

the Twenty-fifth Day of this instant September, the Importation of any Hides, Pieces of Hides, dressed or undressed, Calf-Skins, or Pieces of Calf-Skins, dressed or undressed, Horns, or Pieces of Horns, Tallow, and Wool, (except Cotton Wool,) and Goat-Skins, dressed or undressed, in any Foreign Ship or Vessel; and His Majesty doth hereby order, that, on the Arrival at any Port of the United Kingdom of any Foreign Ship or Vessel, with any of the Articles above-mentioned, the said Goods shall be admitted to Entry on Payment of the same Duties of Customs and Excise as are due and payable on the like Goods when imported in any British or Irish-built Ship or Vessel.—And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary Directions herein accordingly.

W. Fawkenner.

Admiralty-Office, September 27, 1808.

*Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to the Honourable W. W. Pole, dated on board the Ocean, at Gibraltar, August 27, 1808.*

SIR,

I INCLOSE, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter I have received from Lord Cochrane, Captain of His Majesty's Ship the Imperieuse, giving an Account of the Surrender of the Castle of Mongal (a Fort on the Coast of Catalonia, in Possession of the French), to His Majesty's Ship under his Command, which his Lordship had subsequently destroyed, after having delivered the principal Part of the Military Stores to the Spanish Militia.

I have great Pleasure in transmitting this Information to their Lordships, as it points out one of the many Instances in which His Majesty's Ships on the Eastern Coast of Spain have rendered effectual Aid to the Patriot Spaniards, in resisting and driving the Enemy out of their Country, and of the Zeal and indefatigable Industry with which Captain Lord Cochrane engages in that Service.

Captain Otway, of the Montague, landed at Rosas Bay a Party of Marines in Aid of the Spanish Peasantry, to oppose a French Force which was approaching to attack that Fortrefs on the 23d Ult. and obliged the Enemy to retire.

I am, &c.

COLLINGWOOD.

*His Majesty's Ship Imperieuse, off Mongal,*

MY LORD,

31st July 1808.

THE Castle of Mongal, an important Post, completely commanding a Pass in the Road from Barcelona to Gerona, which the French are now besieging, and the only one between those Towns occupied by the Enemy, surrendered this Morning to His Majesty's Ship under my Command. The Spanish Militia behaved admirably, in carrying an Out Post on a neighbouring Hill. Lieutenant Hone, with the Marines, took Possession of the Castle, which, by Means of Powder, is now levelled with the Ground. The Rocks there are blown down into the Road, which in many other Places is rendered impassable to Artillery without a very heavy Loss of Men, if they determine to repair them.

I inclose to your Lordship a List of the Prisoners and of the material Part of Military Stores; all that could be of Use to the Spanish Militia have been delivered to them.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

COCHRANE.

*Right Hon. Lord Collingwood, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 2 Serjeants, 8 Corporals (7 wounded), 5 Gunners (2 killed), and 54 Soldiers.—Total 71.  
5 Cannon, 80 Muskets, 80 Bayonets, 80 Cartouches, 500 Cannon Balls, 13 Barrels of Powder, and Cartridges, &c.

Admiralty-Office, September 27, 1808.

*Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral the Honourable Sir Alexander Cochrane, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the Leeward Islands, to the Honourable W. W. Pole, dated on board the Belleisle, St. John's Roads, Antigua, 6th August 1808.*

SIR,

I HAVE great Pleasure in inclosing, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter from Captain Beaver, of His Majesty's Ship Acasta, acquainting me with the Capture of a very fine French Corvette, of Sixteen Twenty-four Pounder Carronades and Two long Sixes. It is my Intention to take her into the Service, and name her the Pert, until their Lordship's Pleasure is known.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) ALEX. COCHRANE.

*His Majesty's Acasta, off La Guira,*

SIR,

17th July 1808.

I BEG Leave to inform you, that Le Serpent French National Brig, of Eighteen Guns and One Hundred and Four Men, commanded by Monf. Lamanon, Enseigne de Vaisseau, was this Day captured off La Guira by His Majesty's Ship Acasta.

I am, &c.

P. BEAVER.

*To the Hon Sir A. Cochrane, Rear-Admiral of the White, &c. &c. &c.*

PROCLAMATION for pardoning Deserters from His Majesty's Regular Land Forces.

*War-Office, August 25, 1808.*

WHEREAS it has been represented to the King, that there are at this Time several Deserters from the different Regular Corps in His Majesty's Land Service, who might be induced to return to their Duty by an Offer of His Majesty's gracious Pardon, and that such an Instance of His Royal Clemency would have a due Influence upon their future Behaviour; His Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant His Free Pardon to all Deserters from His Regular Land Forces, who shall surrender themselves on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of October, to the Commanding Officer of any Regiment, or to any of the Superintending Field Officers of the Recruiting Service, whose Stations are mentioned in the Margin hereof,

Durham.

or to the Commandant of the Army

Carlisle.

Depôt in the Isle of Wight.

Leeds.

Such Deserters, if Able-bodied