

[From the London Gazette Extraordinary.]  
ADMIRALTY OFFICE, November 20.

*His Majesty's Ship the Royal George, arrived with a Letter from Sir EDWARD HAWKE to Mr. CLEVELAND, of which the following is a Copy.*

Royal George, off Paris-Point, Nov. 24.

S I R,

IN my Letter of the 17th, by Express, I desired you would acquaint their Lordships with my having received Intelligence of Eighteen Sail of the Line and three Frigates of the British Squadron, being discovered about 24 Leagues to the N. W. of Belleisle, steering to the Eastward; all the Prisoners, however, agree, that on the Day we chased them, their Squadron consisted, according to the accompanying List, of four Ships of 80, six of 74, three of 70, eight of 64, one Frigate of 36, one of 32, and one of 16 Guns, with a small Vessel to look out. They sailed from Brest the 14th Instant, the same Day I sailed from Torbay. Concluding that their first Rendezvous would be Quiberon, the Instant I received the Intelligence I directed my Course thither with a press Sail. At first the Wind blowing hard at S. by E. drove us considerably to the Westward. But on the 18th and 19th, the variable, it proved more favourable. In the mean Time, having been joined by the Maidstone and Coventry Frigates, I directed their Commanders to keep a-head of the Squadron, one on the Starboard, and the other on the Larboard Bow. At half past Eight o'Clock in the Morning of the 20th, Belleisle, by our reckoning, bearing E. by N. 1/2 N. the Maidstone made the Signal for seeing a Fleet. I immediately spread a-broad the Signal for a Line a-bread, in order to draw all the Ships of the Squadron up with me. I had before sent the Magnanime a-head, to make the Land. At Three-Quarters past Nine she made the Signal for an Enemy. Observing, on my discovering them, that they made off, I threw out the Signal for the 7 Ships nearest them to chase, and draw into a Line a-battle a-head of me, and endeavour to stop them 'till the rest of the Squadron should come up, who were also to form as they chased, that no Time might be lost in the Pursuit. That Morning they were in Chace of the Rochefort, Chatham, Portland, Falkland, Minerva, Vengeance and Venus, all which joined me about Eleven o'Clock; and, in the Evening, the Saphire from Quiberon Bay. All the Day we had very hard Gales, at N. W. and W. N. W. with heavy Squalls. M. Conflans kept going off under such Sail as all his Squadron could carry, and at the same Time keep together, while we crowded after him with every Sail our Ships could bear.

At half past Two P. M. the Fire beginning a-head, I made the Signal for engaging. We were then to the Southward of Belleisle, and the French Admiral headmost, soon after led round the Cardinals, while his Rear was in Action. About 4 o'Clock the Formidable struck, and a little after the Thesee and Superbe were sunk. About Five the Heros struck, and came to an Anchor; but blowing hard, no Boat could be sent on board her. Night was now come, and being on a Part of the Coast, among Islands and Shoals, of which we were totally ignorant, without a Pilot, as was the greatest Part of the Squadron, and blowing hard on a Lee Shore, I made the Signal to Anchor, and came to in 15 Fathom Water, the Island of Dumet bearing E. by N. between two and three Miles, the Cardinals W. half S. and the Steeples of Crozie S. E. as we found next Morning.

In the Night we heard many Guns of Ditreis fired, but blowing hard, want of Knowledge of the Coast, and whether they were fired by a Friend or an Enemy, prevented all Means of Relief.

By Day-break of the 21st, we discovered one of our Ships ashore on the Foura Sand Bank, the French Heros also, and the Soleil Royal, which under Cover of the Night had anchored among us, cut and run ashore to the Westward of Crozie. On the latter's moving, I made the Effex's Signal to slip and pursue her, but she unfortunately got upon the Foura, and both she and the Resolution are irrecoverably lost, notwithstanding we sent them all the Assistance the Weather would permit. About Fourscore of the Resolution's Company, in Spite of the strongest Remonstrances of their Captain, made Rafts, and, with several French Prisoners belonging to the Formidable, put off, and I am afraid drove out to Sea. All the Effex's are saved (with as many of the Stores as possible) except one Lieutenant and a Boat's Crew, who were drove on the French Shore, and have not since been heard of: The Remains of both Ships are

set on Fire. We found the Dorsetshire, Revenge, and Defiance, in the Night of the 20th put out to Sea. I believe the Dorsetshire did, for she is still missing. The Dorsetshire and Defiance returned next Day, and the latter saw the Revenge without. Thus, what Loss we have sustained has been owing to the Weather, not the Enemy, seven or eight of whose Line of Battle Ships got to Sea, I believe, the Night of the Action.

As soon as it was broad Day-light, in the Morning of the 21st, I discovered seven or eight of the Enemy's Line of Battle Ships at Anchor, between Point Penris and the River Villaine; on which I made the Signal to weigh, in order to work up and attack them; but it blowed so hard from the N. W. that instead of daring to cast the Squadron loose, I was obliged to strike Top-gallant Masts. Most of those Ships appeared to be a-ground at low Water; but on the Flood, by lightening them, and the Advantage of the Wind under the Land, all except two got that Night into the River Villaine.

The Weather being moderate on the 22d, I sent the Portland, Chatham, and Vengeance, to destroy the Soleil Royal, and Heros. The French, on the Approach of our Ships, set the first on Fire, and soon after the latter met the same Fate from our People. In the mean Time I got under Way, and worked up within Penris Point, as well for the Sake of it's being a safer Road, as to destroy, if possible, the two Ships of the Enemy which still lay without the Villaine; but before the Ships I sent a-head for that Purpose could get near them, being quite light, and with the Tide of Flood, they got in.

All the 23d we were employed in reconnoitring the Entrance of that River, which is very narrow, and only 12 Foot Water on the Bar, at low Water. We discovered at least seven, if not eight Line of Battle Ships, about half a Mile within, quite light, and two large Frigates moored across to defend the Mouth of the River; only the Frigates appeared to have Guns in. By Evening I had twelve Long Boats, fitted as Fireships, ready to attempt burning them, under Cover of the Saphire and Coventry; but the Weather being bad, and the Wind contrary, obliged me to defer it, till at least the latter should be favourable; if they can, by any Means, be destroyed, it shall be done.

In attacking a flying Enemy, it was impossible in the Space of a short Winter's Day, that all our Ships should be able to get into Action, or all those of the Enemy brought to it. The Commanders and Companies of such as did come up with the Rear of the French, on the 20th, behaved with the greatest Intrepidity, and gave the strongest Proofs of a true British Spirit. In the same manner, I am satisfied, would those have acquitted themselves, whose bad going Ships, or the Distance they were at in the Morning, prevented from getting up. Our Loss by the Enemy is not considerable; for in the Ships which are now with me, I find only one Lieutenant, and 39 Seamen and Mariners killed, and about 202 wounded. When I consider the Season of the Year, the hard Gales on the Day of Action, a flying Enemy, the shortness of the Day, and the Coast we are on, I can boldly affirm, that all that could possibly be done, has been done. As to the Loss we have sustained, let it be placed to the Account of the Necessity I was under of running all Risks to break this strong Force of the Enemy: Had we had but two Hours more Day-light, the Whole had been totally destroyed, or taken, for we were almost up with their Van when Night overtook us.

Yesterday came in here the Pallas, Fortune Sloop, and the Proserpine Fireship. On the 16th I had dispatched the Fortune to Quiberon, with Directions to Capt. Duff to keep strictly on his Guard. In his Way thither she fell in with the Hebe, a French Frigate of Forty Guns, under Jury Masts, and fought her several Hours. During the Engagement, Lieut. Stuart, 2d of the Ramillies, whom I had appointed to command her, was unfortunately killed; the surviving Officers, on consulting together, resolved to leave her, as she proved too strong for them. I have detached Capt. Young to Quiberon Bay with Five Ships, and am making up a flying Squadron to scour the Coast to the Isle of Aix, and if practicable, to attempt any of the Enemy's Ships that may be there.

I am, SIR, &c.  
ED. HAWKE.  
List of Ships with Sir Edward Hawke, November 20, 1759.  
Royal George, 100 Guns, 330 Men, Sir Edward Hawke, Capt. Campbell; Union 90, 770 Men, Sir Charles Hardy, Capt. Evans; Duke 90, 750 Men, Graves; Namur 90, 750 Men, Buckle; Mars 74, 600 Men, James Young, Esq; Commodore; Warlight 74, 600 Men, Sir John Bentley; Hercules 74, 630 Men, Fortescue; Torbay 74, 700 Men, Hon. Capt. Keppel; Magnanime 74, 700 Men, Right Hon.

Lord Howe; Resolution 74, 600 Men, Speke; Hero 74, 600 Men, Hon. Capt. Edgumbe; Swiftsure 70, 520 Men, Sir Thomas Stanhope; Dorsetshire 70, 520 Men, Dennis; Kingfisher 70, 520 Men, Goring; Chichester 70, 520 Men, Willet; Temple 70, 520 Men, Washington Shirley; Revenge 64, 480 Men, Storr; Essex 64, 480 Men, Obrien; Kingston 60, 420 Men, Shirley; Intrepid 60, 420 Men, Marpleden; Montague 60, 420 Men, Rowley; Dankirk 60, 420 Men, Digby; Defiance 60, 420 Men, Baird. The following Frigates joined Sir Edward, between Ushant and Belle-Ile.

Rochester 50, 350 Men, Duff; Portland 50, 350 Men, Arbuthnot; Faulkland 50, 350 Men, Drake; Chatham 50, 350 Men, Lockart; Minerva 32, 220 Men, Hood; Venus 36, 240 Men, Harrison; Vengeance 28, 200 Men, Nightingale; Coventry 28, 200 Men, Burdett; Maidstone 28, 200 Men, Digges; Saphire 32, 220 Men, Strachan.

List of the French Squadron which came out of Brest, November 14, 1759.  
Le Soleil Royal, 80 Guns, 1200 men, M. Conflans, Adm. Le Tonnant 80, 1000 men, M. Beaufremont, Vice-Adm. Le Formidable 80, 1000 men, M. de St. Andre du Verger, Rear-Adm. L'Orient 80, 1000 men, M. Guebrant, Chef d'Escadre; L'Intrepide 74, 815 men; Le Glorieux 74, 815 men; Le Thesee 74, 815 men; L'Heros 74, 815 men; Le Robuste 74, 815 men; Le Magnifique 74, 815 men; Le Juste 70, 800 men; Le Superbe 70, 800 men; Le Dauphin 70, 800 men; Le Dragon 64, 750 men; Le Northumberland 64, 750 men; Le Sphinx 64, 750 men; Le Solitaire 64, 750 men; Le Brillant 64, 750 men; L'Eveille 64, 750 men; Le Bizarre 64, 750 men; L'Inflexible 64, L'Hebe 40, La Vestale 34, L'Argente 36, Le Calypso 16, Le Prince Noir, a small Vessel to look out.

The above Ships were all in Company when the Action began, except the Hebe Frigate.  
[Here Ends the Gazette Extraordinary.]

Sherburne, Dec. 3. It was reported at Exeter Saturday Morning, that an Express was gone through the City, with an Account that Admiral Hawke had burnt the 8 French Ships of the Line which got up the River Villaine. This we hope to be true, but at present cannot affirm it for certain.

L O N D O N.  
An Express arrived on Sunday with Advice, that the Squadron under the Command of M. Thurot failed from Gottenborough on the 13th of November. He gave out that he was bound to the North of Scotland.

By an Express arrived this Morning from Edinburgh there is Advice that a Swedish Ship, commanded by a Scotchman, is put into Scotland, the Master whereof gave an Account that M. Thurot was off Scotland the 22d, steering Northward; and that Commodore Boys was but a small Distance from him.

Extract of a Letter from Paris, Nov. 16.  
Besides M. Bompar's Squadron, another Ship of the Line and two Frigates are arrived at Brest, viz. the Achilles, the Zephyr, and the Syren. These Ships came from the Cape of Good Hope, and the Bay of All-Saints.

The whole Armament at Vannes has been ready for Embarkation since the 25th ult.

Capt. Thurot is certainly destined for the North of Scotland. He has more Troops on board than would be imagined from the Number of his Ships, which are double manned; and he has also a considerable Sum of Money on board, and a Number of Fire-arms.

At the Court at St. James's, the 27th Day of November, 1759. P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council. His Majesty has been pleased to constitute and appoint the following Persons to be Governors in America, viz.

William Henry Lyttelton, Esq; to be Captain-General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Island of Jamaica, in the Room of George Haldane, Esq; deceased.

Thomas Pownall, Esq; to be Captain-General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Province of South-Carolina, in the Room of William Henry Lyttelton, Esq;

Francis Bernard, Esq; to be Captain-General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay, in the Room of Thomas Pownall, Esq;

And Thomas Boone, Esq; to be Captain-General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, in the Room of Francis Bernard, Esq;

And his Majesty was likewise pleased to appoint William Bull, Esq; to be Lieutenant-Governor of his Majesty's Province of South-Carolina.

T O B E S O L D,  
A PLANTATION situate in Kent County, within a Mile and a half of George-Town, upon the main Road, very convenient for either a Merchant or Tavern-keeper, having good Improvements thereon. For Terms of Sale apply to Mr. William Rafin in George-Town. *paid 2.19*

*John Watson* JOHN WATSON.

ANY Person or Persons having WHEAT to dispose of, at Four Shillings a Bushel, are desired to bring it to any convenient Landing on South River, by the last of this Month, when the Subscriber, or Mr. Nicholas Maccubbin, will be ready to receive it, and pay the Cash.

FRANCIS HICKEY.

January 28, 1760.

RAN away last Night from Curtis's Creek Fem, Works, a Country-born Negro Man, named Fem, about 27 Years of Age; he is a stout well made Fellow, and turns out his Toes very much. He formerly belonged to Samuel Waters in Prince-George's County. Had on when he went away, a Cotton Jacket and Breeches, Country made Shoes and Stockings, and a Pair of old Boot Leggings. Whoever brings home the said Negro, shall have Two Pistoles Reward, paid by

CALEB DORSEY.

January 7, 1760.

STOLEN out of a Stable from the Subscriber, a likely Sorrel Mare, about 13 Hands and a half high, paces flow, gallops and trots well, has a Blaze down her Face, and a Snip on her Nose, a short Tail, and branded on the near Buttock B F very plain. Whoever secures the Thief, so that he may be brought to Justice, shall have Thirty Shillings, and Thirty Shillings more for bringing the Mare to the Subscriber, living on Little-Pipe-Creek, in Frederick County, and reasonable Charges paid. The same Night there was left at the Subscriber's Plantation, a Brown Bay Horse, branded on the near Buttock, but not plain, has a small Blaze down his Face, is shod before, and has lost his near Eye: This Horse was seen in the Possession of Thomas Ledsum in the Neighbourhood the Evening before in sundry Places, and went by the following Names, Thomas Armsby, Thomas Hudson, and Thomas Watson. He is a short thick well-set Man, about 40 Years of Age, and of a sandy Complexion. Had on a light coloured riding Coat, a brown close bodied Coat, a Pair of Everlasting Breeches, a Check Shirt, good Shoes and Stockings. It is said he has had some Hurt in one of his Ancles, and is the Man that was condemned for Horse stealing in the said County, and was reprieved, and enlisted. At John Hobbs's, about 15 Miles from Frederick-Town, he sold a likely Black Mare, about 15 Hands high, about 4 Years old, a natural Pacer, with a crooked narrow Blaze down her Face, and a white Spot a little above her near hind Hoof, for a Trifle, which is supposed to be stolen. As he is a noted Thief, it is hoped all well inclined People will endeavour to have him taken and secured.

WILLIAM FARQUER.  
N. B. He was tried and condemned by the Name of Thomas Ledsum. *Ja. Brooke*

THERE is at the Plantation of George Conn, on the Eastern Branch of Patowmack, near Bladenburg, taken up as a Stray, a small Dark Bay or Black Horse, branded on the near Buttock I. *pd 3/0*

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges. *pd 2*

THERE is at the Plantation of Gerard Truman Greenfield, in Prince-George's County, near Nottingham, taken up as a Stray, a small Dark Bay Horse, branded on the right Buttock FL. *1*

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of Richard Thralls, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, an Iron Grey Mare, with a Piece cut out of her right Ear. *X*

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges. *pd 5/9*

THERE is at the Plantation of Andrew Mikesel, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a small Iron Gray Mare about 4 Years old, paces naturally, branded on the near Shoulder O and on the near Thigh and off Shoulder M. *1*

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges. *X*

To be SOLD at PUBLIC VENDUE,  
For Ready Money, on TUESDAY the 19th of this Instant February (if a fair Day, otherwise on the first that happens thereafter) at White-Hall, where the Reverend Mr. Walter Chalmers lately lived, on the North Side of SEVERN,

ALL the Stock and Utensils on the said Plantation, Household Furniture, &c. consisting of Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Hogs, Carts, Plows, Feather and Flock Beds, Table Linen, Sheets, Tables, Chairs, Iron Pots, Pewter, Copper and Brass Ware, a large Quantity of fine Wool, Wearing Apparel, beside many other Articles of Household Furniture and Plantation Utensils too tedious to mention. *X*

All Persons indebted to the Estate of the said Walter Chalmers, are desired to make speedy Payment; and those who have any Demands against it, are desired to bring in their Accounts, that they may be adjusted, by

ROBERT SWAN, Administrator.

WANTED,  
A JOINER, who understands Cabinet and House-Work. Such a Person, who will Hire for a Year, may meet with Encouragement, by applying to

JOHN FENDALL,  
in Charles County. *2*