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TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1814.

AT the Court at Carlton-House, the 21st of April 1814,

**PRESENT;**

His Royal Highness the **PRINCE REGENT** in Council.

**HIS** Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the restrictions heretofore imposed on the ports of Italy shall immediately cease, and be suspended, and that it shall be lawful for His Majesty's subjects to trade in the same manner as they had before traded in times of peace, between His Majesty's dominions, and the ports of Italy from which the British flag is not excluded:

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, 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.

*Chetwynd.*

Admiralty-Office, April 26, 1814.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Rainier, of His Majesty's Ship *Niger*, addressed to Vice-Admiral Dixon, and transmitted by the latter to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

*His Majesty's Ship Niger, at Sea,*  
January 6, 1814.

SIR,

**I**ACQUAINT you for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that having made the Island of St. Antonio yesterday morning, for the purpose of correcting my longitude previous to allowing the ships parting company, who were bound to Marañam, a strange sail was discovered a-head. I immediately gave chase; His Majesty's ship *Tagus* in company. She was soon made out to be a frigate, and we had the pleasure to find that we were gaining upon her; at daylight this

morning we were not more than a mile and a half distant; at half past seven, they took in studding sails and hauled the wind on the starboard tack; finding that we had the advantage before it. The *Tagus* being to windward, Captain Pison was enabled to open his fire first, which was briskly returned by the enemy; who had hoisted French colours on the *Tagus* showing hers. After exchanging a few broadsides, the French frigate's main topmast was shot away, which rendered her escape impossible; and as His Majesty's ship under my command was coming up, any farther defence would only have occasioned a useless sacrifice of lives; they fired a broadside and struck their colours. On taking possession she proved *La Ceres*, French frigate, of forty-four guns, and three hundred and twenty-four men, commanded by Le Baron de Bougainville, out one month from Brest on her first cruise; she is only two years old, copper fastened and sails well. I should not do justice to the Baron if I omitted stating that during the long and anxious chase (in which we ran two hundred and thirty eight miles), his ship was manœuvred in a masterly style. I have sent Mr. Manton, first of this ship, in charge of the prize, who is a deserving officer.

I have, &c.

(Signed) P. RAINIER, Captain.

To Vice-Admiral Dixon, Commander  
in Chief, &c. Rio Janeiro.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Essex.

Cornelius Kortright, Esq. to be Deputy Lieutenant.  
Dated January 7, 1814.

John Jolliffe Tufnell, Esq. to be ditto. Dated as above.

Carr Thomas Brackenbury, Esq. to be ditto. Dated as above.

1st Regiment of Essex Local Militia.

Ensign George Pocock to be Lieutenant, vice Gordon, resigned. Dated April 5, 1813.