

destroyed a small Privateer in the Bay of Saint Juan.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed)

J. P. STEWART.

Hon. Sir A. Cochrane, K. B. &c. &c. &c.
Leeward Islands.

*His Majesty's Cutter Laura, August 1807,
Port D'Espagne.*

SIR,

I BEG Leave to inform you, that His Majesty's Cutter Laura, under my Command, Balahou in Company, on the Morning of the 4th Instant, Tobago S. by W. Five or Six Leagues, fell in with and captured, after a running Fight of several Hours, Le Rhone French Letter of Marque, commanded by Mr. Francis Goureu, mounting Six long Six-Pounders, and carrying Twenty-six Men; out from Martinique Ten Days, bound to the River Orinoko, and had taken nothing. She is a fine Copper-bottomed Brig, of about Ninety Tons, and, in my Opinion, fit for His Majesty's Service.

Much Praise is due to Lieutenant Murray in bringing the Balahou in Action.

The Officers and Crews of both Vessels behaved in a gallant and exemplary Manner.

I have the Pleasure to add that there are none either killed or wounded on board the Laura or Balahou.

The Enemy had Two killed and Five wounded, and her Rigging and Sails very much shattered.

The Laura's Rigging and Sails were very much cut, and her Main-Topmast shot away during the Action.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed)

ROB. YETTS,

Lieutenant, and Commander.

To the Hon. Sir Alexander Cochrane, K. B.

Rear Admiral of the White, Commander
in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, December 26, 1807.

*Extra of a Letter from Sir William Sidney Smith,
Rear-Admiral of the Blue, to the Hon. W. W. Pole,
dated on board His Majesty's Ship Hibernia, the
29th of November 1807.*

I HAVE the Honour to transmit you herewith a Copy of a Letter I have received from Captain Sproule, of His Majesty's Ship Solebay, announcing the Capture of the Spanish Lugger Privateer Estrella del Norte.

*His Majesty's Ship Solebay, at Sea,
November 25, 1807.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour of informing you, that at Daylight this Morning I chased, and at One P. M. captured, the Spanish Lugger Privateer Estrella del Norte, of Vigo, mounting Two Six-Pounder Swivels, &c. and Thirty-five Men, with Nine English Prisoners on board, whom they captured on the 23d Instant, in the Liberty Brig of London.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

A. SPROULE.

Rear-Admiral Sir Sidney Smith, K. S.

GEORGE R.

Instruction to the Commanders of Our Ships of War and Privateers, and to the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty. Given at Our Court at

St. James's, the Nineteenth Day of December One thousand eight hundred and seven, and in the Forty-eighth Year of Our Reign.

OUR Will and Pleasure is, that all Vessels and their Cargoes coming from a Port of Russia direct to a Port of Our United Kingdom, which have already sailed, or shall sail before the First Day of next January, shall not be interrupted by Our Cruizers, to whomsoever such Vessels and their Cargoes may belong. And in case any Vessel so coming shall be detained and brought in, such Vessel, with her Cargo, shall be forthwith liberated, upon giving Bail to answer Adjudication, and shall be finally restored upon Proof that the Vessel was coming with the Goods for Importation into the United Kingdom, and the Matter shall be permitted to receive his Freight, and to proceed with his Vessel and Crew to any Port not blockaded of the Country to which the Vessel belongs.

By His Majesty's Command,

HAWKESBURY.

Whitehall, December 18, 1807.

The King has been graciously pleased to give and grant unto the Most Honourable Francis Seymour Conway Marquis of Hertford, Earl of Hertford and Yarmouth, Viscount Beauchamp and Baron Conway of the Kingdom of Great Britain, and Baron Conway of the Kingdom of Ireland, one of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Elect of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, &c. and to Isabella Anne Marchioness of Hertford, his Wife, Daughter and Coheir of the Right Honourable Charles Ingram, late Viscount Irwin, of the Kingdom of Scotland, deceased, His Royal Licence and Authority, that they may (in Compliance with an Injunction contained in the last Will and Testament of the said Charles late Viscount Irwin, deceased, bearing Date the 16th of June 1777,) take and use the Surname of Ingram before their present Surnames of Seymour and Conway, and also write the said Surname of Ingram before all Titles of Honour; and that he the said Francis Seymour Conway Marquis of Hertford may also bear the Arms of Ingram quarterly with those of Seymour and Conway; provided the same be first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in the Herald's Office, otherwise His Majesty's said Licence and Permission to be void and of none Effect:

And also to order that this His Majesty's Concession and Declaration be registered in His College of Arms.

Foreign-Office, December 26, 1807.

The King has been pleased to appoint Lord Viscount Strangford to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Her Most Faithful Majesty.

Admiralty-Office, December 26, 1807.

THE Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having directed a Selection of Charts to be made for the Use of His

