

claimed every idea of any charge for misconduct. He declared his approbation of many of the suggestions thrown out for the security of the country; but protested against the idea of their being thought novel. The fact was, that they were perfectly familiar to those whose duty it was to take the steps necessary to give adequate protection to the country. He begged leave now to express his disapprobation of the proposed plan of fortification in the strongest manner. The adoption of it would be highly discreditable to the country. He argued that the appointment of a Military Council was wholly unnecessary, the existing Boards being perfectly adequate to all military purposes. He paid some high compliments to Colonel Lindendorff, who was in every point of view fit to judge of the merit of military plans.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

PLYMOUTH, AUGUST 4.

By a vessel arrived from — this morning, which left that place on Friday last, it appears that accounts have been received there, that the French were in great force at St. Maloes and Granville; that 50,000 troops were embarking, and their destination slated to be an attack on Guernsey and Jersey; in consequence of which the troops and inhabitants of those Islands made immediate preparation, and are in a state of readiness to give them a warm reception, in the event of an attempt; but from the state of Ireland, it is probable that their destination may be for that part of the United Kingdom.

The *Victorious*, of 16 guns, Capt. Richards, arrived here this morning from Gibraltar with dispatches, which she received from Capt. Barlow, of His Majesty's ship *Triumph*, of 74 guns, having been dispatched from Lord Nelson for the purpose, the dispatches were sent off immediately for London by express. The *Victorious* has detained and brought in with her the American ship *Alexander Hodgson*, Capt. Thorndyke, from Batavia, laden with a very valuable cargo, said to be bound to Marseilles; both ships are under quarantine.

The *Doris*, of 36 guns, Capt. Pearson, had arrived at Gibraltar with two very valuable French prizes, and was soon expected to sail with them for England.

Lord Keith has established a communication between Sheerness, his Lordship's head quarters, and the Downs on the one hand, and Hoveley Bay on the other, by a chain of signal posts. Pringlewell Church Steeple, this week, has been converted into a signal tower of some consequence; it is under the direction of a navy Lieutenant, which readily enables the General on the Essex coast to communicate with Lord Keith's flag-ship at the Nore, or even at Sheerness.

Since Lord Keith arrived at Sheerness, and placed all the black-ships in the different channels, and passages leading to the Thames and Medway.

LONDON, AUGUST 7.

A number of young ladies, who have been for some time at a boarding-school, at Rouen, where sent to Calais the other day on their way to England. When on the point of sailing, to their great disappointment and surprise, an order came down from the First Consul, desiring they might be detained, till the English Government sent back Master and Miss Lapagerie, nephew and niece of Madame Bonaparte, who are prisoners in England.

By letters from St. Lucia, of the 25th June, we learn, that 300 troops were then re-embarked for the purpose of attacking Tobago, which it was expected would be a more easy conquest than St. Lucia.

Letters from Copenhagen state, that an English fleet is expected to be stationed at the entrance of the Sound. In consequence of this report, all the goods for Hamburg have been sent with the utmost expedition to Lubeck.

The *Hazard*, of 18 guns, Capt. Neve, is said to have been taken off Ferrol. The *Hazard* was on the look out off Ferrol; she escaped four French line of battle ships going into that harbour, supposed from St. Domingo, but in the grey of the next morning found herself surrounded by four French frigates and a corvette, and was, of course obliged to strike: she was seen in the outer-road of Ferrol, by a neutral vessel, with French colours flying over the British.

INDIA.

A most desperate action has lately taken place at Tonquin, between the army of the King of Cochin China and the troops of the King of Tonquin. The Perses, lately arrived from Canton, has brought home a letter stating the particulars. The action commenced at sunrise on the 1st day of February, which continued for three days successively and terminated in the defeat of the King of Cochin China, who is said to have been supported by the Emperor's troops. The whole country was in a state of the utmost alarm, the contest not having been decided. Both armies suffered severely. They are stated to have lost 20,000 men each. The King of Burmah is assembling a very large force, and a deputation is sent to Lar-gione, to induce the King of Laos to join in the league against the Cochin Chinese.

From the QUEBEC GAZETTE.

BY AUTHORITY.

METINY ACT—In force from the 24th March, 1803.

SOME Alterations have been introduced into this Act, which it is thought expedient to point out to the particular attention of commanding Officers of Regiments, and for the information of the Army in General.

DESERTERS.

Sec. 4. } * A General Court Martial has no power, Page 11, 12. } to give the power of adjudging deserters to leave abroad as Soldiers; a service to which the regular soldier is always liable in the ordinary course of duty; but the Court is now authorized, in cases where death may be thought too great a punishment, to sentence a Deserter to transportation as a Felon, either for life, or a term of years, according to the degree of the offence and if before the expiration of the term limited by the sentence, a Soldier so transported shall return into, or be found at large within any

part of the United Kingdom, without leave from His Majesty, or the Commanding Officer of the place to which the Soldier was ordered to be transported, or without some other lawful cause, every such person being convicted thereof, in the ordinary course of law, will be deemed guilty of Felony, and will suffer death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

Sec. 5. } Where a Court Martial, either in the case Page 13. } of Desertion, or of any other Capital Offence, shall have given a sentence of Death, His Majesty is empowered, if he shall think fit, to order that punishment to be changed for transportation as a Felon, for Life, or a term of years, as to His Majesty shall seem meet; and the punishment for returning before the expiration of the term limited by such order of His Majesty, will be death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

Sec. 606. } Persons harbouring, concealing, or assisting Page 118. } deserters, are now liable to a Penalty of Twenty Pounds for each Offence, instead of Five Pounds as in former Acts.

Sec. 607. } The right of the Military, to apprehend Page 114. } deserters, and to receive the reward for apprehending them, without the assistance of a Civil Officer, is now established.

Sec. 607. } This Section has been altered, so as to put Page 117. } it out of Doubt, that Gaolers at Places on the road between the original Place of Confinement, and that of final destination, are obliged to receive Deserters, into their Custody, without any Fee or Reward, whether the Deserters are conveyed by virtue of a Magistrate's Warrant, or under Military Escort, by an order from the War Office.

Forfeiture of Pay, During Confinement for Criminal Offences.

Sec. 16. } The Pay of Officers and Men, convicted Page 24. } in the ordinary course of Law of any Criminal Offence, and under confinement in consequence thereof, is forfeited, from the day on which the conviction takes place, to the day of their return to the Military Duty.

* This does not interfere with the power given by the Act 42d, Geo. III, cap. 90. § 127, to Courts Martial in the Militia, to sentence Deserters belonging to those Forces (who are not liable by their original Engagement to be sent out of Great-Britain) to serve in His Majesty's Regiment without limitation as to the period or place of service.

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SAINT JOHN, October 8, 1803.

Monday last arrived the Brig *Industry*, Captain Rawleigh, in 32 days from Montego Bay, Jamaica—Cargo, Rum and Sugar, to Grigor and Donald.

Wednesday His Excellency Lieut. Governor CARLETON with his Family, embarked in the Ship *America* and sailed for England; upon which the Government of the Province, in his absence, devolved upon the Honourable GABRIEL G. LUDLOW, Esquire, as President of His Majesty's Council, who accordingly took the necessary Oaths in Council, as Commander in Chief of the Province.

Sailed also Ship *Polly*, Captain Swann, for Jamaica; Schooner *Thomas*, Capt. Fowler, for Tobago, and Sch'r. *Mercury*, Capt. Beateay, for Bolton.

MARRIED] On Monday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. BYLES, Capt. CHARLES SWANN, of the ship *Polly*, to Miss SARAH KENNEY, of this City.

BOB ROUSEM'S EPISTLE TO BONYPART.

THIS comes hoping you are well, as I am at this present; but I say, Bony, what a damn'd Lubber you must be to think of getting *foundings* among us English. I tell ye as how your Anchor will never hold; it isn't made of good Stuff, to luff up Bony or you'll be fast *ground* before you know where you are. We don't mind your Palaver and Nonfence, for though 'tis all Wind it would hardly fill the *Sun* fails of an English Man of War. You'll never catch a Breeze to bring ye here as long as you live, depend upon it. I'll give ye a bit of Advice now; do try to Lie as near the Truth as possible, and don't give us any more of your *Clinchers*. I say, do you remember how Lord Nelson came round ye at the Nile? I tell ye what, if you don't take Care what you are about, you'll soon be afloat in a way you won't like, in a High Sea, upon a Grating, my Boy, without a bit of soft Tommy to put into your Lanthorn Jaws. I'll tell you now how we shall fill up the Log-Book if you come; I'll give ye the Journal, my Boy, with an Allowance for *Lee-way* and *Variation* that you don't expect. Now then, at Five, A. M. Bonypart's Cook-Boats sent out to amuse our ENGLISH MEN OF WAR with *fighting*, (that we like). Six, A. M. Bonypart-lands (that is if he can), then we begin to blow the Grampus; Seven, A. M. Bonypart in a Pucker; Eight, A. M. Bonypart *running away*; Nine, A. M. Bonypart on board; Ten, A. M. Bonypart *finking*; Eleven, A. M. Bonypart in *Davy's Locker*; MERIDIAN, Bonypart in the North Corner of —, where it burns and freezes at the same time; but you know any Port in a Storm Bony, so there I'll leave ye. Now you know what you have to expect; so you see as how you can't say I didn't tell ye. Come, I'll give ye a Toast: Here's Hard Breezes and Foul Weather to ye my Boy in your Passage; Here's may you be Sea Sick; We'll soon make ye Sick of the Sea; Here's may you never have a Friend here or a Bottle to give him. And to capelude; Here's the FRENCH FLAG where it ought to be, under the ENGLISH.

THIS
BOB X ROUSEM.
MARK

P. S. You see as I couldn't write, our Captain's Clerk put the Litgo into black and white for me, and says he'll charge it to you.



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or any of the Windward Islands,
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