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Being in the Main a Game of the Life of a Gentleman Seeking Fame & Fortune in the Royal Navy at the Time of the Napoleonic Wars, and his Several Companions

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Ghost Hunt

 Γ he wide expanse of sea made HMS *Sauve QuiPeut* look like a very small duck in a very big pond, and the iceberg a few miles off positively dwarfed her. The grey-clouded afternoon sky perfectly echoed the colour of the sea and the occasional off-white patches in the clouds found their match in the disturbance of water at the top of each of the waves. She had rounded the westerly tip of the Irish coast two weeks ago in the company of HMS *Enterprise*, both part of a squadron under the command of Baron Robin T Marlowe, Rear Admiral of the Blue Territories. A few days ago the squadron had engaged a French corvette (L'Armistice of 18 guns) and retaken her prize, a British merchantman out of Vancouver, and now the whole squadron except HMS Sauve Qui Peut was on its way back to England. The action had been brief and the rear admiral had slept through it entirely - Major Adams, his Aide, had obviously not deemed it important enough to wake him, but had assumed the heavy burden of command himself. However, since he had emerged victorious (and with a MiD under his belt) nobody had said anything. Losses had been very slight, but one of those killed was the son of a neighbour of Baron Marlowe. Hence the orders to return to England at once. Or maybe the Admiral (nicknamed "The Scrooge of the Navy") was simply not a man to take any chances where prize money was concerned.

"Three degrees to port and hold our course" came the quiet order from Captain Marvell. "Aye, Aye, Sir." came the reply. Captain Marvell continued on his rounds, pausing only when he came to the prow to talk to the lone figure who stood there and which had not moved for the better part of an hour. "Are you sure you understood the Frenchman right, Major Cunning?" asked the captain, who was fast losing patience with the hunt. "The *Fantôme Noir* sailed out of Cherbourg three weeks ago, "replied the Major, "and by now she'll be running back to France after having wrought havoc among the whalers in the northern fishery. A richer prize you could not hope for, had you asked the French to open their treasure chests. My source is reliable but this is no easy task, for she has a long history of evading the Royal Navy in order to line Bonaparte's pockets. *Black Ghost*, she's called in English. But she is as real as the *Sauve Qui Peut*, and we shall exorcise her."

"If you say so," replied the sceptical Marvell, "But I can give you only two more days. Lord Marlowe's particular orders, I'm afraid" - "You'd think that our meeting with *L'Armistice* would have made him see reason, but even if he ain't convinced, I am! What's more, I'm sure that we will find her today - during the next few hours, in fact. The challenge will then be in the chase." - "If we find her, we will catch her. Then it's up to you and your men to board her." – "You catch and we carry?" smiled Major Cunning, and took up his night glass again. "You'd better," muttered Captain Marvell under his breath as he moved away to continue his rounds.

The hours went past and with orders to run in silence and, without so much as a single lantern lit, HMS *Sauve Qui Peut* continued her search. "Did you see that?" asked Mr. Duncan Bisquit, who was leaning on the starboard railing of the forecastle. "I didn't see nothing." Replied his neighbour, a Marine who had just lost three crowns to Mr. Bisquit in a game of dice, and who now thought he was looking for a way to leave the game and deny him the chance to win it back. "Look over there, that bit of sky is darker than the surrounding bit." - "Have you gulped down your rum allowance for the whole voyage all in one swig?" asked the soldier incredulously, "or are you just looking for trouble?" - "I'm telling you I know what I saw, I'm going to tell the Major." - "He'll not thank you for wasting his time. He's not one to suffer fools gladly." - "I'll take my chance."

"Major Cunning? Sir?" - "Yes, Sailor?" - "Sir ...um...I think I've seen something ... over there that bit of sky ... is it me ... or is it darker?" The Major turned his night glass to the patch and a slow grin spread over his face. "Well done, Sailor. I will see that you are well rewarded for this. Dismissed." As the Subaltern returned to the forecastel the Major sought out the Captain. "We have our quarry! Now, can you catch her?" The Captain looked at the shadow on the horizon and gave his orders. "Five points to Starboard. Full Sail ahead. All hands on deck. Preventer backstays to the mastheads. And pray the wind holds ... belay that!" The chase was long and arduous and enough to rattle the courage of most men. Through three watches HMS Sauve Oui Peut followed the Ghost southeast, steadily making up some of the distance. At five bells in the graveyard watch, she was no more that two miles away, and Captain Marvell (who had remained on the quarterdeck for the whole time) was just about to send a message to Major Cunning when the patch of clouds next to the Ghost's black sails took on a reddish hue and a sound like a million yards of sailcloth ripping was heard from that direction. A few minutes later a huge wave, coming literally out of the dark, caught the Sauve Qui Peut. Good thing the guns had not been cast loose yet! At sunrise, the distance between the ships had shrunk to barely three quarters of a mile and a shout from the Frenchman indicated that they had been spotted at last. With the Sauve Qui Peut holding the weather gage the French privateer had nowhere to run but, like a cornered rat, she might still turn and fight. And nobody knew better than Captain Marvell that the Sauve Qui Peut was sailing "en flute" i.e. with only half her regular number of guns. "I can get you alongside her, Mr. Cunning, but you had best overwhelm her quickly or we may take a trip to Davy Jones locker," warned the Captain. "We will lay that ghost to rest, never fear. You just keep us intact enough to claim her cargo and return to London to spend it."

The final stage of the chase was played out. Captain Marvell had ordered grape shot for all guns, and for once they fired high, into the *Ghost*'s rigging. But something was wrong with the Frenchman. His answering fire was uncommon slow, and the number of crew lining the

railing fell far short of what a French privateerr usually carried. "There you are, Major. She is still afloat but unless I'm mistaken she is taking in water and will sink before the day is out regardless of our efforts" said Captain Marvell. "They must have sprung a bad leak during the night which they were busy repairing. Probably that's why they didn't notice us earlier. Why don't you step over and have a look yourself?" – "Willco, Captain!" replied Major Cunning with a smile on his face, "this is what we do best. Front and centre. First and second platoon, follow me. Last one to the helm buys a round back in London!" The battle was swift and bloody and Major Cunning raced across the deck with an efficiency and brutality that surprised even Captain Marvell. He was duly mentioned in dispatches for his effort and made more than 1000 guineas in prize money. Captain Marvell's excellent seamanship was noted (MA+1) and he made nearly as much as the Major, but all Duncan Bisquit got was a tot of rum, compliments of Mr. Cunning..

 ${f M}$ ore than a thousand miles to the South, the E.I.C. *Shangri-La* had just sunk the Rock and was making good speed on her way to India. Several passengers had come aboard in Gib, among them a bishop in search for a healthier climate and a colonel on the way to join his regiment. Captain Walker had greeted them in person at the gangway and now they were his guests in the great cabin. The champagne was making its round, and the bishop held them in thrall with a report of curious things happening in various parts of the South of England. "Great Balls of Fire!" shouted the bishop "Screaming down like devils come to fetch the damned. And they all seem to come out of the same patch of sky." A heated discussion followed as to which patch of sky the good bishop meant, its position relative to the tip of the Lion Tower as seen from Threadneedle Street, and sundry details. "But that's impossble" cried the Colonel. I have it on excellent authority - a paper by the Astronomer Royal, published in the latest issue of the Proceedings - that this "patch of sky" is already occupied by the planet Mars. Surely its bulk would stop any number of comets, fiery or not? In fact, the Astronomer asserts that the chances of anything coming from that direction are practically nil - more than a million to one!" - "And would you like to back him up with something more, let's say, tangible?" put in another guest. "A bet, you mean?" replied the Colonel. "By all means. Here's a draft on the Bank of England, for five hundred guineas. Any takers?" - "I will take your offer, sir" said Captain Walker calmly. "Because there are more things between Heaven and Earth than Horatio ever dreamed of ... yes, Mr. Carthew, what is it?" With these words he picked up the paper and stuffed it into his pocket; Then he followed his steward out of the cabin.

Seconds later he was leaning over the starboard rails, looking down. "I won't even pretend to know what this is, and frankly I don't care. It's big and grey, like a finwhale, and there's an opening from which it spouts steam. Quick, fetch me a half a dozen hand grenades!" Captain Walker had been a fast bowler in his youth, and the loss of his eye had not impaired his aim. In quick succession, he lobbed several of the deadly things through the opening, their long fuses sputtering. Then he gave orders to make all possible sail in order to put as much distance as possible between his ship and this curious object. Despite his professed incuriosity, he still stood at the rail when a fountain of water shot up where the mysterious object had been. "There she blows" cried several men. Captain Walker just shook his head and walked down the companionway to rejoin his guests.

THE NAVAL GAZETTE

Promotions, Purchases and Appointments

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT

Appointments

His Majesty appointed Admiral Earl Goodman as Prime Minister and titles to Marquis.

The Prime Minister then appointed:

Admiral Earl O'Groats as Keeper of the Great Seal

Vice Admiral Earl Sandwich as Minister without Portfolio

Lieutenant Colonel Baron Attenborough-Davis as Attorney-General Captain Steel was elected Speaker of the House, with a large majority including Admiral the Marquis Goodman, Captain Viscount Brock, Lieutenant Colonel Lord Attenborough-Davis, and Mr Oates.

No Deputy Speaker was appointed as both Viscount Brock and Lord Attenborough-Davis declined the post.

Promotions, Purchases and Appointments

Midshipman King was appointed Captain's Secretary of HMS Droits de l'Homme

Midshipman Sharp failed to be appointed as Captain's Secretary of HMS Halcyon.

Lieutenant Jackson was appointed Aide to Sir Reginald Glasspole, Vice Admiral of the Blue. Lieutenant Delaford appointed aide to Admiral Goodman

Rear Admiral Lord Marlowe was appointed as Director, EIC

Captain Viscount Brock was appointed as Director, EIC

Mentioned in dispatches

Master and Commander Fregate of the

HMS Enterprise

Major Adams of the Royal Marines

Major Cunning of the Royal Marines

Captain Sir Matthew Walker of the EIC

Shangri-La

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Your Reporter

Miss Edith e'Deadline.

Time fleets in but the twickling of an eye! I know that there is no one currently serving with His Most Majestric Majesty's Most Royal of Navies who will even remember who I am but I one, many moons ago although it feels like on yesterday wrote, under a psudenum, one paragraph of this wonderful publication (I suspect after that introduction I won't be invited back) but still it is a great honour, nay privallage to write her again. In fact I can still see the engraving I did the last time wass here. Sorry I digress on with the news!

At the exclusive White's Club Admiral The Earl (now my notes say Earl but a Marquis Goodman supported the appointment of the speaker) Goodman and his Dear Countess (is that Marchioness) spent some quiet evenings in the ancient walls following the hullabaloo of the Houses of Parliment. He treated her to fine wine and food, and for once avoided the topic of politics!

The *Pipovitch's* (Sir Pavel and Lady Prudence) were to found at the **Almanack** with Mr Baker in attendance. My notes tell me little of their conversation but is said that Mr Baker was very attenditive to his host's every need.

Lieutenant Temple-Smith had the good grace, and good taste, to escort his good lady wife out for a change. They were to be found in Dolphin Club enjoy its fine fare and quiet surroundings.

In the Pit were *Mr Pike* who caroused with Miss Flanders and lost 10 guineas gambling on the roll of a dice and

Lieutenant Trelane and Miss Briquette. Private Starbuck, of the Royal Marines, was also enjoying his first drink as a member of His Majesty's finest.

The **Opera** proved ever popular in the first week. Admiral Earl and Countess Diana O'Groats enjoyed both the performance and their perfect lodge, Lord Miller and Miss Ophelia Gollies (in the week before the week before their wedding) were entertained in their perfect lodge by the knife juggling of their guest Sir Huw Jorgons. Sir Huw wasn't quite as good as he professed and alas his blood caused a little damage (100 Guineas) in the lodge. Lieutenant Sum Yun and Miss Octavia Marvell were also present in a good lodge. The theatre was kind enough to provide pleanty of water but despite the pleas of several guests they declined the change to juggle a little fire. They were however enetrtained by Sir Huw and were seen on occasion to stare and wave at their friends, the Millers, in the opposite lodge.

Meanwhile Southside was the scene of a rather unusual celebration in which Midshipman Sharp ensured that Dr Lake's evening was Free of all fiscal considerations as reward for passing his medical exams. Midshipman Sharp also chanced his arm on the tables but left 100 guineas poorer as a result. Lieutenant Jackson was also seen to enjoy the company of the girls of Southside.

In other matters the Navy Academy was visited by both *Lieutenant Delaford* and *Subaltern Scarlett*. While a number of you, my readers, took the time to hone their skill at arms: *Lieutenant the Honourable Richard Warwick* with rapier; *Mr Allard*

with Sabre at Thames Water; while *Midshipman King* and *Captain Champion* practiced the puguliustic arts.

Over at the docks three gentlemen of note undertook their duties along side the rest of the navy: *Mr Trelawney, Mr Dupp and Mr Baker* (although how he managed to be on duty and carousing with the Pipovitch's I can only guess).

A number of gentlemen felt the desire of the fair ladies of London – well two ladies in particular. Miss Murriel Merryweather's doorstep was the meeting place for two gentlemen, neither of who stepped aside for the other, and *Vice Admiral Sandwich* and *Duncan Dizzodly* have cause for a duel come the new month.

Miss Moll Flanders was the other of London's popular ladies with Lieutenant Smith and Mr Parker calling on her before calling each other out. Matters are further complicated by the fact that Miss Flanders is currently courting Mr Pike who now has cause with both gentlmen. On another side of town Mr Cornwall puchased a house and Captain Sir Ben Dover purchased a fine house.

And that is that for Week 1! Quite a full kettle of fishes, so to speak for that week.

Week 2 had Admiral Goodman and Marchioness Rosemary back at Whites.

Over at the Almanack Sir Pavel and Lady Prudence Pipovitch treated...well themselves...to a spring party. It followed the traditional Czech way with the Prudence dressed in a long dress with flowers in her hair. They served the fruits and vegetables of the season and a small band played folk songs for Sir Pavel and Lady Prudence to dance to before the heavy drinking put pay to that.

At **Button's** Admrial Blunderville was ignoring his guests and shouting at the management. He was arguing over the provisions they had made for his sporting competition.

"I said I wanted a BOXING ring not a crime ring...get your staff out of these stupid costumes and entertain my guests...and I expect this ALL to be on the house!"

Blunderville then turned to greet the assembled men and their good ladies.

"I am sorry but it appears that the manager thought it was a theme party not a boxing competition. Therefore I am forced to delay the contest until September, at which time, I am sure you will all have trained and made your name in the coming campaign. Howver, our gathering will continue. Drink and be merry – after all the Button's club are footing the bill."

The list of those attending was notable by its number and their level of disappointment:

Captain Viscount O'Malley Colonel Albytross, RM **Captain Sir Ben Dover** Captain Champion, RM Captain Steel, RM, MP **Captain Barry** Lieutenant the Honourable Richard Warwick **Lieutenant Sum Yun Lieutenant Blowhard Lieutenant Smith** Midshipman Dizoddly Midshipman King **Subletern Scarlet** Mr Trelawnev Mr Wellingborough Mr Sharp Mr Oats Mr Parker Mr Reefer

Mr Westcott

Meanwhile at the **Dolphin** *Dr Lake* toadied to *Captain Sir Huw Jorgens* and *Lady Elizabeth Doolittle* while *Lieutenant Jackson* drank alone.

At the Pit Mr Pike caroused with Miss Flanders and lost 10 guineas gambling. Lieutenant Trelane and Miss Briquette spent as quite evening cintent only with each others company.

The opera was quiet this week. The only notables in attendance were Lord Miller and Miss Ophelia Goolies who returned to catch the show that they missed in part in week 1 due to their guest's juggling routine.

Southside saw *Vice Admiral the Earl Sandwich, Mr W S Baker* and *Mr* Allard all enjoying the ladies attentions. Unfortunately for *Mr Allard* the Press Gangs barred his progress home and he joined His Majesty's Blockade Fleet!

At the **Briny Max** Admiral O'Groats practised his rapier. While the academy welcomed Lieutenant Delaford and Mr Dupp was welcomed by his fellow crew members to do his share of duty. *Private Starbuck* undertook a week's hard training with his cutlass.

Cupid's aim was poor again this week (either that or he has the desire to see a good fight over love) because he led *Mr Cornwell* to Miss Williams' Door and therefore set up cause with her current beau *Mr King*.

So week two end with unrequited love, who could ask for more...Oliver put your hand down it was a rhetorical question......

So what had week three to offer?... Well there was one even to be seen at (or to avoid) – Captain Lord Andrew Miller's Stag Do.

The staff of the Almanack had played a big part in the preparation of Lord Miller's house for his Stag Do and when the guests arrived people in uniforms similar to those of this venerable establishment greeted them at the door. The serving staff and the Concierge were polite and highly formal in their approach to all the guests, calling them by name and showing them towards the bar. A fine array of wines, beers and spirits, plus fresh juices and ice imported especially from the Alps, were on offer to the men of London served by a bar keep of extraordinary knowledge and skill. This room was rather plain, and the grey curtains that protected the walls made it a rather sombre and formal event. All those gathered followed the somewhat stiff nature of the do and many wondered when they could escape and return to the lives and mistresses that they had left behind. Lord Miller was seen to move amongst his guests and he thanked each of them in turn for attending and promised them an evening they would not forget.

The drink was good and the company diverse yet something was missing. When the Concierge arrived with a small gong, which he proceeded to strike, everything changed. The curtain was dropped to reveal the party!

The dinning room was literally decked out. It had been modelled on the gun deck of the Droits de l'Homme yet the guns were missing and in their place was a rich buffet of food and huge array of games: cudgels, ninepins, shovel-board, stow-ball, ring of bells, quoits, and pitching the bar. Beyond in the garden, through the garden doors, were areas set aside for running, cricket, football and wrestling. There were card

tables set up with croupiers and small stakes of wooden tokens to act in the place of money while waitresses ensured that every man had food and drink aplenty. Dressed in black, their faces hidden behind masks, were men with one simple instruction – no political debate. Any man who raised the matter of politics would be politely asked to leave and should he refuse he was removed with as little force as was required. Yet none broke this rule - although Captain Steel looked set to begin a speech before he remembered himself and gave a toast to the Groom - and all were said to have a great evening.

The list of those attending was quite impressive:

Admiral O'Groats Colonel Albytross, RM **Captain Sir Huw Jorgens Captain Sir Ben Dover** Captain Champion, RM Captain Steel, RM, MP Lieutenant the Honourable Richard Warwick Lieutenant Sum Yun **Lieutenant Templeton-Smythe Lieutenant Jackson** Dr Lake Lieutenant Delaford **Lieutenant Smith Lieutenant Trelane** Midshipman Dizoddly Midshipman King **Subletern Scarlet Private Strabuck Mr Trelawney** Mr Dupp

Lieutenant Sum Yun was seen to Discreetly give Miller a small volume of Chinese, erm, "domestic secrets." Apologize that it's written in Chinese but perhaps the pictures will be informative enough.

Elsewhere the Almanack was once more the home of Captain Sir Pavel and Lady Prudence Pipovitch. The threshold of Red Coats was impassable by Mr Parker who had turned up to meet Captain Steel was was at the Stag Do. The Pit welcomed back the gambling and carousing Mr Pike with the lovely Miss Flanders. Mr Pike was seen to lose again on the house tables.

It pleases me no end that, along with *Mr* Sharp and *Mr* Baker, the Honourable Midshipman Oates also turned up to complete his ship's duty. Nothing, it seems is below this MP.

Reconciliation was the name of the game at the Attenborough-Davis mansion. Lieutenant Colonel Lord Attenborough-Davis courted his estranged wife Lady Isabella. It is rumoured that Isabella waited for her husband's courting with mixed emotions; she knows she made wrong decision last month and that Sir Tyler Brook had no real interest in her and in the end she is happy that her husband is not unforgiving.

Mr Cornwall courted Miss Open while her beau, Midshipman Dizoddly, was at the stag night. She took his gifts politely, then showed him the door. Cause for a duel I feel!

Admiral Marquis Goodman's Mansion was a hive of activity as it was prepared for Lord Andrew Miller's wedding in week 4. Admiral the Earl and Countess Rosemary Goodman took time away from their work to entertain Vice Admiral Earl Sandwich.

Southside, for the first time that I can remember outside of the summer campaign season had no visitors!

So week three so a good sending off and a reunion. What would week 4 provide? Week four began in sunshine and ended with a couple of court marshalls.

Admiral Marquis Goodman and Marchioness Rosemary would host the wedding reception at their mansion but before that could occur there was a wedding to watch – and I do like a good wedding.

The morning dawned fair and there were two squadrons of honour guard out early on two different parade grounds to practice the manoeuvres that they would employ to honour the happy couple. Both guards departed on time to different locations; the first to the house of Mr and Mrs Goolies where the beautiful bride waited and the second to the home of the Groom, Captain Baron Andrew Miller.

The Marines, resplendent in full dress uniform and led by Colonel Albytross, awaited the Bride who departed her father's home, a little late as tradition dictated, wearing a dress with a full skirt of ivory silk pure taffeta, old lace and hand embroidery incorporating pearls and sequins. Once Ophelia was seated next to her father the marines formed an elegant guard around the carriage and began the slow walk to the ceremony.

The sailors of the Droits de l'Homme, under the watchful eye of Lieutenant Sum Yun Gai, were clearly determined to give their commanding officer the send off that he deserved. Every inch of metal shone like the morning sun and there was not a crease in sight. Baron Miller of Tresco and his best man Admiral Marquis Andrew Goodman were resplendent in full dress uniform — the Admiral's by far the dressiest—and they took the short walk to the small church very much at ease surrounded by the men of Droits de l'Homme.

The guests who witnessed the wedding were a mere handful compared to the throng that gathered at the stag-do but the invite had only gone out to very cream of London Society. Lord Miller stood as straight as a mast at the front of the church, refusing to break with ceremony until the wedding march was sounded on the church organ. He took this as his cue and turned to see his bride as she started the slow walk down the Aisle. It was reported later that Baron Miller's face lit up and a huge smile formed; a smile that did not left his face for the rest of the day. The Very Reverend James Hall conducted the service with the right balance of light humour and solemn veneration and soon the happy couple were married and bound for the home of Goodman's and the ball that was given in their honour.

The guest are noted below:

Admiral the Marquis and Marchioness Rosemary Goodman

Admiral the Earl and Countess
Diana O'Groats (The Countess looked
elegant in a new dress and they brought
a canteen of silver cutlery and crystal
decanter for the Millers)
Vice Admiral Sandwich

Colonel Albytross, RM, (who lead the Marine honour guard but not invited to the reception)

Captain Lord Miller and Lady Ophelia Miller

Captain Sir Pavel and Lady Prudence Pipovitch

Lieutenant Colonel Lord and Lady Isabella Attenborough-Davis (RM)(who bought a tea service) Lieutenant Sum Yun, leading the Naval Honour Guard, with Miss Octavia

Honour Guard, with Miss Octavia

Marvell

(Gave them a punchbowl glazed in red with golden carp painted on it.)
Captain Sir Huw Jorgens and Lady
Elizabeth Doolittle attended the service but were refused entry to the reception due to lack of social distinction.

At the Almanack Sir Tyler Brook was due to entertain Lieutenant the Honourable Richard and Mrs Warwick and Lieutenant Jackson buit they waited along time in the cold only to be informed of his current abode at the Tower of London.

Over at the **Dolphin**, *Midshipman Dizoddly* and Miss Open enjoyed the club to themselves. While at **Lloyds** *Lieutenant Delaford* and Miss Wonderland treated themselves to lobster and French Champagne (captured French Champagne – I do find it tastes better when the French were forced to give it up rather than selling it to us...don't you agree?).

At the Pitt the same scene was played out with Mr Pike losing on the tables before carousing with Miss Flanders.

The **Opera** proved a draw for *Sir Ben Dover* who sat alone in his Perfect Loge spellbound by the performance.

Southside saw a rise in the number of visitors with *Mr Dupp*, *Mr Cornwall*, *Private Starbuck* and *Mr Paker* enjoy the wares.

Ship's Duty was completed by *Lieutenant Smith* who returned to HMS Berwickshire as her captain is ill on board ship. *Lieutenant Templeton-Smythe* who took the press-gang out and Mr Baker.

Matters military were improved by *Midshipman Oates*, *MP* who practices sabre aboard ship, *Dr Lake* who practices sabre aboard HMS Waakzamheit and *Subletern Scarlet* who visited the Royal Naval Academy.

Lastly Harry Sharp (with Lieutenant Trelane as his witness) and Midshipman King (with Mr Trelawney and Captain Champions as his witnesses) were tried and found not guilty. Rumour has it that Captain Miller influenced Admiral Blunderville on Mr King's behalf.

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Political Editorial

Issue 38 Your Reporter: Colonel Gallop

F irst let me introduce myself I am Colonel Horace Gallop of the 17th Lancers and the Royal Society. I have been kept on to write the few political notes that make it to this fine editorial. So first up we have the election of the Speaker of the House, I must say I expected a fierce fight for this position but in the end it went to Captain Steel in a straight vote. However the Deputy Speaker was turned down by both Viscount Brock and Lord Attenborough-Davis both turned it down!

So that being the main start of Parliament we now progress to the actual meetings of the House.

The first week saw the following MPs in attendance:

Admiral the Earl Goodman Lieutenant Colonel Lord Attenborough-Davis (RM) Captain Steel (RM) Midshipman Oates

Midshipman Oates tried to get a vote started that said Fleets for the Blockade should have both seasoned Officers & Vessels from the Regular Fleet on a voluntary basis to beef up any & all future Blockades. However no one was sure if he was proposing or seconding this issue as it seemed a bit vague?

The second week saw the following in attendance (though a much poorer turn out than the first week):

Admiral the Earl Goodman Lieutenant Colonel Lord Attenborough-Davis (RM) Lieutenant Colonel Lord Attenborough-Davis (RM) rose and gave his inaugural speech to the house, it is reprinted below:

I have a dream.

As representative of the borough of Southwark I would like to put the development of London on top of our todo-list. It is a shame on all of us to recognize in which poor condition many citizens of London have to live in. A few buildings are next to ruins; there is not enough room left to shelter all people from ice and snow; families with and without children eek out a miserable existence; lanterns are damaged or not built up; streets are filled with litter, excrements and others that I would not name in that bad condition, it leaves everybody breathless – even in winter. In summer smell it is beyond description. This odor is basis of illness, diseases and epidemics. And this situation is not only seen in Southwark, gentlemen. You can see such impressions in Hackney, Camden and Islington in smaller numbers. Even now one can find some places in Tower Hamlets, too. I know what I am talking about, because I lived in each of those boroughs I mentioned since my arrival in London in summer 1791.

Gentlemen, please recognize the rumor and riots in London last month. These rumors were situated in Southwark, Hackney and Camden – boroughs of really ill living conditions. Today we can stop those riots immediately by increasing the living conditions of all citizens in London. Let us start in these poor boroughs.

Gentlemen, I have a dream of a 5-point plan:

- Inspection of houses / flats and streets
- creating more and new jobs (expansion of fleet, arsenals, etc) to raise income and supply with food and fuel
- Lightning of all streets (reduces criminal rates too)
- building up of a mobile collector-services on a regular basis for litter, excrements and other waste and dump
- cleaning and repairing of houses and streets

If anybody is in question of the reason why, gentlemen, please remember when London was last infected area. Epidemics do not decide who's rich and who's poor. Epidemics kill everybody who gets in touch. But no one is able to recognize epidemics before someone is ill and symptoms appear visible or hearable and then it is too late.

Invest in health of your family -your children's children's children will thank you for your wise action of today.

Thank you for listening.

It was a jolly fine speech and I am sure well intentioned, but I think it may fall by the way side after all who is going to pay for all this? The poor? Certainly not and until they come up with where the money is coming from I see it as dead in the water, but a good speech any way.

The third week was empty due to the stag night being held.

However week four saw the newly elected speaker make his inaugural speech to the Hose and what a piece it was. It was so impressive I forgot to write it down!! However Captain Steel's efforts won him some political supporters in the house which I am sure he will find handy in the future when votes become tight!

The London Gazette Sports Supplement



Welcome to the 11th edition of the London Gazette sports supplement, in this section of *The Gazette* we will bring you the latest news of any and all contests and sporting events taking place within the City of London and environs.

As you all know, the taking of matters into one's own hands is something that is frowned upon in this country – and so well it should be, but that is not to say that two gentlemen of good standing cannot settle their differences in the manner of a sporting contest, and it is with that in mind that we at *The Gazette* have decided to publish reports of such events for the information of our readers.

Disclaimer – The report contained within these pages was viewed by our reporter as a sporting contest and The Gazette accepts no responsibility if it was actually a duel. We will not be held accountable for encouraging such illegal activities, and we strongly endorse the work of the Admiralty in discouraging such events

Lieutenant Colonel Lord Attenborough-Davis and Captain Viscount Brock

The meeting place was a pleasant leafy glade in a discreet corner of Hyde Park. Captain Brock was the first to arrive, with his seconds Captain Sir Huw Jorgens and Lieutenant Jackson. Captain Champion of the Royal Marines came next, acting as the Lieutenant Colonel's second. Champion was looking at his fob watch, as the time was getting late, when a black coach drew up through the swirling early morning mist and Lord Attenborough-Davis stepped out. He was accompanied by three red coated marines with fixed bayonets, who followed the Lieutenant-Colonel as he marched

towards Captain Brock with grim determination on his face. He stopped in front of the Captain.

Brock drew his fearsome cutlass, which had defeated so many opponents. In response, the new Attorney-General drew out, not a sword, but a warrant of arrest for treason!

On this signal, another squad of marines emerged from concealment in the trees and surrounded the Viscount and his seconds. Brock was arrested for spying and taken to the Tower of London to await trial.

What a surprise! It has been the talk of London. Papers have been seized from

HMS Ferocious and Brock's residence, but is he truly a French spy, or has the Attorney-General's judgement been clouded by personal animosity? The trial has been set for the third week of April, and in the meantime Captain Brock must languish in prison, beneath the shadow of the hangman's noose!

Vice Admiral Earl Sandwich and Captain Sir Huw Jorgens

The Earl was seconded by the new Prime Minister, Admiral Marquess Goodman. Sir Huw was to have been seconded by Captain Brock, who sent apologies to Sir Huw for being "unavoidably detained" – in the Tower!

It was a short fight. Both were still suffering from wounds from their duel the previous month, with Sir Huw being in the worse condition. Admiral Sandwich wielded his cutlass this time, rather than the rapier, and used it to devastating effect – three swift bloody blows and Sir Huw surrendered.

The conflict was not discreet enough, and charges have been brought before the Port Admiral. The duellists will be tried in April, Week 2.

Lieutenant Smith and Mr Christopher Pike

Lieutenant Smith was seconded by Captain Steel, RM, PM

They were evenly matched, with Pike being the stronger man. Smith used his cutlass while Pike used his rapier to great effect.

It was a fierce fight – Smith hit five times, but Pike shrugged off the wounds and replied to each in turn, landing six nimble strikes and bringing the Lieutenant to his knees in surrender.slashing furiously while the Earl danced around him: The Earl struck Sir Huw eight times with his needle sharp rapier, running circles around the heavier man and his unwieldy blade, who only managed to return two blows against his agile opponent. However, each of Sir Huw's hits cut fearful gashes, and at the end they both struck simultaneously and both yielded to their wounds - Sir Huw with nine wounds and Admiral Sandwich with three. Neither won the battle outright. I must agree with the decision, for both men showed courage and fortitude in the meeting, well done Sirs!

All in all, a fine month for the Sporting fraternity!

The Ladies

	SL	Attributes	Current Suitor
Baroness Isabella AttenbDavis	21	BI(M)	MAD
Countess Rosemary Goodman	21+	W M	AG
Prudence Pipovitch	18	M	PP
Lady Elizabeth Doolittle	16	BI	HJ
Countess Diana O'Groats	17+	ВМ	JOG
Baroness Jennifer Marlowe	16	I M P	RTM
Muriel Merryweather	15		
Caroline Cadger	15	W	TOM
Victoria Warwick	15	M P	RBW
Flora de Bries	13	B W	
Harriet Hilfinger	13		SB
Ophelia Miller	12	M B P	AM
Pamela Huntingdown-Jones	12	WIP	SAM
Miss Octavia Marvell	11	ВІ	SYG
Rebecca Morrison	11		JF
Alice Wonderland	11		ADD
Joan Fullins	10	В	HC
Doris Open	10		DD
Sophia Williams	9	В	PEK
Anne Bonny	8	W	PTW
Rebecca Dorrit	8		JA
Betty Templeton-Smythe	9	PM	HTS
Moll Flanders	7		CP
Sue Briquette	7		KT
Emma Woodhouse	6	BP	IS
Gwendolyn Hotspur	5		RB
Mary Lamb	5		JO
Sara Pati	4		
Agnes Nutter	3		JC

The Opera at Drury's Lane:



The Guilty Parties

N		*** 141	GT	NT A	GD.	GL 1	, ,	I	h .
Name Marquis Andrew Goodman	Ab. AG	Wealth Rich	SL 24+	NA 10	SP 116	Club Whites	House Mansion	Appoint Prime Minister/MP	Rank Admiral <i>Red</i>
Earl John O'Groats	JOG		21+	7	66	Whites	House	Lord Keeper	Vice Admiral <i>Red</i>
Earl Jack Sandwich	JS	Comfy	20	8	52	Whites	-	Vic.Bd Sup	Vice Admiral White
Baron Miles AttenbDavis	MAD	Ok	19+	10	60	Whites	Mansion	Att Gen / MP	Lt Col RM HMS Ferocious
Viscount Tyler Brock	ТВ	Comfy	19+	9	57	Almanack	+	Director of EIC/ MP	Post Captain HMS Ferocious
Baron Andrew Miller	AM	Ok	17+	7	73	Almanack	House	C. M. P. F	Post Captain HMS Droits de L'Homme
Sir Pavel Pipovitch	PP	Comfy	17	7	46	Button's	House	Aide to FLotS	Post Captain HMS Sheik Yassouf
Baron Robin Timothy Marlowe	RTM	Comfy	16	6	s	Dolphin	House	-	Rear Admiral Blue
Sum Yun Gai	SYG	Comfy	14+	5	47	Button's	-	JOG Aide	Lieutenant HMS Droits de L'Homme
Sir Huw Jorgens	HJ	Wealthy	14+	6	44	Dolphin	-	-	Captain HMS Waakzamheit.
Richard Bigsby Warwick	RBW	Ok	14	6	42	Button's	-	JS Aide	Lieutenant HMS Ferocious
Viscount Thomas O'Malley	TOM	Wealthy	14	10	36	Button's	-	-	Captain HMS Glenmoranie
Sir Matthew Walker	MW	Poor	12	6	Е	-	-		Captain EIC Shangri-La
Sir Samuel Augustus Marvell	SAM	Ok	12	10	S	Dolphin	House	-	Master & Commander , HMS SQP
Ian Steel	IS	Poor	12+	6	42	Red C.	-	Speaker / MP	Captain RM HMS Berwickshire
Harry Champion	HC	Comfy	12+	6	36	Red C.	-	-	Captain RM HMS Glenmoranie
Sir Ben Dover	BD	Comfy	11	7	40	-	-		Captain HMS Belle Poule
Jonah Albytross	JA	Wealthy	10	10	51	Red C.	-	-	Colonel RM, HMS Droits de L'Homme
Duncan Dizzodly	DD	Comfy	10	5	33	Dolphin		Cap Scty	Midshipman, HMS Sheik Yassouf
Sidney Blowhard	SB	Comfy	10	3	32	Pit		Ship Adj	Lieutenant, HMS Sheik Yassouf
John Jackson	JJ	Ok	10+	5	31	Dolphin	-	Aide to White R/Ad	Lieutenant, HMS Ferocious
Hugo Templeton-Smythe	HTS	Ok	10	3	31	Dolphin	House	Press Gang Officer	Lieutenant HMS Droits de L'Homme
Jervis Fregate	JF	Comfy	9	10	S	Dolphin		-	Master & Commander, HMS Enterprise
Paul Edward King	PEK	Poor	9+	5	31	Lloyds	-	Cap Secretary	Midshipman, HMS Droits de l'Homme
Brian Adams	BA	Ok	8	8	S	Red C.	-	RTM Aide	Major RM HMS Sheik Yassouf
Anthony Dewhurst Delaford	ADD	Ok	8+	4.5	37	Pit		AG Aide	Lieutenant, HMS Sheik Yassouf
Robert Augustus Trelawney	RAT	Ok	8+	4	25	Pit	-	Cap Stew	Sailor, HMS Droits de l'Homme
Tiberius Smith	TS	Poor	7+	7	38	Pit	-	Ship Adj	Lieutenant HMS Berwickshire
John Oates	JO	Poor	7	2	35	Lloyds	-	MP	Midshipman, HMS Waakzamheit
Edward Lake	EL	Poor	7	6	15	Pit	-	-	Surgeon, HMS Waakzamheit -
Redmond Barry	RB	Comfy	6	7	28	-	-	-	Brevet Master & Commander on half pay
Joseph Parker	JP	Ok	6	4	18	Pit	-	-	Sailor, HMS Ferocious
Nathaniel Startbuck	NS	Poor	6	6	13	Lloyds	-	-	Private RM HMS Droits de L'Homme
Pete Cunning	PC	Comfy	5	10	S	Red C.	-	-	Major RM HMS Waakzamheit
Kyle Trelane	KT	Ok	5	5	23	Pit	-	-	Lieutenant, HMS Halcyon
Harry Sharp	HS	Poor	5	3	19	-	-	-	Midshipman, HMS Halcyon
Peter Timothy Westcott	PTW	Ok	5	4	15	-	-	-	Master's Mate, HMS Berwickshire
Archibald Iain Macdonald	AIM	Poor	5	1	15	Pit	-	MP	-
Christopher Pike	СР	Ok	5	4	9	Pit	-	-	-
Andrew Wellingborough	AW	Poor	4	5	S	-	-	-	Master's Mate, HMS Belle Poule
Paul Scarlett	PS	Comfy	4+	2.5	26	Red C.	-	-	Subletern RM HMS Droits de l'Homme
Alfred Allard	AA	Poor	4+	6	16	Pit	-	-	-

Warren Strudel Baker	WSB	Poor	3	4	S	Pit	-	-	Sailor, HMS Belle Poule
John Cornwall	JC	Comfy	3	2	S	Pit	-	-	Master's Mate, HMS Berwickshire
X57	X57	Poor	3	6	N	-	-	-	-
Paul Reefer	PR	Comfy	2	2	S	-		-	Sailor, HMS Belle Poule
Valentine Carthew	VC	Ok	2	2	E	-	_	-	Midshipman EIC Shangri-La
X78	X78	Poor	2	5	N	-	-	-	
X77	X77	Poor	1	6	N	-	-	-	-

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Wealth Level: poor= 0-250 Guineas, ok up to 1.000, comfy up to 5.000, wealthy up to 10.000, rich up to 25.000 and filthy is 25.000+ SP: S = at sea, E = east India ship, F = floated, P = Press Gang, Ret. = retired, H = hospitalised

Government

The King	Albert George III. of Hanover-Pumpernickel	
The Queen	Victoria Zephyra	
The Crown Prince	Charles William	
Prime Minister	Admiral the Marquis Goodman	
Chancellor of the Exchequer		
Keeper of the Great Seal	Admiral Earl O'Groats	
Minister without Portfolio	Vice Admiral Earl Sandwich	
Attorney General	Lieutenant Colonel Baron Attenborough-	
	Davis	

The Admiralty

	The First Sea Lord (Aide)	
Bar	on Lucius Hawke (N10) (PP)	
White Squadron	Red Squadron	Blue Squadron
Admiral	Admiral	Admiral
Ogle (N7)	AG (ADD)	
Vice Admiral (aide)	Vice Admiral (Aide)	Vice Admiral
JS (RBW)	JOG (SYG)	Arkwright (N7)
Rear Admiral (Aide)	Rear Admiral	Rear Admiral (Aide)
Sir Reginald Glasspole (N9) (JJ)	Frogmorton (N4)	RTM (BA)

The Ships

White Sauadron

		muic Squauron		
	Droits de l'Homme	Indomitable	Berwickshire	Halcyon
	SoL 1 st Class	SoL 2 nd Class	SoL 4 th Class	SoL 5 th Class
Post Captain/Captain	AM	Sir Roger Gallant	Armstrong (N5)	Viscount Hardboard
		(N10)		(N7)
1 st Lieutenant	Rooke (N10)*	Coal (N5)	Gaunt (N4)	KT
2 nd Lieutenant	Sir Hugh de Ville		TS*	
	(N7)			
3 rd Lieutenant	Ruffles (N5)			***
4 th Lieutenant	(SYG)		***	***
5 th Lieutenant	HTS		***	***
Midshipman	PEK			HS
Master's Mate			(JC), PTW	
Crew	RAT			

Red Squadron

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	Ferocious	Fiddler's Green	Bellerophone	Belle Poule
	SoL 1st Class	SoL 3 rd Class	SoL 4th Class	SoL 5 th Class
Post Captain/Captain	TB		Hooke (N3)	BD
1 st Lieutenant	Spong (N2)	Clotworthy (N6)	Bracegirdle (N4)	Partridge(N3)
2 nd Lieutenant	Jaggard (N1)		Proudfoot (N5)	
3 rd Lieutenant	Hackett (N2)		Tooker (N6)	***
4 th Lieutenant	(RBW)		***	***
5 th Lieutenant	(JJ)	***	***	***
Midshipman				
Master's Mate				AW
Crew	JP			WSB, PR

Blue Sauadron

		Diae Squairon		
	Sheik Yassouf	Waakzamheit	Glenmoranie	Alexander
	SoL 2 nd Class	SoL 3 rd Class	SoL 4th Class	SoL 5 th Class
Post Captain/Captain	(PP)	HJ	TOM	Baron Collingwood
				(N8)
1 st Lieutenant	Povey (N3)	Coote (N6)	(JF)	Spratt (N5)
2 nd Lieutenant	Shadwell (N1)	Drake (N2)		Ussher (N5)
3 rd Lieutenant	SB*			***
4 th Lieutenant	Tulkinghorn (N6)		***	***
5 th Lieutenant	(ADD)	***	***	***
Midshipman	DD	JO		
Master's Mate				
Crew		EL		

Blockade Squadron

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	Sauve Qui Peut	Enterprise	Ferret			
	Sloop	Sloop	Sloop			
Master & Commander	SAM	JF				
1 st Lieutenant	Merryweather (N6)					
2 nd Lieutenant						
Midshipman						
Master's Mate						
Crew						

*=Ship's Adj.
Characters in *parenthesis* have a commission on another ship.
Bold = at sea.

The Royal Marines

General	Wolfe (N8)
Lt-General	Trollope (N5)
Brigade General	Sir John Hollowhead (N10)

Colonel (DH): JA					
Lieutenant-Colonel (FE) : (MAD)	Major (SY): (BA)	Major (IN):			
Major (FG):	Major (WA): (PC)	Captain (BS): IS*			
Captain (BE) : Allcock (N6)	Captain (GL): HC	Captain (HA): Carter (N6)			
Captain (BP):	Captain (AL): Crispe (N4)				
Lieutenant(SQP) :Strudwick (N6)	Lieutenant (EN): Banter (N4)				
Subalterns : PS (DH)					
Privates: NS (DH)					
* D 41:					

*= Reg.Adj. Bold = at sea.

The Honourable Company

Chairman East India Company	Sir William Weatherwax	
Directors East India	Sir Guthrie Featherstone	
Company	Mr. Peshawar Cannings	
	Mr. John Mortimer	
	Rear Admiral Lord Marlowe	
	Captain Viscount Brock	

Shangri-La	Captain: Sir Matthew Walker
(to sail March 1 st 1794)	1 st Lt.:
Director - TB	2 nd Lt.:
	3 rd Lt.:
	Mids: Valentine Carthew
	Crew:

Fedeorov	Captain:
(to sail June 1 st 1794)	1 st Lt.:
Director - RTM	2 nd Lt.:
	3 rd Lt.:
	Mids:
	Crew:

The Patriotic Fund

Chairman Patriotic Fund	The Right Honourable Sir Ezram Blazentoe	
Committee Member Patriotic	Lord Miller	
Fund		

The Politicoes

Naval Estimates Spokesman		
Chairman Impress Service		
Naval Yards Supervisor		
Ordnance Board Supervisor		
Victualling Board Supervisor		
Port Admiral London	Sir Agememnon Blunderville	
Port Admiral Portsmouth		
MP for the City of London	Sir Julian Parselmouth	
MP for Westminster	Admiral Earl Goodman	
MP for Tower	Captain Viscount Brock	
MP for Islington	Mr Archibald Macdonald	
MP for Camden	Captain Steel (RM)	
MP for Hackney	Midshipman Oates	
MP for Southwark	Lt Col Lord Attenborough-Davis	

The Blue Peter

March
HMS Sauve Qui Peut (B)
HMS Enterprise(B)
HMS Enterprise(B)
HMS Ferret(B)

(Force Deployment in brackets)

Trial for Treason

Post-Captain Viscount Tyler Brock with Admiral the Marquis Goodman, Prime Minister presiding.

This matter will be tried in April, Week 1. Should Viscount Brock be found guilty then a bi-election in Tower Hamlets will be held in May. All potential candidates must make the necessary announcements and payments before this date. Should Viscount Brock be found innocent (and we do believe in the rule "innocent until found guilty") then all monies will be returned.

Court martial

Vice Admiral Earl Sandwich and Captain Sir Huw Jorgens

Their conflict was not discreet enough, and charges have been brought before the Port Admiral. The duellists will be tried in April, Week 2.

Duels

Lieutenant Smith and Mr Parker have mutual cause, for both courting Miss Flanders in Week 1

Mr Pike has cause with Lieutenant Smith and Mr Parker for both courting Miss Flanders in Week 1

Midshipman Dizzodly has cause against Vice Admiral Sandwich for courting Muriel Merryweather in week 1.

Mr Cornwall and Mr King for both courting Miss Williams

Mr Cornwall and Midshipman Dizzodly for courting Miss Open

Announcements

None.		

Letters

The HMS Droits de l'Homme sails in April. ALL crew members are reminded that Shore Leave is cancelled.

Captain Baron Miller

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If interested, talk to Mr Grabbitt or Mr Sponge at the Baltic Tavern on Turk's Head Street.

*Assuming you survive, that the places mentioned exist and that the ship goes that way.

**Please note that the value of investments may fall as well as rise and that debtors may be transported to Australia, or starve to death in abject poverty

The Blunderville Challenge Cup

Rear Admiral Sir Agamemnon Blunderville apologises for the cancellation of the Blunderville Cup and promises to run the competition in September

A purse of **500 guineas** will now be awarded to the winner, and one of **150 guineas** to the runner up.

The bouts will be held under the Earl Kerr's Recently published Rules of the Noble Art, with no throwing, kicking, biting or gouging allowed.

Interested volunteers should contact Lieutenant Tiberius Smith of HMS Berwickshire.

The Admiralty invites applicants for the position of Captain of the *HMS Fiddler's Green* and Master and Commander of the *HMS Ferret* before the summer campaign against the French begins.

GM Waffle (part one):

Well...what pickle. I would like to acknowledge Andy's contribution to the game it is shame that it had to end so abruptly leaving us to pick up the pieces. My thanks to Carol and Andy S who have lent their considerable aid to the process of making a turn out of the notes left by Andy, to Ferdinand for taking the time to go through one of the weeks and working out who got what, to Red for writing the naval report and to Terry for keeping the game going by through funding and enthusiasm.

I have listed several characters on the Greasy Pole in Grey because I haven't had a return from them...they will be frozen until the start of the Summer Campaign and then removed from play at that point.

Cheers

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DEADLINE: Friday 7th September

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