

which distinguishes His Imperial Majesty, Alexander, Emperor and Autocrat of All the Russias; the high friendship and close alliance happily subsisting between His Majesty and the said Emperor; and the glorious efforts of His Imperial Majesty for the deliverance and welfare of the Continent of Europe; doth, in the name and on the behalf of, and in virtue of the power and authority inherent in, the Sovereign of the said Most Noble Order, dispense with the said statutes, in as far as may be required for the present especial purpose, and decree, ordain, and enjoin that the Knights Companions, in Chapter assembled, might forthwith proceed to the election of the said Emperor into the said Most Noble Order; any statute, decree, rule, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Knights Companions then proceeded to the election; and, the suffrages being collected by the Chancellor and presented to the Prince Regent, the Chancellor, by the command of His Royal Highness, declared to the Chapter that His Imperial Majesty, Alexander, Emperor and Autocrat of All the Russias, had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

After the election, Francis Townsend, Esquire, Windsor Herald, was admitted to take the oath as Deputy, *pro hac vice*, to Garter Principal King of Arms; and, having had the honour to kiss His Royal Highness's hand, withdrew.

The Chapter ended, Garter called over the Knights; and a procession was made back to His Royal Highness's apartment, in the order as before.

Carlton-House, July 27, 1813.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of the Sovereign, has been pleased, by a Commission under the Great Seal of the Order, to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable William Viscount Cathcart, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, a General of the Forces, one of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Emperor of All the Russias; Sir Isaac Heard, Knight, Garter Principal King of Arms (or his Deputy *pro hac vice*); and Sir Thomas Tyrwhitt, Knt. Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, to be His Majesty's Plenipotentiaries for investing His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of All the Russias with the ensigns and the whole habit of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

His Royal Highness was pleased, previously to the Chapter held this day, to approve that Francis Townsend, Esq. Windsor Herald, be Deputy to Garter Principal King of Arms for this especial service.

His Royal Highness has also been pleased to approve that George Frederick Beltz, Esq. Secretary to Garter Principal King of Arms, be the Secretary to the said Commission.

Admiralty-Office, July 31, 1813.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Tritton, of His Majesty's Sloop Kingsfisher, addressed to Captain Hoste, of the Bacchante, and transmitted by Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Sloop Kingsfisher, off Fano, February 8, 1813.

I BEG leave to acquaint you that, at daylight on the morning of the 2d instant, Fano bearing S. S. E. six miles, several trabacolos were seen near Melara, steering to the southward; there being little wind, I dispatched the cutter and pinnace, under the command of Mr. G. H. Palmer, Acting Lieutenant, and Mr. John Waller, Gunner, to intercept them; in which, after five hours chase, they succeeded, by capturing one and running nine on shore near St. Catherines, in the island of Corfu, five of which were totally destroyed. This piece of service was executed under a very heavy fire of musketry from the heights, and a one gun battery; and, I regret much to say, was not accomplished without loss on our side, having two men killed, and seven severely wounded.

Admiralty-Office, July 31, 1813.

Copy of a Letter from the Honourable Captain Cadogan, of His Majesty's Ship Havannah, ad-

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dressed to Rear-Admiral Fremantle, and transmitted by Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Ship Havannah, off Ortona, March 27, 1813.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that, in executing your orders of the 10th instant, the boats of this ship have been twice successfully employed against the enemy's trade; once on the morning of the 22d instant, in the capture of a large trabacolo of three nine-pounders and small arms, and the destruction by fire of a similar vessel, laden with oil, under the town of Vasto; and again yesterday morning, in the capture of five armed trabacolos, and five feluccas laden with salt, near the town of Fortore. In both instances the vessels being hauled aground, completely dismantled, and under the protection of a strong body of military on the beach, besides the guns of the latter vessels, which had been landed. I ordered my boats to land wide of the spot, and force their position; this was immediately effected (under a strong opposition) by Lieutenant Hambly, First of this ship (the marines, under Lieutenant Hockly, very judiciously posted), whilst the vessels were equipped and got afloat by the exertions of the officers and men, with a celerity that reflects the highest credit on their characters. At Vasto, the French officer who headed the troops was killed. At Fortore, the enemy left one man killed. I am