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CAPTAIN JOSEPH COTTON, DEPUTY-MASTER,
THE WARDENS, ASSISTANTS, AND ELDER BRETHREN,
OF THE GUILD, FRATERNITY, OR BROTHERHOOD OF THE MOST
GLORIOUS AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
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OWING to some unavoidably new arrangements, which we have been obliged to make in our Ship's Company, and to that delay we too often experience, in the very difficult and delicate task of procuring authentic materials for the Biographical Department of our *CHRONICLE*; our memoirs of the public services of naval officers have not been, with the exception of those of Captain E. L. Graham, so full in this Volume, as our readers we trust will find in the next that succeeds it.

Under our Biographical Department will be found a memoir of Admiral Sir Francis Drake, as written by Dr. Johnson, and which, for interest, we believe, cannot be exceeded. From the length of this memoir, we could not complete it in one number, without encroaching upon the other departments of the work, therefore, have continued it occasionally, so as to give the conclusion in our last number of this Volume. Besides the memoir of Admiral Drake, we have given one of the late Austen Forrest, Esq. captain in the Hon East India Company's Marine Service—A sketch of the services of Rear-admiral Richard Ingleton Bury, and the one above alluded to of Captain E. L. Graham.

Our constant wish to give as much interest and accuracy to these Memoirs as the time will admit, very frequently, as in the present case, brings on us an appearance of inattention and falling off from our wonted table of fare. A biographical memoir of the late lamented CAPTAIN NEWMAN had long been promised us, as being ready for insertion; and we know that the greatest pains, and by a very able hand, have been taken to render it worthy of appearing amongst some of the best lives in our volumes: But alas, twice, when the hour of sailing arrived, though we kept the *Blue Peter* flying to the last moment, we were obliged to get under weigh with such cargo as was ready.

Such being sometimes the case, we hope to meet with that forbearance and patience from our friends, which can alone enable us in these times to keep our *CHRONICLE* afloat. It will, we trust, be always found, at the close of every Volume, when the contents of each number are blended together and connected throughout,—a very acceptable companion on the rudder head of the wardroom, and at a price that cannot add much to the expences of the mess. We know it often appears, both at home and abroad, amidst that selection of naval books, which so many Admirals and Captains are in the custom of taking to sea with them. Our utmost endeavours shall never be wanting to make its pages a source of amusement and instruction during a long and tedious cruise: but our early Friends, and occasional Correspondents, must assist us now and then in hauling aft the main sheet, particularly in the Biography, Hydrography, and Correspondence of our *CHRONICLE*.

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We have endeavoured in the present Volume, and we hope with tolerable success, to collect every document we could procure respecting The American Navy, and its proceedings. Mr. Dawson's speech in the House of Representatives, respecting *Naval Rewards to be given by the United States*, is inserted at page 8.—The letter of OCEANUS, respecting the captures which the Americans have made, and the necessity of our employing larger frigates, will be found at page 12. At page 36, is an account of the naval force of the United States, November 1, 1812. At page 53, the Message of the President of the United States to Congress. At page 74, Commodore Rodgers' letter to the American Marine Secretary; and the Letters on Service, respecting the captures of H. M.'s ships Frolic and Macedonian, will be found (pages 75—79). As also Captain J. P. Beresford's letter, respecting the re-capture of the Frolic, and the capture of the American sloop Wasp, of 20 guns.

In our Correspondence, pages 113—119, are letters from ÆOLUS, AN IRON GUN, and ALBION, respecting the American captures, and the respective strength of each in point of ships. The Declaration of our government on the causes and origin of the American war, which reflected so much credit on its noble author, Lord Castlereagh, is given at page 140. Captain Kerr's speech to the crew of the Acasta, on hearing of the capture of the Guerriere, will be found at page 189. An account of the American Naval Dinner, given at New York, to the crew of the United States, with the Address of Admiral Vanderbelt, at page 190. An enclosure from Captain Pigot, of H. M. S. Orpheus, refuting a calumny against the crew of that ship and of others, that they would not fight against the American frigates, is inserted at page 195:—and various other valuable letters (for which we return our sincere thanks), respecting the hitherto untoward circumstances of the naval war in America, will be found at pages 197, 198, 199, and 204: ARION's excellent reflections, on the event of the actions between the United States, and the Guerriere and Macedonian, at page 206; together with other judicious remarks on the same subject, at pages 288, 291, 390; and the important communication of the American Marine Secretary, sent by our Correspondent, W. H. at page 454. The official list of ships and vessels, captured and detained by the squadron under the orders of Admiral Sir J. B. Warren, between the 16th of September, 1812, and the 26th of February, 1813, occupies pages 251, 252, and 253. Vice-admiral Stirling's list of American prizes brought within the jurisdiction of the Vice-admiralty Court at Halifax, from June 1, 1812, to December 14, at page 311. Captain G. Burdett's account of a very gallant achievement by the boats of his squadron, when the American schooner Lottery, of 210 tons, and six 12-pound carronades, with a complement of 28 men, was captured, is correctly given at page 250. The Hon. Captain F. P. Irby's letter, respecting his engagement with a French frigate, at page 256: and the letter of Lieutenant H. D. Chads, first lieutenant of his Majesty's late ship Java; which cannot be perused without sentiments of regret and veneration for

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its brave commander, Captain Lambert, and his officers and ship's company, at pages 346—349. The valuable communication from J. T. L. respecting the detail of Captain Lambert's gallant action, and the address of Lieutenant Chads to the president and members of the court, page 402. Mr. Jones,' the surgeon of the Java, account of the wounded, at page 414. An account of the court martial, held at Portsmouth, on the 23d of April, on the remaining officers and ship's company of H. M.'s late ship Java, will be found at page 332; and the American account of the capture of H. M. S. Peacock, at page 358.

In referring to these documents, we by no means wish to pass over the attention of other friends, but to direct the notice of our readers, principally, to those parts of the Volume, which more immediately claim attention. Every hint, and professional suggestion, respecting the extraordinary success of the Americans, must in these times be particularly acceptable to our readers. In addition, therefore, to the Letters, on this subject, already pointed out, we beg leave to add those at pages 470, 472, 473, and 474. Captain W. H. Tremlett's letter, as signed by himself, claims our grateful acknowledgment, page 465. That from a Naval Patriot, pages 466—469, cannot be too generally read: and the ideas of C. H. at page 474, are so striking, that we deem it right to recommend his letter to the particular attention of our readers.

To our other Correspondents, and more especially to that able and experienced one, A. F. Y. who had been so long silent, but now again honours our CHRONICLE, at pages 399, and 475, our sincerest thanks are justly due. A Correspondent, * * * *, at pages 25—31, has promoted one of the first objects of our CHRONICLE, by transmitting his interesting account of the late unfortunate Lieutenant Gamage, of H. M.'s sloop Griffon. Who can peruse the following ejaculations of that officer previous to his execution, without commiseration—“*Feel me, I do not tremble—Death has now no terrors for me—God is with me!—My Saviour is with me!* And again—when he looked at the clergyman and said, “I would now say with my Saviour, in the garden of Gethsemane,” *If it were possible that this cup depart from me; but not my will, but Thine be done, O Lord!* And again—“at a quarter before ten, he heard the dreadful annunciation of *Readiness*—without the alteration of a single feature: he replied, “*I am prepared, my Saviour is with me*” He then ascended the companion ladder, and proceeded along the deck with a slow, but steady step, to the front of the platform—he there leaned for a short time on the shoulder of a friend, looked earnestly on the ship's company, and said, *see how a Christian can die!* Sentiments like these cannot be too often repeated in our Volume, nor too generally circulated in the profession. A friend to the NAVAL CHRONICLE, has, indeed acted as such, (pages, 200—204) by sending us an account of the proceedings of H. M. S. Menelaus, whilst commanded by Captain Sir Peter Parker, Bart. off Toulon, during the month of last May. This is one of those extra official documents, we so much wish at all times to receive from naval

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officers. Another of these valuable communications is inserted, pages 283—286, consisting of remarks on the Volcano at St. Vincent, made on board H. M. S. Ringdove, Captain William Dowers, commander. And a third, pages 409—414, from P. Q. consisting of important documents relative to Captain Willoughby, will be read with much attention. Our friend, AN IRON GUN, has fired to good purpose, from Bristol; and we think his shots at pages 293 and 396, particularly claim attention. An excellent and well written letter from NESTOR, on the conduct of officers to those seamen who are placed under them, will be found at page 212. We are much obliged to MENTOR, for his letter, page 296, containing very judicious hints respecting the subjects of our subsequent memoirs. That of Captain Newman, as we have already said, is in hand; and we hope some day, through the assistance of a friend, to give a memoir of the public services of the late Hon. Capt. W. Paget, who commanded the Romney. The necessary communications have long been promised. Why will not BILL BOSTON write oftener? he must possess many more interesting anecdotes, besides the curious one respecting Charles II. which appears at page 408.—Aye, we knew him well at Boston; and sincerely wish, that he now commanded a ship there: but he likes fighting better than his pen.

A reference to the Index will point out the pages, which we have reserved in this Volume, for communications respecting Hydrography, Pilotage, &c. and we are much gratified at receiving the thanks and assistance of some of our earliest friends, on continuing those essential subjects. In this Department of our CHRONICLE, every one who has been at sea, is enabled to record many useful memoranda and observations, which might otherwise be lost; and as the preservation of our ships and merchant vessels may be promoted by communications for our HYDROGRAPHY, we thus earnestly request the continuance, and augmentation of our means, to promote so desirable an object.

Much have we still to say, and other Correspondents to thank, but the last gun to repair on board has been fired; and *The Spirits of the Black Sea*, vulgarly called DEVILS, and the sturdy Pressmen, those rowers of our good old Sea Boat, murmur already at our delay, and will not tarry any longer. We therefore bid our Friends adieu! Courteous and Uncourteous Readers farewell!—At the close of our Thirtieth Cruise we shall meet again.

“ Why then a final note prolong . . . ?
 To statesmen grave, if such may deign
 To read _____
 Sound head, clean hand, and piercing wit
 And patriot heart—as PITT.
 A garland for the Hero's crest,
 And twined by her he loves the best
 To all, to each, a fair good night,
 And pleasing dreams, and slumbers light.—MARMION.

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