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AT the Court at *Kensington*, the 8th Day of *May* 1758,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council, of the Twenty Ninth of March last, For paying the respective Bounties therein mentioned, to all Able and Ordinary Seamen, and also to all Able-bodied Landmen, who should voluntarily enter themselves in His Majesty's Royal Navy; and likewise for paying the Rewards to Persons discovering Seamen who should conceal themselves, will expire upon the Twentieth Day of this Instant May;—And whereas it is judged expedient for His Majesty's Service, That the Bounties and Rewards thereby given, should be continued to be paid for some Time longer; His Majesty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby Order, That the Bounties of Three Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years; and of Thirty Shillings for every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, be continued to be paid to such Seamen and Landmen respectively, who shall, on or before the Thirtieth Day of June next, enter themselves in the Royal Navy, in the Manner directed by His Majesty's Proclamation of the Fourth Day of January 1757: And likewise, That the Rewards of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, be continued to be paid to any Persons who shall, on or before the said Thirtieth Day of June next, discover any Seaman or Seamen who shall conceal themselves, so as such Seaman or Seamen be taken for His Majesty's Service. Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

W. Blair.

Admiralty Office, May 13.

In Pursuance of the King's Pleasure, Lord Anson, Vice-Admiral of Great Britain, and Admiral of the White, was this Day appointed Commander in Chief of a Fleet now fitting for the Sea.

Admiralty-Office, May 13.

On the 26th of last Month, His Majesty's Ship the *Windfor*, of 60 Guns, commanded by Capt. Faulkner, with the *Escorte* Frigate, were sent from Plymouth, in order to intercept two French Frigates, and three Storeships under their Convoy, which sailed a few Days before from Dunkirk Road to the Westward. On the 27th towards Noon, about 16 Leagues from the

Ramhead, Capt. Faulkner was in Sight of them, when the two Frigates brought to in a Line, as if they intended to receive him, and the Storeships continued standing to the Westward. When the *Windfor* came within about two Gun Shot of the Frigates, they made all the Sail they could towards the Coast of France: Upon which Capt. Faulkner sent the *Escorte* after the Storeships, while he gave Chace to the Frigates, and continued it till Four in the Afternoon; when finding they greatly outfailed him, he gave it over, and made after their Convoy, which could then but just be discerned from the Poop. The next Morning at Day-light, only one of them was to be seen, which the *Windfor* came up with and took. She is called the *St. Peter*, of near 400 Tuns Burthen, and her Cargo consisted of Provisions, and 1000 Stand of Arms, intended for *Quebec*. Another of these Storeships was fallen in with the same Day by a Squadron of His Majesty's Ships to the Westward, commanded by Capt. Pratten, and was taken by Capt. Douglas in the *Alcide*. She is called the *Baden*, is about the same Size with the other, and loaded with Provisions.

On the 29th, about Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, Capt. Pratten seeing a Sail to the S. W. made a Signal for the *Dorsetshire*, of 70 Guns, and 520 Men, commanded by Captain Denis, to give Chace; and soon after observing the Chace to be a large Ship, dispatched the *Achilles*, of 60 Guns, commanded by the Honourable Captain Barrington, also after her, and then followed them with the rest of the Squadron. About Seven o'Clock the *Dorsetshire* came up with the Chace, which proved to be the *Raisonable*, a French Ship of War of 64 Guns, and 630 Men, and Capt. Denis began to engage her very closely, and they continued warmly engaged till about Nine o'Clock, when the Enemy's Ship, commanded by the Prince de Mombazon, Chevalier de Rohan, struck, having suffered greatly in her Hull, and had 61 Men killed, and 100 wounded. She was going from *l'Orient* to *Brest*, a new Ship, not above four or five Months off the Stocks. The *Dorsetshire's* Masts, Yards, and Sails, were greatly shattered. She had 15 Men killed, and 21 wounded, in the Action; and one of the Wounded is since dead.

Advice is received from Rear Admiral Broderick, who was on his Passage to the Mediterranean, that, on the 13th of last Month, in the Latitude of 48:00, His Majesty's Ship the *Prince George*, of 80 Guns, in which the Rear Admiral hoisted his Flag, took Fire at Half an Hour after One in the Afternoon, and after burning down to the Water's Edge, the Remnant of her sunk at a little before Six in the Evening. The Rear Admiral says, he could not then give a particular Account of the People who were on board her, being about 780; but he feared the Number lost far exceeded the Number saved.