

dred and eight, for the Payment of the Bounties for the Encouragement of Seamen and Landmen to enter into His Majesty's Royal Navy, and the Rewards for discovering Seamen who may conceal themselves, so that such Seamen should be taken for His Majesty's Service; and also the Rewards to Persons who should procure the voluntary Service of Able and Ordinary Seamen, and Landmen, fit for His Majesty's Naval Service, and should convey such Seamen and Landmen on board any of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels, or to any of His Majesty's Sea-Officers employed in raising Men, will expire on the Thirty-first Day of December next; which Bounties and Rewards are as follows, that is to say,—To every Able Seaman not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who should enter himself to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy, 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 every 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 ten, 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.

*Steph. Cottrell.*

Admiralty-Office, December 5, 1809.

*Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, addressed to the Hon. W. W. Pole, and dated on board His Majesty's Ship Ville de Paris, off Saint Sebastian, the 30th of October 1809.*

SIR,

MY Letter of the 4th August informed their Lordships of the Proposal I had made to Lieutenant-General Sir John Stuart, that the Islands of Zante, Cephalonia, &c should be seized before the French could turn their Regard from the Defence of Naples, to strengthen other Points, and in which Letter I inclosed to you a Copy of the Instructions I had sent to Rear-Admiral Martin, to be delivered to Captain Spranger of the Warrior, whom I had selected to command the Naval Part of the Expedition. The Change which at that Time had taken place in the State of the Armies in the North, required the Lieutenant-General's Consideration, whether an adequate Force might be spared from the Army, and delayed their Departure from Sicily, until the 23d September, when the Warrior sailed from Messina, with the Philomel Sloop, and Transports carrying about One Thousand six hundred Troops, under the Command of Brigadier-General Oswald. The Spartan at the same Time sailed from Malta, with Mr. Foresti and Count Cladan, a Cephalonian Gentleman, who had for some Time taken Refuge at Malta, and whose local Knowledge and Influence in the Country, I hoped would be advantageous to the Service. Orders were also sent to Captain Eyre of the Magnificent to join them with the Corfu Squadron.

I have now great Satisfaction in informing you, Sir, of the complete Success of this Expedition, and that the French Garrison in the Islands of Zante, Cephalonia, Ithaca, and Cerigo have, after a very faint Resistance, surrendered to His Majesty's Arms, the People liberated from the Oppression of the French, and the Government of the Sept' Insular Republic declared to be restored.

As no Preparation for so unexpected a Change could have been made by the Inhabitants, it has been found convenient by the Officers commanding, and by the principal People who are now to assume the Government, that the British Flag, with that of the Republic, shall be continued to fly until the several Departments are filled and Regularity is established.

The Influence of Mr. Foresti, and the Estimation in which his Character is held by the People, very much facilitated the Operations:—I have written to him to resume his Functions of British Resident with the Republic, until he shall receive the Instructions of His Majesty's Ministers.

I enclose, Sir, the Letters of Captains Spranger, Brenton, and Crawley, detailing the several Parts they took in the Reduction of the Islands, a Copy of the Proclamation, and Reports of the Garrisons and Stores, by which their Lordships will find with what good Judgment all the Measures were taken by the Commanders of the Sea and Land Forces, and the Zeal and Intelligence with which they were executed.

At Cerigo the greatest Resistance was made; but Captain Brenton's Skill and Resources are such as