

vance as I had supposed, and that their Gun Boats are not nearer than Cortjen. They are, however, erecting a Battery on a Point of the Dyke which commands the Channel, about Half-way between that Place and the Outer Battery.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

E. W. C. R. OWEN, Commodore.

Rear-Admiral Otway, &c. &c. &c.

*Extract of a Letter from Commodore Owen to Rear-Admiral Otway, dated Clyde in the Veer Gat, 9th December 1809.*

IF the Enemy molest our Retreat, we feel a Confidence in our Strength, and the Spirit of my People will not let him tread upon our Heels. It is an excellent Spirit, and I will endeavour to regulate it so far as to avoid committing them improperly.

E. W. C. R. OWEN.

*His Majesty's Ship Bl. bc, in Flushing Roads, Dec. 13, 1809.*

SIR,

IN addition to my Dispatch of this Morning, I have now to transmit a Letter, and an Extract of one I have just received from Commodore Owen; every Time I hear from that gallant and animated Officer, I have fresh Cause to admire his Conduct.

I think it my Duty to inform you that I found the Squadron under my Command in the highest Spirits, and ready to undertake any Enterprize.

I propose, as soon as I have made my final Arrangements at Flushing, to leave this Command with Rear-Admiral Otway, and proceed to the Vere Gat, to communicate with Commodore Owen.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

R. J. STRACHAN.

*Favorite Cutter, 11th December 1809, off Ter Vier.*

SIR,

I AM happy to find, by a Report this Day from Captain Carteret, that the Exertions of our Gun-Boats have completely succeeded in preventing the Progress of the Enemy on the Woolverdyke. I informed Rear-Admiral Otway that the Duty being heavy on the Division of Gun-Boats in advance, I had ordered that of Acting Captain Rich to relieve it. This was done, and To-day every Embrazure the Enemy had opened is said to be completely levelled by their Fire.

(Signed) E. W. C. R. OWEN.

Rear Admiral Sir Richard Strachan, Bart. and  
K. B. Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

*Extract of a Letter from Commodore Owen, dated Favorite off Ter Veere, 11th Dec. 1809.*

THE Enemy was very busy with the Battery on Woolverdyke, which, if completed, would have rendered the Post I had taken on that Side a very uneasy one; I therefore thought, under the present Circumstances, every Thing should be tried to keep it back, and the Gun-Boats have done it well.

If the Enemy in our Retreat treads too close on us, we feel confident in our Strength, and can form as good a Front as our Channel will allow: feeling the Necessity for my being myself in the Rear, I

have hoisted my Pendant in the Favorite Cutter, leaving the Care of the Clyde to my First Lieutenant: This, I trust, you will approve of.

(Signed) E. W. C. R. OWEN.

WE, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury in Great Britain, do hereby declare, in pursuance of an Act of the Forty-seventh Year of His present Majesty, King George the Third intitled "An Act to allow for Two Years, from and after the passing of this Act, an additional Bounty on Double-Refined Sugar, and to extend former Bounties on other Refined Sugar, to such as shall be pounded, cracked, or broken, and to allow for One Year, certain Bounties on British Plantation Raw Sugar exported," that the Regulations of the said Act contained, relating to the Allowance of the Bounties on Lump or Leaf Sugar, pounded, cracked, or broken, or on Sugar Candy, in pursuance thereof, shall be and the same are hereby extended to the Port of Bristol.—Whitehall Treasury-Chambers, the 9th Day of December 1809.

W. BRODRICK.

W. ELIOT.

J. BARNE.

Whitehall, December 17, 1809.

WHEREAS it hath been humbly represented to the King, that Three Persons did, on Friday Evening the 1st Instant, between the Hours of Ten and Eleven o'Clock, on the New Road leading from the City of Rochester to the Sign of the Gibraltar, in the Parish of Chatham, areafully wound, with Intent to murder, Mr. Thomas Boucher, jun. of the said City, by cutting his Throat in a most shocking manner, and, after rifling his Pockets, threw him into a Field, and there left him for dead, in consequence of which his Life is much despaired of;

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to justice the Persons concerned in such atrocious Act, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them (except the Person who actually cut and wounded the said Mr. Boucher) who shall discover his or their Accomplices or Accessories therein, if that he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

R. RYDER.

And, as a further Encouragement, a Reward of TWO HUNDRED GUINEAS is hereby offered to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as is before excepted,) to be paid on Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders, either by Messrs. W. and T. Bocher, or by the Banks of Messrs. Day, Kinkes, and Co. Chatham and Rochester.

Navy-Office, December 16, 1809.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Thursday the 28th of December, at One o'Clock, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to contract for taking A.Mes away from His Majesty's Yard at Woolwich; and also for supplying His Majesty's Yard at Sheerness with Cutters and Gigs; and likewise for supplying His Majesty's Yards at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Shitnets, Portsmouth, and Plymouth, with Buntin, and Colours and Flags made of Buntin, and also with Linnen for making Flags.

Forms of the Tenders may be seen at this Office.