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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Oct. 30. 1804.

Copy of a letter from Captain RATHBORNE, of his Majesty's ship, the Santa Margarita, to WILLIAM MARSDEN, Esq. dated in Plymouth Sound, the 23th inst.

SIR,

I have the honour to inclose you copies of two letters I have transmitted to the Hon. Admiral Cornwallis, and have brought in sixty-four prisoners that belonged to the gun-vessels captured by the Dispatch the morning of the 24th instant.

I have not fallen in with the Conquest, or would have brought in the prisoners taken by her.

I am, &c.

WILSON RATHBORNE.

His Majesty's ship Santa Margarita, off Ushant, Oct. 26. 1804.

SIR,

I have the honour to acquaint you, that at day-light yesterday morning, being in company with the Hazard, I was joined by the Dispatch (that had separated from me in a short gale) and two French gun-vessels out of four, captured the morning before. For the particulars of which I beg leave to refer to Captain Hawkins's letter.

I consider it fortunate the vessels taken by the Dispatch were destroyed, as it was hardly possible such vessels (although new and very fine of the fort) could have been kept above water in such weather as we had last night and this morning.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WILSON RATHBORNE.

Hon. Admiral Cornwallis.

SIR,

His Majesty's sloop Dispatch, Oct. 25.

I beg to inform you, that, on the morning of the 24th inst. at day-light, Point du Ras bearing N. E. distant five or six leagues, I discovered two strange sail on the weather bow, to which I gave chase; and about eight A. M. came up with the sternmost, who struck, gave the brig a lift up in the wind, dropped the jolly boat to take possession, and continued after the other, whom we captured about nine. They proved to be two national gun-vessels, Nos. 345. and 353. armed with two brass guns, one thirty-two

[Price 6d.]

and one six-pounder, and twenty soldiers each, from Odierno bound to Brest, but had been blown off the land the day before. About one the Conquest joined us, and soon after we discovered two more of them; sent the Conquest after one, and made sail after the other. At three came up with her, when she proved to be a gun-vessel, No. 371. armed with one brass thirty-two and one six-pounder, and twenty-two soldiers. Not thinking them safe to send to England, I therefore took the guns out and sunk them.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) EDM. HAWKINS.

W. Rathborne, Esq. Captain of his Majesty's ship Santa Margarita.

ORDNANCE-OFFICE, Oct. 29.
Royal Artillery.

Major Robert Hope to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Lemoyne, retired. Captain John Sheldrake to be Major, vice Hope. Second Captain Charles Keane to be Captain of a company, vice Sheldrake. Adjutant Richard Cleveland to be Second Captain, vice Keane; all dated October 9. 1804.

First Lieut. William T. Skinner to be Second Captain, vice Cleveland. Second Lieut. John M. Stratton to be First Lieutenant, vice Skinner; both dated October 10. 1804.

Second Captain Richard S. Brough to be Captain of a company, vice Douglas, promoted. First Lieut. John Peter Elige to be Second Captain, vice Brough. Second Lieut. Thomas Foley to be First Lieutenant, vice Elige; all dated October 11. 1804.

Commissions in the Aberdeen Battalion of Volunteer Pikemen, signed by the Lord Lieutenant; dated September 7. 1804.

To be First Lieutenant—Alexander Fiddes.
To be Second Lieutenants—John Younghusband, Alexander Innes, James Mutealf, William Stephen.

Commission in the 2d Bar. of Banffshire Volunteers, signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the county of Banff.
Thomas Stewart to be Ensign, vice George MacChattie, resigned; dated September 25. 1804.

Commissions in the Peebles-shire Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

Captain Robert Nutter Campbell to be Major, vice Erskine, deceased; dated August 15. 1804.
Lieut. James Ker to be Captain, vice Erskine, deceased; dated September 7. 1804.

Ensign James Marshall to be Lieutenant, vice Ker promoted; dated October 8. 1804.

James Bryden to be Ensign, vice Barnett, resigned; dated July 6. 1804.

Archibald Swinton to be Ensign, vice Marshall, promoted; dated October 8. 1804.

James Bruden to be Surgeon, vice Reid, deceased; dated June 18. 1804.

Commissions in the Aberdeenshire militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant; dated October 1. 1804.

Ensign Donald M'Pherson to be Lieutenant, vice Law, resigned.

Ensign Alexander M'Pherson to be Lieutenant, vice Clark, resigned.

Ronald M'Donald to be Ensign, vice D. M'Pherson, promoted.

James Forbes to be Ensign, vice A. M'Pherson, promoted.

WAR-OFFICE, Oct. 27.

2d Dragoon Guards—Hospital-Mate Alex. Schelky to be Assistant-Surgeon.

2d Dragoons—Cornet William Crosbie to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Dickens, promoted in the 4th West India regiment. George Grigby to be Cornet, vice Crosbie.

3d Ditto—Cornet George Younghusband to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Carey, promoted in the 10th foot. William Clifford to be Cornet, vice Younghusband.

7th Light Dragoons—Captain James Stuart to be Major, by purchase, vice Vivian, promoted in the 25th light dragoons.

11th Ditto—Daniel Lutyens to be Paymaster, vice Willington, dismissed the service.

15th Ditto—Cornet Foster Lech. Coore to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Boothby, promoted in the 27th foot.

17th Ditto—Captain Christopher Johnson to be Major, by purchase, vice Blantyre, promoted in the 42d foot. Lieut. Philip Keating Roche to be Captain of a troop, vice Johnston. Cornet William Moray to be Lieutenant, vice Roche.

23d Ditto—Cornet Thomas Jarmy to be Lieutenant without purchase, vice Lord Arbuthnot, promoted in the 52d foot.

Hompesch's Mounted Riflemen—Cornet G. J. Roberts, from the 23d light dragoons, to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Lichtenstein, who retires.

1st Foot Guards—Ensign Edward Davenport to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Touchet, who retires. Ensign Charles Murray to be ditto, without purchase, vice Courteney, who resigns.

1st Foot—Ensign William Gordon, from the 93d foot, to be Lieutenant, without purchase. Ensign Duncan M'Donald, from the 14th battalion of reserve, to be ditto.

4th Ditto—Hospital-Mate — Coombe to be Af

