

that such Ships, and their Cargoes, shall not be liable to Condemnation, unless they shall have received actual Notice of the present Order before such Capture; or in Default of such Notice, until after the Expiration of the like Intervals from the Date of this Order, as were allowed for constructive Notice in the Orders of the Twenty-fifth of November One thousand eight hundred and seven, and the Eighteenth of May One thousand eight hundred and eight, at the several Places and Latitudes therein specified.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, and Judges of the Courts of Vice-Admiralty, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

*Steph. Cottrell.*

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, April 29, 1809.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that there will be a Drawing-Room at St. James's, on Thursday the 4th of May next.

*Whitehall, April 26, 1809.*

The King has been pleased to nominate and appoint Lieutenant-General George Beckwith to be one of the Knights Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

*Queen's Palace, Wednesday, April 26, 1809*

CEREMONIAL of the Investiture of Lieutenant-General Sir David Baird, and of the Knighthood and Investiture of Lieutenant-General the Honourable Sir John Hope, Major-General Sir Brent Spencer, and Sir Thomas Cochrane, commonly called the Right Honourable Lord Cochrane (eldest Son and Heir Apparent of Archibald Earl of Dundonald), a Captain in the Royal Navy, Knights of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

THE Knights and Officers of the Order attending in their Mantles, Collars, &c. proceeded into the Sovereign's Presence, making the usual Reverences, in the following Order:

The Gentleman Usher of the Order, in his Mantle, Chain, and Badge, bearing the Red Rod.

The Deputy Registrar and Secretary of the Order, in the Mantle, Chains, and Badges of that Officer.

Deputy Bath King of Arms, in the Mantle, Chain, and Badge, with the Sceptre, of Bath, bearing the Ribbons and Badges of the Order upon a Crimson Velvet Cushion.

The Genealogist, in his Mantle, Chain, and Badge.

KNIGHTS COMPANIONS.

Right Honourable Sir David Dundas.

Sir Eyre Coote.

Sir Thomas Trigge.

Sir John Colpoys.

Sir Alured Clarke.

Lord Keith.

The Dean of Westminster, Dean of the Order, in his Mantle, Chain, and Badge.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York and Albany, First and Principal Companion.

Then, by His Majesty's Command, Sir David Baird was introduced into the Presence between Sir Eyre Coote and Sir David Dundas, the Two Junior Knights Companions present, preceded by the Gentleman Usher of the Order, with due Reverences; and (having been previously knighted by Patent bearing Date the 19th of June 1804) the Ribbon and Badge were presented to the Sovereign by His Royal Highness the Duke of York; and, Sir David Baird kneeling, His Majesty put the same over his Right Shoulder: being thus invested, Sir David had the Honour to kiss the Sovereign's Hand, and withdrew.

Then, by His Majesty's Command, Lieutenant-General the Honourable John Hope was introduced into the Presence between the said Two Junior Knights Companions, preceded by the Gentleman Usher; and the Sword of State having been delivered to the Sovereign by Lord Keith, the second Knight in Seniority present, Lieutenant-General Hope, kneeling, was knighted therewith. His Royal Highness the Duke of York then presented the Ribbon and Badge to the Sovereign, and His Majesty put the same over the Right Shoulder of the new Knight, who, being thus invested had the Honour to kiss the Sovereign's Hand, and withdrew.

Then Major-General Brent Spencer, and Thomas Lord Cochrane, were severally introduced, knighted, and invested, with like Ceremonies: whereupon the Procession returned in the Order before observed.

*Foreign Office, April 29, 1809.*

The King has been pleased to appoint the Marquis Wellesley, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St Patrick, to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to His Catholic Majesty Ferdinand the Seventh; and has been pleased to direct him to reside in that Character at the Seat of the Central or Supreme Junta in Spain.

*Westminster, April 28, 1809.*

THIS Day, the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honorable House of Commons by Sir Francis Molyneux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of His Majesty's Commission for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate Attendance of this Honorable House in the House of Peers to bear the Commission read*; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for continuing and making perpetual several Duties of One Shilling and Six Pence, repealed by an Act of the last Session of Parliament, on Offices and Employments of Profit, and on Au-