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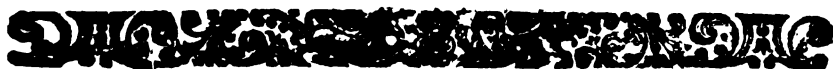
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Gentleman's Magazine;

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TRIAL of ADMIRAL BYNG.



HIS impatience of the public having, as it were, extorted from us the very imperfect account of the trial of Admiral Byng, which was inserted in our last, we shall now endeavour to supply the

defects of that by one more correct. A minute account of all particulars is not indeed to be expected from us, nor does it appear necessary, there being three points only, upon which the whole depends; 1st, Whether he made any unnecessary delays with the fleet under his command, from the time of sailing from *St Helena*, April 6, to the time of his arrival at *Minorca*, May 19, 1756. 2dly, Whether he did all that was in his power to do, agreeable to his instructions, to relieve *St Philip's* fort, upon his arrival there; and, 3dly, Whether he did his utmost to distress the enemy on the day of battle. As a preparative to the evidence relating to these particulars, it is necessary to give an authentic copy of his instructions.

Instructions to Admiral BYNG, &c.

"WHEREAS the King's pleasure has been signified to us by Mr Fox, one of his principal secretaries of state, that, upon consideration of the several advices which have been received, relating to the supposed intention of the *French* to attack the island of *Minorca*, a squadron of ten ships of the line do forthwith sail for the *Mediterranean*, under your command; and whereas we have appointed the ships named in the margin* for this service, you are hereby required and directed immediately to put to sea with such of them as are ready, (leaving orders for the rest to follow you as soon as possible) and proceed with the utmost expedition to *Gibraltar*.

"Upon your arrival there, you are to enquire whether any *French* squadrons come thro' the *Straits*; and, if there is, to inform yourself as well as possible of their number and force, and if any part of them were trans-

ports. And as it is probable they may be designed for *North America*, and as his majesty's ships named in the margin † are either at or going to *Halifax*, and are to cruise off *Louisbourg* and the mouth of the *Gulph of St Lawrence*, you are immediately to take the soldiers out of so many ships of your Squadron as, together with the ships at and going to *Halifax*, will make a force superior to the said *French* squadron (replacing them with landmen or ordinary seamen from your other ships) and then detach them under the command of Rear Admiral *West*, directing him to make the best of his way off *Louisbourg*, and taking the aforementioned ships, which he may expect to find there, under his command, to cruise off the said place and the entrance of the *Gulf of St Lawrence*, and use his utmost endeavours to intercept and seize the aforesaid *French* ships, or any other ships belonging to the *French*, that may be bound to, or returning from, that part of *North America*.

If, upon your arrival at *Gibraltar*, you shall not gain intelligence of a *French* Squadron having passed the *Straits*, you are then to go on, without a moment's loss of time, to *Minorca*: Or if, in consequence of such intelligence, you shall detach Rear Admiral *West*, as before directed, you are to use equal expedition in repairing thither with the ships which shall remain with you, and if you find any attack made upon that island by the *French*, you are to use all possible means in your power for its relief: If you find no such attack made, you are to proceed off *Toulon*, and station your squadron in the best manner you shall be able, for preventing any *French* ships getting out of that port, or for intercepting and seizing any that may get out; and you are to exert the utmost vigilance therein, and in protecting *Minorca* and *Gibraltar* from any hostile attempt.

"You are also to be very vigilant for protecting the trade of his majesty's subjects from being molested, either by the *French*, or by cruisers from *Morocco*, or any other

* 2. *Ramillics*. 3. *Buckingham*, *Culloden*, *Captain*, *Revenge*, *Lancaster*, *Trident*, *Intrepid*, *Kingson*, *Defiance*.

† 3. *Grafton*, *Sterling-Castle*, *Fougueux*, *Nottingham*, *Litchfield*, *Centurion*, *Norwich*, *6. Success*, *Vulture* *fleet*.

Extract from a Poem on the Barbarities of the French and their Savage Allies and Proselytes, on the Frontiers of Virginia. By SAM. DAVIES, A. M.

Long had a mungrel French and Indian brood
Our peaceful frontiers drench'd with British blood.

There horror rang'd, and her dire ensigns bore,
Raw scalps her trophies, stiff with clotted gore;
The heart and bowels smoking on the ground,
Still warm with life, and mangled corpses round.
There buzzards riot, and each ravenous fowl,
And all the monsters of the desert howl,
And gnaw the naked bones; there mix in fight,
Like Gallic tyrants, for their neighbour's right.

See yonder cottage, once the peaceful seat
Of all the pleasures of the nuptial state.
The sturdy son, the prattling infant, there,
And spotless virgin, bless'd the happy pair.
In gentle sleep, undreaming ill, they lay;
But oh! no more to see the chearful day.
Mad with the passions of an Indian soul,
The tawny furies in the thickets prowl,
Thro' the dark night, and watch the dawn of
To spring upon their unsuspecting prey. [day,
The musket's deadly sound, or murder's screams,
Alarm the slumbers, and break off their dreams.

They start, and struggle, but in vain the strife,
To save their own, a child's, or parent's life,
Or dearer, still, a tender bleeding wife. }
Now mingling blood with blood, confus'd they
And blended in promiscuous carnage lie. [die,
Brains, heart and bowels, swim in streams of gore,
Besmear the walls, and mingle on the floor.
Men, children, houses, cattle, harvests, all,
In undistinguishing destruction fall.
Th' infernal savages lift up the yell,
And rouse the terrors of the lowest hell:
Suck the fresh wound, in bloody puddles will,
And thence imbibe a fiercer rage to kill.
From the raw skull the hairy scalp they tare,
And the dire pledge in savage triumph wear.

But see! on *Monongahala's* fatal banks,
Blood flow in larger streams, and thicker ranks
Of heroes fall. Unfortunately brave,
Braddeck alone was honour'd with a grave;
A hasty grave, in consternation made,
And there, uncoffin'd and unshrouded, laid.
There *Halket*, *Sbirley*, there a numerous band
Of brave *Virginians*, (oh! my native land!
How great thy loss! yet greater thy renown,
To call these brave heroic souls thy own.)
Ah! there they fell, to wolves and bears a prey,
Or human savages, more fierce than they.
These men and steeds in common ruin lie;
Some lifeless; wounded some; some seek to fly,
In vain; the skulking savages forsake
Their thickets; and their thirst of blood to slake,
Like furious hounds, rush into the field,
To butcher those not mercifully kill'd.
Now dire terrors o'er the wounded spread,
They envy now their fellow-soldiers dead.
For simple death, or death by hands of men,
Was now a privilege they wish'd in vain.
Now horrid shrieks, and dying groans and cries,
Mist with wild shouts of Indian triumph rise:
Tigers and bears felt pity at the sound,
And wilds, and vale, and mountains trembled round.

The dying now just open the closing eye,
And tawny murderers hovering o'er them spy.
The ear just stopp'd in death perceives their yell,
And trembles, lest it be the cry of hell
The wounded feel the blow that ends the strife,
Extinguishing the faint remains of life,
And kindly leaves them senseless to the scalping knife.

Infernal weapon!—Death o'er spreads the plain,
With heaps of carnage: prayers and tears are vain.

Loud cries for mercy vengeance but provoke,
And supplicating hands but tempt the stroke:
The bended knee but stoops to take the blow,
As hell itself, implacable's the foe.
There toss'd in heaps, or scatter'd o'er the plain,
Naked, unburied, lie the mighty slain.
The soil is with their blood luxuriant grown,
And still their bones lie whitening in the sun.
There birds of prey long fed, and wheel'd their flight;
And savage beasts carous'd and howl'd by night.
Oh fatal spot! with thee be nam'd no more,
Canna, *Pbarzalia*, wash'd with *Roman* gore:
There men with men, here hellish furies fight,
Riot in slaughter, and in blood delight.

To a Red-breast that lodg'd in my House.

Welcome, pretty harmless creature,
From the cold and blustering wind;
Here each night thy tender nature
Safety, warmth, and rest shall find.

When the sun's returning rays
Drive night's gloomy shades away;
With thy soft harmonious lays;
Here salute the chearful day.

From my chamber when I come,
Let not fear invade thy breast;
Still my house shall be thy home,
At my table thou shalt feast.

Unconfinn'd, or go, or stay;
No one e'er shall thee molest;
All my kindness thou'lt repay,
With thy music, tuneful guest!

Chusing a Wife by a Pipe of Tobacco.

Tube, I love thee as my life;
By thee I mean to chuse a wife,
Tube, thy colour let me find,
In her skin, and in her mind.
Let her have a shape as fine;
Let her breath be sweet as thine;
Let her, when her lips I kiss,
Burn like thee, to give me bliss:
Let her in some *smoke* or other,
All my failings kindly smother;
Often when my thoughts are low,
Send them where they ought to go.
When to study I incline,
Let her aid be such as thine:
Such as thine her charming pow'r,
In the vacant social hour
Let her live to give delight,
Ever warm, and ever bright:
Let her deeds, whene'er the die,
Mount as *men's* to the skies.