

a Bounty of Five Pounds; and to every Ordinary Seaman so entering himself, and not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, a Bounty of Two Pounds Ten Shillings; to every Able-bodied Landman not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Eighteen Years, so entering himself, a Bounty of Thirty Shillings; to any Person or Persons who shall discover any Able or Ordinary Seaman or Seamen who may have concealed him or themselves, so that such Seaman or Seamen shall be taken for His Majesty's Service by any of His Majesty's Officers employed to raise Men, a Reward of Three Pounds for every such Able Seaman, and Fifty Shillings for every such Ordinary Seaman, fit to serve on board His Majesty's Ships; to any Person or Persons who shall procure the voluntary Service of Able or Ordinary Seamen or Landmen fit for His Majesty's Service, and shall convey them on board any of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels, or to any of His Majesty's Sea Officers employed in raising Men, a Reward of Three Guineas for every such Able Seaman, Two Guineas for every such Ordinary Seaman, and One Guinea for every such Landman, together with an Allowance, at the Rate of One Penny per Mile, for each Able Seaman, Ordinary Seaman, and Landman, for every Mile such Men may respectively travel to the nearest of His Majesty's Ships of War, or nearest Place of Residence of any of His Majesty's Sea Officers employed in raising Men; provided such Man shall be found fit for His Majesty's Service, and there shall not be Reason to suppose that he is an Apprentice: And whereas it is expedient that the said several Bounties, Rewards, and Travelling Allowance should be continued to be paid for some Time longer, His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy Council, doth therefore order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, that the Payment of the said Bounties, Rewards, and Travelling Allowance be prolonged and extended from the said Thirty-first Day of December next to the Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and nine, inclusive, and that the same be paid in the Manner specified in His Majesty's several Proclamations now in Force for the Encouragement of Seamen and Landmen to enter into His Majesty's Royal Navy, and for the discovering Seamen who may conceal themselves, and for giving Rewards for procuring the voluntary Service of Seamen and Landmen; whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

*W. Falkner.*

AT the Court, at the *Queen's Palace*, the 16th of November 1808,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty having been pleased to appoint Sir Charles Brisbane, Knight, Captain in the Royal Navy, to be Captain-General and Governor

in Chief of the Island of St. Vincent, Bequia, and such other of the Islands commonly called the Grenadines, as lie to the Northward of the Island of Cariacou, in America, he, this Day, took the usual Oaths appointed to be taken by the Governors of His Majesty's Plantations.

Admiralty-Office, November 19, 1808.

*Copy of a Letter from Admiral Young, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Plymouth, to the Hon. W. W. Pole, dated on board the Salvador del Mundo, in Hamoaze, the 15th Instant.*

S I R,

I HAVE the Honour to inclose, for their Lordships' Information, the Copy of a Letter from Captain Seymour, of His Majesty's Ship Amethyst, to Admiral Lord Gambier, giving an Account of his having captured La Thetis French Frigate, after a long and severe Action; and I have the Pleasure to inform their Lordships, that La Thetis arrived this Morning, towed in by the Shannon.

I also transmit a List of the Killed and Wounded on board the Amethyst.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

WM: YOUNG.

MY LORD, *Amethyst, Hamoaze, Nov. 15, 1808.*

I HAVE the most sincere Pleasure in acquainting you, that His Majesty's Ship the Amethyst, under my Command, captured, the 10th Instant at Night, the French Frigate La Thetis, of Forty-four Guns, and a Crew of Three Hundred and Thirty Men, who had served Years together, and One Hundred and Six Soldiers, from L'Orient for Martinique. Being close to the N. W. Point of Groa, she was seen a Quarter before Seven P. M. and immediately chased; and a close Action began before Ten o'Clock, which continued with little Intermision till Twenty Minutes after Midnight. Having fallen on board, for a short Time, after Ten, and from Quarter past Eleven, when she intentionally laid us on board, till she surrendered (about an Hour), she lay fast alongside, the Fluke of our best Bower Anchor having entered her Foremost Main-Deck Port, and she was, after great Slaughter, boarded and taken Possession of, and some Prisoners received from her, before we disengaged the Ships. Shortly after, a Ship of War was seen closing fast under a Press of Sail, which proved to be the Triumph, which immediately gave us the most effectual Assistance that the anxious and feeling Mind of such an Officer as Sir Thomas Hardy could suggest. At Half-past One the Shannon joined, received Prisoners from, and took La Thetis in Tow. She is wholly dismasted, dreadfully shattered, and had her Commander, (Pinfun, Capitaine de Vaisseau,) and One Hundred and Thirty-five Men, killed; One Hundred and Two wounded, amongst whom are all her Officers except Three. Amethyst has lost Nineteen killed and Fifty-one wounded, amongst the former is Lieutenant Bernard Kindall, a most promising young Officer, of the Royal Marines, who suffered greatly; and that invaluable Officer, Lieutenant S. J. Payne, dangerously wounded; the Mizzen Mast shot away, and the Ship much damaged and leaky. No Language can convey an adequate Idea of the cool and determined Bravery shewn by