

inflict on all such as contemn and neglect the Performance of so religious and necessary a Duty: Our Will is therefore, and We charge, that this Our Proclamation seen, ye forthwith proceed to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful, and there, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication thereof, that none pretend Ignorance: And Our Will and Pleasure is, that Our Solicitor do cause printed Copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewartries, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom We ordain to see the same published: And We do appoint them to send Copies hereof to the several Parish Churches within their Bounds, and that upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the Day above mentioned, the same may be published and read from the Pulpits immediately after Divine Service.

Given at our Court at the Queen's Palace, the Sixth Day of January, One thousand eight hundred and eight, in the Forty-eighth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at the Queen's Palace, the 6th of January 1808,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty having been pleased to appoint His Grace William Duke of Manchester Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Island of Jamaica, and the Territories depending thereon, His Grace, this Day, took the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Governors of His Majesty's Plantations.

*Foreign-Office, January 8, 1808.*

The Right Honourable George Canning, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has this Day notified to the Ministers of Friendly and Neutral Powers resident at this Court, that His Majesty has judged it expedient to direct that the most rigorous Blockade should be established at the Entrances of the Ports of Carthagena, Cadiz, and St. Lucar, and at all the intermediate Ports situated and lying between the said Ports of Carthagena and St. Lucar; and that the same will be maintained and enforced in the strictest Manner, according to the Usages of War acknowledged and allowed in similar Cases.

*Foreign-Office, January 7, 1808.*

The King has been pleased to appoint Francis Hill, Esq; to be His Majesty's Secretary of Legation to the Court of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of Portugal.

*Downing-Street, January 8, 1808.*

The King has been pleased to appoint William Anne Villetes, Esq; Lieutenant-General of His Majesty's Forces, to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Jamaica, and Commander of the Forces, with the local Rank of General in the Island of Jamaica.

*Whitehall, January 9, 1808.*

The King has been graciously pleased to give and grant unto Henry Wilks, of Aldby-Park, in the County of York, Gentleman, His Royal Licence and Authority, that he may, in compliance with an Injunction contained in the last Will and Testament of Henry Brewster Darley, late of Aldby-Park, afore said, Esq; deceased, assume and use the Surname of Darley only, and bear the Arms of Darley and Brewster, together with the Crest of Darley; provided such Arms and Crest 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.

*Admiralty-Office, January 9, 1808.*

*Extract of a Letter from Captain Rainier, of His Majesty's Ship Caroline, to Rear-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies, dated Malacca Road, February 25, 1807, and transmitted by the last-mentioned Officer to the Honourable W. W. Pole.*

HAVING seen the Honourable Company's Ships Perfeverance and Albion through the Gilloio Passage, I passed to the Eastward of the Pellew Islands to insure fetching Pellappa, on the North End of the Island of Suminar, which Place I lodged into on the 26th Ultimo, and not seeing any Vessel there, I was making the best of my Way to the Straits of St. Bernardine.

Early on the Morning of the 27th Ultimo, a strange Sail was discovered on our Lee Beam: I immediately bore up in Chace of her, and the ran for Albay. When we were nearly within Gun-shot of her they hoisted Spanish Colours, and fired a Gun to Windward. We were coming up with her fast, when she was taken aback with the Land Wind; and she having Studding-sails set on both Sides, we were close to her before she could take them in. When either from their Temerity, or not knowing our Force, they commenced firing; and it was not until they had Twenty-seven Men killed and wounded that they hauled down their Colours. On taking Possession of her she proved to be the St. Raphael, (alias Pallas,) Spanish Register Ship, belonging to the Royal Company of the Philippines, mounting Sixteen Guns, with Ninety-seven Men, commanded by Don Juan Baptista Monteverde, having on board upward of Five Hundred Thousand Spanish Dollars in Specie, and Seventeen Hundred Quintals of Copper, besides a valuable Cargo; she sailed from Lima on the 12th November last bound to Manilla.

P. S. I am sorry to inform you we had Seven of our Men wounded, one of whom is since dead.