

LONDON, June 25.

TRIAL & SENTENCE OF PARKER.

The trial of his dreadful mutineer came on yesterday on board the *Neptune*, lying off Greenhithe. The charges against the prisoner were—for causing or endeavouring to cause mutinous assemblies on board his majesty's ship *Sandwich*, and others of his majesty's ships at the *Nore*, on or about the 12th of May last: for disobeying the lawful orders of his superior officers, and for treating his officers with disrespect.

The court was composed of the following officers:

President, Vice Admiral Sir Thomas Palley, bart.

Commodore Sir Erasmus Gower, *Neptune*; Capt. Stanhope, *ditto*; Capt. William Agincourt; Capt. Mulkum, *Centaur*; Capt. Wells, *Lancaster*; Capt. S. T. Williams, *Endymion*; Capt. Rivu, *Princess Augusta Yacht*; Capt. King, *Serius*; Capt. Lane, *Acasto*; Capt. Pierrepont, *Naiad*; Capt. Ramage, *Prince Frederick*.

Captain Moss, of the *Sandwich*, appeared as prosecutor.

Vice Admiral Buckner was the first evidence against Parker.

He was cross examined by the prisoner, as were most of the witnesses; and he appeared to do it with more ability than could be expected in his situation. The point of his heading the mutiny, as might be supposed, was clearly established, as was also that of his being one of the most active in getting the ships to fire on the *Republic*, when aground in endeavouring to escape from the mutinous fleet. Thomas Bury, a seaman of the *Monmouth*, deposed that Parker came on board that ship, and ordered one Vance to assist in directing the *Monmouth* against the *Republic*. The prisoner said, "damn you slip your bowery, and go alongside the *Republic*, and lead her to hell, where she belongs to, and show her no quarters in the least." Parker cross examined this witness. He said, "You have been telling a great deal about hell; I wish to know if you have been promised any thing for advancing this hellish account." The witness answered in the negative. The evidence took up two days: at the close, the president then informed the prisoner, that the evidence for the prosecution was closed, and desired to know when he would be prepared to proceed in his defence. The prisoner said he must beg some time to prepare in his defence—it would be necessary for him to have extracts from the evidence. He had no friends with him, and therefore he could not be ready to go with his defence to-morrow. The court told him they were willing to allow him every proper indulgence; but at the same time it must be recollected that there were several officers kept from public service, and therefore all unnecessary delay must be avoided. The court then gave him till Monday.

Parker has written a very submissive letter to Sir Thomas Palley, expressing his satisfaction at so respectable a character being chose to preside over his trial. The wife of Parker has presented a paper to the admiralty, stating to the board that her husband is at times in a state of insanity—and has inclosed in her address to them a certificate of his discharge from the Royal William in '94, on account of symptoms of mental derangement; which of course will be laid before the court.

Monday, June 27. This day Parker entered on his defence. He read it himself and brought a number of evidences. The whole was conducted better than might be expected from a person of his talents, and in his situation.

The president advised him, as there were very heavy charges brought against him, to consider whether there was not any other person whose evidence might weigh in his favor.

The prisoner asked whether, if anything occurred in the course of the day, he could derive any advantage from it.

The president told him that was impossible—if he let slip the present opportunity he would not have another.

The prisoner expressed his confidence in the court, that they would lean to the side of mercy, and that strict justice would be done him; he thought he had already made it appear that it was owing to his exertions that the *Sandwich* had been delivered up to the command of her officers, and that instead of being a leader of the mutiny, he had done every thing in his power to check and keep it under.

The prisoner was ordered to withdraw, and the court was cleared for the purpose

of leaving the members to deliberate upon the sentence.

In two hours and a half the court was re-opened, and the prisoner being called in, the sentence of the court was read by the judge advocate, which was,

That after deliberating upon the evidences on both sides, the court were unanimously of opinion, that the said Richard Parker is guilty of all the charges brought against him; that in consideration of these crimes, as unprecedented in their nature, as they were wicked in their tendency, and which were no less destructive of the interests of the navy than they were injurious to the prosperity of the country, the court were unanimously of opinion that the said Richard Parker should suffer death.

They accordingly adjudged him to be hanged on board what ship, and at what time the lords commissioners of the admiralty may be pleased to appoint.

Parker the prisoner, with a degree of fortitude and undimmed composure, which excited the astonishment and admiration of every one, spoke as follows:

"I bow to your sentence with all due submission, being convinced I have acted from the dictates of a good conscience.—God, who knows the hearts of all men, will, I hope, receive me. I hope that my death alone will atone to the country; and that those brave men who have acted with me will receive a general pardon; I am satisfied they will return to their duty with alacrity."

President. It is in the breast of the court to order you for execution immediately; but we think it better to give you time to repent your crime.

Prisoner. I return you my thanks for the indulgence.

Statement of Mrs. Ann Parker's unremitting endeavours to obtain an interview with her husband, on board the *Sandwich*, previous to his execution; with the extraordinary manner in which she recovered the body from the place of interment at Sheerness, and other events subsequent to its arrival in London, as related by herself.

After delivering her petition in favour of her husband to Earl Morton, who promised to present it to the queen, Mrs. Parker waited at St. James's till 5 o'clock in the afternoon, on Thursday the 20th of June; when losing all hopes of a favorable answer, she proceeded into the city, and got into a coach setting off for Rochester, where she arrived about eleven o'clock that evening.—She immediately agreed with a boatman, who was going to Sheerness with garden stuff, to take her on board at four the next morning, which was fixed for her husband's execution. She embarked accordingly, as soon as the tide would serve, and got down alongside the *Sandwich* about seven. The sentinels ordered the boat off, the desired permission to speak with Richard Parker—the answer was, that if the boat did not put off, they must fire into it. In spite of her remonstrances, the boatman now proceeded to Sheerness, assuring her, that as the yellow flag was not up, no execution would take place that day. She instantly procured another boat from the dock stairs, and as she was rowed up to Blackfakes, she observed the fatal flag hoisted on board the *Sandwich*; her application was renewed with ten fold entreaties to get on board, but to no effect, and again she was taken back to Sheerness, the waterman having stipulated only to put her on board the *Sandwich*, and being obliged to go back for persons he was engaged to carry.—She hired a third vessel with more success; for, just as she approached the ship, she saw the fatal procession of her husband from the quarter-deck to the fore-castle, when shrieking out "Oh my dear husband!" she fainted away. On recovering she saw him mount the platform on the cat head, and the clergyman in his robes go from him, and from that moment she says, she "saw nothing but the sea, which appeared covered with blood!"—Thus senseless she was rowed a third time on shore. She embarked in the fourth boat, and saw him from a distance at the yardarm, just before he was lowered down; by the time she reached the ship, the body had been received into a shell, and carried away for interment.

She requested of Admiral Lutwidge to have the body, but being refused, she went the same evening to the burying ground, and seeing three women near the ground, she imparted to them who she was, with her design of recovering of her husband, and requested their assistance, to which they readily assented. She directly ascended the gateway, and helped the wo-

men, till all got over; when with their hands alone they removed the earth that covered the coffin, which was laid but a little way in the ground. Having raised it, they contrived to get it over the gate and then sat upon the coffin, to conceal from the sentinels of the barrier gate, hard by, till four o'clock in the morning: The draught being now lowered down, a fish cart came out of the garrison on its way to Rochester, when she prevailed upon the driver to convey the body to that place for a guinea, which he undertook. Arriving at Rochester, she agreed with the driver of a caravan to take it to town for six guineas more, and deliver it at the Hoop and Horse Shoe, Queen-street, Little Lower Hill, where, it seems, she had hired a room for the purpose, and bro't the key in her pocket. The body had not been here long, before a mob was collected to see it, and Mr. Parker was summoned before a magistrate to give an account why he removed him. She replied, to have him buried like a christian. The magistrate then asked whether it was true that she had offered him to be shewn for money? She burst into a flood of tears and replied, "Do I appear like a monster to unnatural?" It was proved afterwards that there was not the smallest foundation for so unnatural a report. The body was at length deposited in the vault of St. Mary, Whitechapel, the burial service being performed by the Rev. Mr. Wright, the rector.

ALEXANDRIA, August 18. Gentlemen, I observe in your paper of the 14th instant, a piece of news, said to have been brought by me from Rotterdam, which has not been reported to you in its true light. So far is true—I had the pleasure of dining at the American consul's, in company with general Pinckney. I consulted him on the safety of my returning to America under American papers, with my ship and cargo. As the ship and principal part of the cargo was my own property, I had no orders to comply with, from my employers, therefore, thought it necessary to consult him. He candidly gave me his opinion, as a private man, that he did not think there was any danger, provided my papers were clear, and I had a *role d'equipe*, and that he was in hope the difference between America and France would be amicably settled soon, as every thing bore a most favourable aspect at present. Many of the vessels that had been captured and taken into France had been cleared, with costs and damages to be paid by the captors, and it was the general opinion of merchants in Holland, that the French nation did not wish to fall out with America, and as a proof of it I had part of my cargo underwrote for five per cent. from Rotterdam to Alexandria.—But for me to say that general Pinckney had informed me, that the executive directory had invited him to return to Paris and resume his functions, and that he was only waiting for fresh instructions from his government to comply with their invitation—that part of the publication is erroneous; general Pinckney, I believe, would infer no person of his secret business in public affairs.

I am, dear gentlemen, Your most obedient Humble servant, JOHN TOWERS, Master of the ship *Saravoga*, Messrs. Yundt and Brown.

NORTH-CAROLINA. Treasury Office, Sept. 1, 1797. On the sixth day of October next, commences the Superior Court for the district of Hillsborough:—On that day it will become the indispensable duty of the public Treasurer to proceed against all persons who shall be found then in arrear to the state. To do away such unpleasant necessity, and to save from costs, forfeitures and fines, those who may otherwise be concerned, the revenue officers throughout the state are hereby reminded, that their public tax and other accounts must be settled and closed according to law.

JOHN HAYWOOD, Public Treasurer.

UNITED STATES. Recruiting Service. HEALTHY, able-bodied young men, who are fond of living easy and honorable, will meet with great encouragement by applying to PHILIP WILLIAMS, Sergt. Artillerists & Engineer. Fort Johnston, 14th August, 1797. 46.

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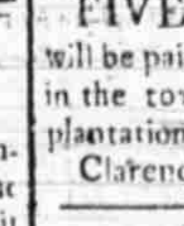
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