

support of the contest which the brave nations of the Peninsula still maintain with such unabated zeal and resolution.

His Royal Highness commands us to express his congratulations on the success of the British arms in the island of Java.

The Prince Regent trusts that you will concur with His Royal Highness in approving the wisdom and ability with which this enterprize, as well as the capture of the islands of Bourbon and the Mauritius, has been conducted under the immediate direction of the Governor-General of India; and that you will applaud the decision, gallantry, and spirit conspicuously displayed in the late operations of the brave army under the command of that distinguished officer Lieutenant-General Sir Samuel Auchmuty, so powerfully and ably supported by His Majesty's naval forces.

By the completion of this system of operations, great additional security will have been given to the British commerce and possessions in the East Indies, and the colonial power of France will have been entirely extinguished.

His Royal Highness thinks it expedient to recommend to your attention the propriety of providing such measures for the future government of the British possessions in India, as shall appear from experience, and upon mature deliberation, to be calculated to secure their internal prosperity, and to derive from those flourishing dominions the utmost degree of advantage to the commerce and revenue of the United Kingdom.

We are commanded by the Prince Regent to acquaint you, that, while His Royal Highness regrets that various important subjects of difference with the Government of the United States of America still remain unadjusted, the difficulties which the affair of the Chesapeake frigate occasioned have been finally removed; and we are directed to assure you, that in the further progress of the discussions with the United States, the Prince Regent will continue to employ such means of conciliation as may be consistent with the honour and dignity of His Majesty's crown, and with the due maintenance of the maritime and commercial rights and interests of the British empire.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

His Royal Highness has directed the estimates for the service of the current year to be laid before you. He trusts that you will furnish him with

such supplies as may be necessary to enable him to continue the contest in which His Majesty is engaged, with that spirit and exertion, which will afford the best prospect of its successful termination. His Royal Highness commands us to recommend that you should resume the consideration of the state of the finances of Ireland, which you had commenced in the last session of Parliament. He has the satisfaction to inform you, that the improved receipt of the revenue of Ireland, in the last, as compared with the preceding year, confirms the belief, that the depression which that revenue had experienced, is to be attributed to accidental and temporary causes.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

The Prince Regent is satisfied that you entertain a just sense of the arduous duties which His Royal Highness has been called upon to fulfil, in consequence of His Majesty's continued indisposition.

Under this severe calamity, His Royal Highness derives the greatest consolation from his reliance on your experienced wisdom, loyalty, and public spirit, to which in every difficulty he will resort with a firm confidence, that through your assistance and support he shall be enabled, under the blessings of Divine Providence, successfully to discharge the important functions of the high trust reposed in him; and in the name and on the behalf of his beloved Father and revered Sovereign, to maintain unimpaired the prosperity and honour of the nation.

Admiralty-Office, January 11, 1811.

*Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to John Wilson Croker, Esq; dated on board the Calledonia, at Port Mahon, the 7th November 1811.*

SIR,

YOU will do me the favour to lay before their Lordships, the enclosed account from the Honourable Captain Duncan, of His Majesty's ship Imperieuse, stating the capture of three gun-boats, at Possitano, in the Gulph of Salerno, on the 11th ultimo. The gallant conduct of Lieutenant Travers and his companions, who carried the fort by which they were protected, will receive, I am sure, the approbation of their Lordships.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) EDWARD PELLEW.