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AT the Court at *Carlton-House*, the 30th of April 1813,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS it has been represented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that, on the recapture of ships and goods belonging to His Majesty's subjects, whereof the owners and proprietors are entitled to the restitution on salvage as by law established, losses have been occasioned by the sale of ships and cargoes, on the unlivery thereof by authority of the Courts of Vice-Admiralty, for the purpose of settling the salvage due thereon, in cases wherein the owners and proprietors, or their agents specially authorised, are not present to claim;

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that, in the cases aforesaid, on a claim being given for the ship by the master, or in his absence by the mate; and for the cargo, by the supercargo or master, or by the mate in the absence of the master, the Court shall direct a valuation of the ship and cargo to be made by appraisement without sale or unlivery, as far as the same shall be practicable; and on such valuation to be approved and confirmed by the Court, shall direct the ship and cargo to be restored to the person or persons aforesaid claiming the same, on payment of the proportion decreed to be paid to the captors, in lieu of salvage, and of such costs and expences as shall be directed by the Court; and in default of such payment, the Court shall order and direct so much of the cargo to be sold as shall be sufficient for the payment of the salvage and expences due thereon; and further so much of the said cargo as shall be sufficient to pay the salvage and expences due on the ship, if the person or persons to whom the cargo shall be restored by decree of the Court shall consent thereto.

And it is further ordered, that in no case shall

the Court proceed to order the ship or goods to be sold or unlivered, save as aforesaid, unless such sale or unlivery shall, owing to special circumstances, become necessary; in which case the reasons on which the Judge shall proceed to make such order, shall be noted summarily in the minutes of Court: and the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, and the Judges of the Courts of Vice-Admiralty, are to take the necessary measures herein as to them may respectively appertain.

Jus. Buller.

Admiralty-Office, May 11, 1813.

Extract of a Letter from Captain De Courcy, of His Majesty's Sloop Mutine, addressed to Rear-Admiral Lord Amelius Beauclerk, and transmitted by Admiral Sir Robert Calder to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Sloop Mutine, at Sea, April 18, 1813.

MY LORD,

I HAVE great pleasure in acquainting your Lordship, that yesterday morning, while in execution of your Lordship's orders, at daylight, a strange ship was discovered on our lee bow, to which elace was given immediately; at two P. M. the stranger hoisted French colours, and commenced a fire from her stern guns, which, disabling us in our sails and rigging, occasioned us to drop a-stern; at forty minutes past eight, being again within gun-shot, he hoisted a light, and opened a fire from his broadside, which was continued until forty-five minutes past ten, when his maintop gallant-masts and jibs being shot away, we were enabled to close him; still it was not until after a spirited resistance of fifty minutes, that at half past eleven she hauled down her colours. I am convinced that had the action taken place during the day, it would have been of much shorter continuance: she proved to be *L'Invincible* privateer corvette, of Bayonne, Martin Jortis, Commander, pierced for twenty guns, mounting sixteen, viz. twelve eighteen-pounder carronades (French calibre) and four long sixes, with a complement of eighty-six men (partly Ame-