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AT the Court at the *Queen's Palace*, the 27th of July 1808,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to permit Goods secured in Warehouses in the Port of London to be removed to the Out Ports for Exportation to any Part of Europe; for empowering His Majesty to direct that Licences, which His Majesty is authorized to grant under His Sign Manual, may be granted by one of the Principal Secretaries of State; and for enabling His Majesty to permit the Exportation of Goods in Vessels of less Burthen than are now allowed by Law during the present Hostilities, and until One Month after the Signature of the preliminary Articles of Peace;" it is enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty by Order in Council, or by His Royal Proclamation, to direct that all or any such Licences as, by virtue of any Act of Parliament or otherwise, His Majesty may lawfully grant under His Sign Manual, shall and may be granted by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in pursuance of an Order of Council specially authorizing the Grant of such Licences, a Duplicate of which Order shall in all Cases be annexed to such Licences; His Majesty having taken the same into His Royal Consideration, is pleased, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order and direct, and it is hereby ordered and directed, that all Licences which by virtue of any Acts of Parliament or otherwise His Majesty may lawfully grant under His Sign Manual touching, concerning, or in any Manner relating to Trade, Commerce, or Navigation, shall and may hereafter, and until further Order, be granted by either of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in pursuance of any Order in Council specially authorizing the Grant of such Licences; and that all Licences so granted, and having a Duplicate of such Order in Council annexed thereto, shall be as valid, and have as full Force and Effect, as if such Licences had been granted under His Majesty's Sign Manual; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or taken to invalidate, or in any Manner to affect any Licences which His Majesty shall think

proper to grant under His Royal Sign Manual; but every such Licence so granted shall be of the same Force and Effect as if this Order had not been made.
Steph. Cottrell.

Admiralty-Office, August 9, 1808.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Lord Gambier, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed in the Channel, Soundings, &c. to the Honourable W. W. Pole, dated in Cowes Bay, the 6th August 1808.

S I R,

BE pleased to lay before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the inclosed Letter from Captain Rodd, of His Majesty's Ship *Indefatigable*, dated the 4th Instant, giving an Account of his having captured the French Ship Letter of Marque *La Diane*, on the 31st Ultimo, from Bourdeaux bound to the Isle of France.

The *Indefatigable* arrived in Plymouth Sound this Morning with her Prize, and will return to her Station off the Gironde immediately.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

GAMBIER.

His Majesty's Ship Indefatigable, off Ushant, August 4, 1808.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the Honour of acquainting your Lordship, that His Majesty's Ship *Indefatigable*, under my Command, captured on the 31st Ultimo, in Latitude 45° 34' N. Longitude 2° 39' W. the French Ship Letter of Marque *La Diane*, pierced for Twenty-two Guns, Fourteen Nines and Sixes mounted, with a Complement of Sixty-eight Men on board. She is from Bourdeaux, was bound to the Isle of France, has a Cargo in, a Part of which consists of Naval Stores, on Account of the French Government. She sailed from the River Gironde the Evening before, is a fine Ship, Four Hundred and Eighty-two Tons Burthen, sails well, but Six Years old, coppered, and is apparently well calculated for His Majesty's Service. She was on her second Voyage to India. The Letters and Dispatches were thrown overboard and sunk in Chace.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. TREMAYNE RODD.

The Right Hon. Lord Gambier, Admiral of the Blue, Commander in Chief, &c. &c.