

Works have been for some time erecting, at all the most vulnerable parts of Valencia; and it is generally understood that it is to be defended as long as possible.

General Blake, with his whole Army, are now within the Walls.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

GEORGE EYRE.

*Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. Vice-Admiral
of the Red, &c. &c. &c.*

(Translation.)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Principal Staff, Second Army.

HIS Excellency Senior Don Joaquim Blake having purposed to assist the respectable Garrison of the Castle of San Fernando de Sagunto, and to commence Operations in order to liberate the Kingdom of Valencia from its Enemies, his Army put itself in Motion Yesterday, but the Fortune of Arms did not answer his Hopes and Intentions. The Population of this Capital has borne faithful Testimony to the Bravery with which our Troops in general fought, and to the Order with which their Retreat was conducted, re-occupying in a Line of Battle their former Positions; but the Enemy, elated by their Success, imagined that the Army was completely routed and dispersed, and they had already anticipated the Conquest which they meditate. This Day an Officer bearing a Flag of Truce appeared at our Advanced Posts, where he was detained until Intelligence of his Arrival was communicated to the Commander in Chief, who dispatched a Staff Officer to ascertain the Object of his Visit, and to declare to him that he would not be permitted to advance farther. The Officer bearing the Flag of Truce delivered the undermentioned Paper under Cover, and taking an Acknowledgement of its having been received, returned immediately.

*Army of Arragon, Camp near Valencia,
Governor, 26th of October 1811.*

YOU must already be apprized of the Result of the Action of Yesterday. Eight Thousand Prisoners, including many Generals, and great Part of the Artillery attached to the Army of General Blake, remain in our Hands. I am therefore directed on Behalf of His Excellency the Marshal of the Empire, Count Suchet, to propose to you to spare the City of Valencia those Evils and Horrors which a fruitless Resistance would inevitably subject it to, and of which all those Cities and Fortresses which have fallen into the Hands of our Troops afford a terrible Example. I am authorized to offer the most honourable Terms, and those most conducive to the Safety and Tranquillity of the City of Valencia and its Citizens. From the Period of the Surrender of this City to the Arms of His Imperial and Royal Majesty, the Past shall be buried in Oblivion, and no further Resentment shall exist in the Breasts of the French, against the Valencians; and we promise on the Behalf of the Marshal to endeavour to do away the Evils of War, and of that dreadful Anarchy to which they have been so long exposed.

Receive, Senior Governor, the Assurance of my perfect Consideration.

The General of Division Baron HARISPE.

The Commander in Chief deemed this ridiculous Paper unworthy of a Reply, being written with the malicious Intention of making the Public imagine that their Army was lost, in Consequence of which this General and His Army were enabled to maintain their Position without the City, and His Excellency the Commander in Chief has judged it expedient that this Intelligence should be communicated to every One for their Information.

(Signed) RAMON PIREZ.

Valencia, 26th October 1811.

Admiralty-Office, December 7, 1811.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Finley of His Majesty's Sloop Rover, addressed to Admiral Sir Roger Curtis, Bart. and transmitted by the Latter to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

SIR, *Rover at Sea; 30th November 1811.*

I HAVE the Honour to acquaint you, that His Majesty's Sloop under my Command, this Day captured, in Latitude 47 Deg. 33 Min. North, the French Corvette, Letter of Marque Le Comte Regnaud, Mounting Ten Eighteen-Pound Carronades and Four Long Six-Pounders, commanded by Monsieur Abraham Giscard; She sailed from Batavia on the 7th of August 1811, bound to Rochelle, having on board Spices, Sugar, and Coffee; the greater Part of her Cargo, belonging to the French Government. This Vessel was formerly His Majesty's Sloop Vincejo, she is well found in every Respect, and sails remarkably well.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) JUSTICE FINLEY.

Admiral Sir Roger Curtis, Bart.

&c. &c. &c. Portsmouth.

Whitehall, December 6, 1811.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed William Thorpe, of Thorne, in the County of York, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intitled "An Act for permitting certain Goods imported into Great Britain to be secured in Warehouse without Payment of Duty," it is enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Importer or Importers, Proprietor or Proprietors, Consignee or Consignees of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize enumerated or described in the Table thereunto annexed marked (A), and which shall be legally imported and brought into the Port of London, to lodge and secure the same under the joint Locks of the Crown and the Merchant, in any Warehouse or Warehouses situated at the Isle of Dogs, and belonging to the West India Dock Company, without Payment at the Time of the first Entry of such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, of the Duties of Customs or Excise due on the Importation thereof, subject nevertheless to the Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions directed by the said Act; provided always, that no such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize shall be so lodged or secured, unless and until such Warehouses and