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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Sept. 7.

Copy of a letter from Captain BAKER, of his Majesty's ship Phoenix, to WILLIAM MARSDEN, Esq. dated Plymouth Sound, Sept. 3. 1805.

SIR,

Herewith I have the honour to transmit you, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of my letter to Admiral Cornwallis, explaining the capture of La Didon French frigate by his Majesty's ship under my command, with a list of the killed and wounded. I have the honour to be, &c.

T. BAKER.

Phoenix, at sea, Aug. 13. 1805.

SIR,

I cannot but exult in the honour of imparting to you the extreme good fortune of his Majesty's ship under my command on the 10th inst. lat. 43 deg. 16 min. N. long. 12 deg. 14 min. W. in the capture of La Didon, a remarkable fine, and the fastest sailing frigate in the French navy, of 44 guns and 330 men, which had failed but a few days from Corunna, and was upon a secret cruise. The action commenced at a quarter past nine in the morning (La Didon having waited my approach to leeward), and lasted three hours, never without pistol-shot, during which all our ropes were cut to pieces, our main-top-sail-yard shot away, and most of our masts and yards severely wounded. The necessity for our engaging to leeward, in order to prevent the possibility of the enemy's escape, exposed us to several raking broadsides, before it could be prudent to return the fire; and the superiority of La Didon's sailing, added to the adroit manœuvres of Capt. Milins, convinced me of the skill and gallantry I should have to contend with, which has been fully evinced by the stubborn defence of his ship, until she became a perfect wreck, and his subsequent honourable deportment. Owing to the

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lightness of the wind, and La Didon's attempt to board, brought our starboard quarter in contact with her larboard bow, in which position we remained full three quarters of an hour, subject to a galling fire of musketry, that robbed me of such support of officers and men, as there could be no compensation for but in complete victory. With sorrow I transmit you a list of the killed and wounded; and have the honour to be, &c.

T. BAKER.

To the Hon. Admiral Cornwallis, &c.

A List of the Killed and Wounded on board the Phoenix and La Didon, on the 10th Aug. 1805.

Phoenix.—12 killed, 28 wounded.—Total 40.

La Didon.—27 killed, 44 wounded.—Total 71.

Difference, 15 killed, 16 wounded.—Total 31.

Names of the Killed and Wounded on board the Phoenix.

KILLED.

John Bounton, Lieutenant.	James Taylor, Seaman.
George Donelan, Master's-Mate.	William Goddard, ditto.
J. Fowlers, Quarter-Master.	James Bell, ditto.
James Smith, Seaman.	Samuel Stubbs, ditto.
Benjamin Thomas, ditto.	Edward Gadsby, ditto.
	George Chandler, ditto.
	Thomas Hill, ditto.

WOUNDED.

Henry Steel, Lieutenant of Marines, dangerously.	
Aaron Tozer, Midshipman, dangerously.	
Edward B. Curling, Midshipman, badly.	
James Bird, Coxswain, slightly.	
George Gaward, Captain's Servant, slightly.	
John McDonald, Captain's Steward, dangerously.	
Thomas Hall, Seaman, slightly.	
George Renny, Sail-Maker, dangerously.	
Bernard McCarthy, Seaman, dangerously.	
Patrick Edwards, Seaman, dangerously.	
John C. Bringer, Seaman, badly.	
Thomas McMaken, Seaman, badly.	
John Binthead, Seaman, slightly.	
Edward James, Private of Marines, dangerously.	
Joseph Robinson, Seaman, slightly.	
William Henderson, ditto, slightly.	
John Agnew, ditto, slightly.	
Lewis Burnett, Sergeant of Marines, badly.	
Charles Morgan, ditto, dangerously.	
Thomas Malon, Private of Marines, slightly.	
Charles Harley, ditto, dangerously.	

Alexander Bateman, ditto, dangerously.
 Stephen Sprawles, ditto, dangerously.
 Thomas Martin, ditto, dangerously.
 William Harbour, ditto, dangerously.
 Thomas Davis, ditto, badly.
 Samuel Walker, ditto, badly.
 William Mills, ditto, slightly.

WILLIAM WARDEN, Surgeon.

WAR-OFFICE, Sept. 7.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Field Marshal his Royal Highness Frederick Duke of York, K. G. to be Colonel of the 1st regiment of foot guards, vice his Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, deceased.

Lieut. General his Royal Highness Adolphus Frederick Duke of Cambridge, K. G. to be Colonel of the Coldstream regiment of foot guards, vice the Duke of York. General his Royal Highness Edward Duke of Kent, K. G. to be Field Marshal of the Forces.

2d Dragoon Guards—Lieut.-Col. the Hon. William Blaquiere, from the 22d light dragoons, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, without purchase, vice Long, appointed to the 16th light dragoons.

16th Light Dragoons—Lieut.-Col. Robert Ballard Long, from the 2d dragoon guards, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, without purchase.

22d Ditto—Lieut.-Col. James Hare, from half-pay of the late 28th light dragoons, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Blaquiere.

6th West India Regiment—Captain Charles Ashworth, from the 55th foot, to be Major, by purchase, vice Dickson, who retires.

BANKRUPTS.

Henry Palmer of Mangotsfield, Gloucester, victualler
 Thomas Arnold of Canterbury, grocer
 John Brown of Winttingham, Lincoln, baker
 Edward Tripp of Barton, Lincoln, joiner
 Thomas and George Ferneley of Hulme, Manchester, cotton-spinners
 Wm. Brewer of Bathpool Mills, Somerset, miller
 Richard Bury of Manchester, dry-salter
 Thomas Farrar of Halifax, York, cotton-spinner
 Edward Payne of Taunton, Somerset, druggist
 Christ. Tonge of Nag's-head Court, London, merchant
 Henry Mercer and Joseph Forshaw of Liverpool, Lancaster, merchants.

COMMISSIONS SUPERSEDED.

John Rhodes of Manchester, manufacturer.
 James Norman and George Worthington of Charlton-row, Manchester, common-brewers
 Samuel Sanders of Love-lane, London, wine-merchant.

