

Subjects whenever it can be obtained on safe and honourable Terms. But we are however far from wishing that any Sacrifice should be made not perfectly compatible with the Rights and Dignity of the British Empire.

Signed by the Desire of the Meeting,  
David Edward Leves Llo, *Chairman.*

[*Transmitted by Thomas Johnes, Esq; Representative in Parliament for the said County of Cardigan.*]

Admiralty-Office, June 11, 1808.

*Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir James Saumarez, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Baltic, to the Honourable W. W. Pole, dated on Board the Victory, Flemish-Road, Gottenburg, May 30, 1808.*

SIR,

I ENCLOSE, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter transmitted to me from Lieutenant Price, acting Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Falcon, addressed to Captain Campbell of His Majesty's Ship Dictator, stating his Proceedings in the Belt, and giving an Account of the Destruction of several of the Enemy's Vessels on the Island of Samsoe, and different Parts of the Coast; and of the cutting out by the Boats of that Sloop under the Direction of Mr. Ellerton, Master of the Falcon, from under the Batteries of Lundholm, Two Vessels, laden with a Thirteen-Inch Mortar each, and a Quantity of Shells, intended for the Batteries of Samsoe.

I cannot close this Letter without recommending, in the strongest Manner, Lieutenant Price to the particular Notice of your Lordships; the Zeal and Activity he has displayed during the Time he has had the Command of the Falcon, and particularly his great Exertions on the intricate Service intrusted to him, entitles him to the highest encomiums in my Power to bestow

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) JAS. SAUMAREZ.

*His Majesty's Sloop Falcon, off Samsoe, May 15, 1808.*

SIR,

I THINK it my Duty to state to you a Detail of what has occurred to His Majesty's Sloop under my Command since I parted from you: In working up to the Station you had assigned me, on the 29th Ultimo, I perceived Nine pretty large Boats on the Shore of the Island of Endelau, and as Troops were seen at the same Time, Three Boats were dispatched from the Falcon, and succeeded in burning and otherwise destroying Eight out of the Nine; the Danish Soldiers made a very poor Attempt to defend them; at the Island of Hanooe Six other small Craft were destroyed without any Resistance: On the 3d Instant, a large Island of War Schooner attempted to escape from the Boats, but after a long and circuitous Chase of Three Hours, she was again forced into her old Port, where her Mill remains with Three other armed Vessels. I have likewise to inform you, that the Enemy have fortified very strongly the Entrance of the Harbour of Kyeholm, in the Island of Samsoe, and have already Fifty Pieces of heavy Cannon mounted. Cleared from One of the Prisoons taken in a small Market-Boat, that Vessels were expected from Calundborg with

Mortars to mount on the Batteries; the Boats of the Falcon were accordingly in Shore every Night to intercept them, and on the Night of the 7th Instant they were so fortunate as to discover the Vessels they were seeking, at an Anchor close under the Batteries of Lundholm, they were boarded and carried in an Instant under a heavy but ill directed Fire both of great Guns and Musketry; in bringing them out, One of the Boats, which contained a Thirteen-Inch Mortar with all its Equipment, and Four Hundred Shells, grounded, and as she was under the Enemy's Fire, Mr. Ellerton, Master of the Falcon, who commanded, was obliged to burn her, which was done most effectually; the other Vessel, containing a Mortar of Thirteen Inches, was brought out; I took the Mortar on board, and destroyed the Vessel. Mr. Ellerton merits every Thing I can say on this Occasion; and, I am happy to add, that no Loss was sustained on our Side, One Seaman only being slightly wounded with a Musket-Ball in the Arm. One Dane was killed; it appears he was an Artillery Officer, who had Charge of the Mortars and Mortar Stores, and persevered in Resistance when all Resistance was vain. I have nothing further to add to this Statement, but that Thirteen Boats from the Shores of different Parts of the Island of Samsoe have been destroyed, making in the Whole Twenty-seven; and as they were all Boats adapted for the Transportation of Troops, I trust you will not disapprove of my having done so.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) JOHN PRICE,

Acting Commander.

*Donald Campbell, Esq; Captain of His Majesty's Ship Dictator, &c. &c. &c.*

Admiralty-Office, June 11, 1808.

*Copy of another Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir James Saumarez to the Hon. W. W. Pole, dated on board His Majesty's Ship Victory, Flemish Road, Gottenburg, the 30th of May 1808.*

SIR,

HAVING detached, on the 18th Instant, Lieutenant Lucas, in His Majesty's Hired Cutter Swan, with my Dispatches to Rear-Admiral Sir Samuel Hood, on the 24th he fell in with one of the Enemy's Privateers under the Batteries of Bornholm, which, after an Action of Twenty Minutes, blew up, and sunk, with the Loss of all her Crew. Great Praise is due to Lieutenant Lucas for his spirited Attack of a Vessel of superior Force under the Protection of the Enemy's Batteries.

I am, &c.

J. SAUMAREZ.

*His Majesty's Hired Cutter Swan, off Bornholm, May 24, 1808.*

SIR,

I BEG Leave to acquaint you, To-day, at Noon, I observed a Cutter-rigged Vessel standing from the Land towards me. I have to, and hoisted a Danish Jack for a Pilot, which decoyed her so far from the Shore that I was enabled to come up with her before she could reach the Land. At Two o'Clock I gave Chace, and at Four had the Satisfaction of getting within Gun-shot of her. She then commenced her Fire; immediately on which the Battery on the Shore opened their Fire, being about a Mile from the Beach. The Enemy, attempting to get a long Gun in her Stern to bear on me, she was caught in