

An Act for more effectually making and repairing the Great North Road leading from the North Queensferry, in the County of Fife, to the City of Perth, and to the Town of Dumfermline.

An Act for altering an Act, passed in the Forty-fifth Year of His present Majesty, for repairing Roads in the County of Ayr.

An Act to continue the Term, and enlarge the Powers of Three Acts, passed in the Fourth Year of His late Majesty, and the Sixth and Twenty-sixth Years of His present Majesty, for repairing the Road from Godstone, in the County of Surrey, to Highgate, in the Parish of East Grinstead, in the County of Sussex.

An Act to enlarge the Term and Powers of several Acts for repairing the Road leading from Galley Corner, adjoining to Enfield Chase, in the Parish of South Mimms, in the County of Middlesex, to Lemsford Mill, in the County of Hertford.

And Sixteen private Acts.

Admiralty-Office, April 29, 1809.

*Extract 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 Hon. W. W. Pole, dated on board the Caledonia, in Basque Roads, the 16th Instant.*

IT has blown violently from the Southward and Westward since the Departure of the Imperieuse, which has rendered it impracticable to act in any way with the small Vessels or Boats of the Fleet against the Enemy.

I have the Satisfaction to observe this Morning, that the Enemy have set Fire to their Frigate (L'Indienne); and that the Ship of the Line, which is aground at the Entrance of the River, (supposed to be the Regulus,) there is every Reason to believe will be wrecked.

Admiralty-Office, April 29, 1809.

*Copy of another Letter from Admiral Lord Gambier to the Hon. W. W. Pole, dated on board the Caledonia, in Basque Roads, the 15th Instant.*

SIR,

BE pleased to lay before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the inclosed Letter which I have this Day received from Captain Mends, of His Majesty's Ship Arethusa, detailing Particulars of the Destruction of Three different Batteries (one of Twenty heavy Guns) at Lequito and other Places on the North Coast of Spain, by Boats from that Ship; and of their active Annoyance of the Enemy in attempting to send Supplies to their Army along that Coast.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) GAMBIER.

*His Majesty's Ship Arethusa, off Bilbao, 20th March 1809.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Pleasure of acquainting you, for the Commander in Chief's Information, that on the 17th Instant, at Daybreak in the Morning, a Party of Seamen and Marines belonging to this Ship were landed under the Command of the First Lieutenant, Mr. Hugh Pearson, and Lieutenant Scott of the Marines, and destroyed upwards of Twenty heavy Guns mounted on the Batteries at Lequito, defended

by a Detachment of French Soldiers, a Serjeant and Twenty of whom were made Prisoners, who, on our People forcing the Guard-House in the principal Battery, threw down their Arms, and begged for Quarter; the rest of their Comrades effected their Escape by running for it.

This little Affair was conducted by Lieutenant Pearson with that Boldness and Promptitude which generally commands Success, to which I attribute our having only Three Men wounded, notwithstanding a quick Fire of Musketry for some Time from the Battery and Guard-House as our People advanced. A small Chaloupe, laden with Brandy, was found in the Harbour and brought away.

The following Day, having received Information of Two Chassé Mares being up River Andaro, laden with Brandy for the French Army in Spain, in the Evening the same Party was again lauded, who found them aground, about Four Miles up, with their Cargoes on board, which were destroyed; but the Vessels appearing to be Spanish Property, and forcibly seized on to carry those Supplies, were restored to their Owners.

On the 20th Lieutenant Elms Steele, with a Party, destroyed the Guns at Baignio, and captured a small Vessel laden with Marino Wool, which had run in there for Security, from St. Andero bound to Bayonne; whilst Lieutenant Fennel, of the Marines, accompanied by Mr. Elliott, the Purser, and a Boat's Crew, ascended the Mountain and destroyed the Signal Posts.

The same Evening Lieutenant Pearson, with the Officers and Men who were with him at Laquito, took Possession of the Batteries at the Town of Paisance without Opposition, and destroyed the Guns; the small Parties of the Enemy stationed at these Places retiring as our People approached.

I am, &c.

(Signed) R. MENDS.

*To Charles Adams, Esq. Captain of His Majesty's Ship Resistance.*

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*Copy of a Letter from the Honourable George Elliot, Captain of His Majesty's Ship the Modeste, to Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies, and transmitted by the latter to the Honourable William Wellesley Pole.*

SIR, *Modeste, off Sandhead, Oct. 9, 1808.*

I HAVE great Satisfaction in acquainting your Excellency of His Majesty's Ship Modeste, under my Command, having last Night captured La Jena, French National Corvette, pierced for Twenty-four Guns, but only Eighteen on board, and Complement One Hundred and Fifty Men, commanded by Mons. Morice, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, after a Chase of Nine Hours, and a running Action of nearly One Hour, (from it being but a light Breeze, which enabled her to keep her Distance with her Sweeps,) when she struck, a complete Wreck in her Sails and Rigging; she had cut away her Boats and Booms, and thrown Three Guns overboard, in the Chase. We received no Damage to signify, but the Loss of Mr. William Donovan (the Master), a very valuable and gallant Officer, unfortunately killed, and One Seaman wounded. La Jena has not received any material Damage in

