Dispatch will be delivered by Captain Yeo, of His Majesty's Sloop Confiance, who has shewn great Address and Zeal in opening the Communications by Flag of Truce, which it was the Interest of those in Power, who were against the Measure of

Emigration, to obstruct. Lord Strangford speaks of his Conduct in Terms of warm Approbation; on this Ground I beg Leave to recommend him to their Lordships, to whom his general Merits as an Officer are already well known. Having been in Lisbon without Restraint during the Intercourse, he is qualified to answer any Questions their Lordships may wish to put to him.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

W. SIDNEY SMITH.

MEMORANDUM.

THE Diana Merchant Vessel, having on board about Sixty British Subjects, who had been detained in consequence of the Embargo, came out of the Tagus in Company with the Portuguese Fleet, and it is supposed that she bore up for England at the Commencement of the Gale.

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