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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE—Dec. 31. 1805.

Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Phillips Cosby Handfield, of his Majesty's ship the *Egyptienne*, to William Marfden, Esq. dated in Cawland Bay, the 29th instant.

SIR,

I have the honour to enclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of my letter to Admiral Cornwallis, respecting the capture of the French frigate *La Libre* by his Majesty's ships *Loire*, Captain F. L. Maitland, and *Egyptienne*, at present under my command, on the 24th inst. off Rochefort.

I have the honour to be, &c.

P. C. HANDFIELD, Lieut.

His Majesty's ship *Egyptienne*, off Ushant, Dec. 23. 1805.

SIR,

I have the honour to acquaint you with the capture of the French frigate *La Libre*, on the afternoon of the 24th inst. off Rochefort, by his Majesty's ships *La Loire*, Captain F. L. Maitland, and *Egyptienne*, at present under my command, both coming up at the same time, and joining in the attack.

La Libre, commanded by Monf. Descorches, capitaine de fregate, mounts 24 18-pounder guns on the main deck, 6 36-pounder carronades, and 10 9-pounder guns on the quarter deck and fore-castle, with a complement of 280 men. She submitted, after an obstinate defence of half an hour, having 20 men killed and wounded, and received so much damage that all her masts went overboard soon after we took possession. She sailed from Flushing on the 14th November, in company with a French frigate of 48 guns, from whom she parted in a gale of wind, on the 9th inst. on the coast of Scotland.

PRICE 6d.

I have much pleasure in communicating to you the good conduct of the officers and men of the *Egyptienne* in this affair, and have only to regret that the inferior force of the enemy did not give room for the full extent of their services.—Enclosed is a list of the wounded, and I am sorry to add that one is since dead.

Captain Maitland, of *La Loire*, has taken charge of the prize, from whom I parted on the 25th, when he had her in tow.

I have the honour to be, &c.

P. C. HANDFIELD, Lieut.

The Hon. Wm. Cornwallis, Admiral of the Red, and Commander in Chief, &c.

A list of the killed and wounded on board his Majesty's ship the *Egyptienne*, in the action with *La Libre* French frigate, the 24th of December 1805.

None killed.

WOUNDED.

- Mr Thomas Robinson, boatswain, slightly.
- William Thinn, seaman, dangerously, (since dead.)
- John Williams, seaman, badly.
- John Davis, seaman, slightly.
- Thomas Lucas, seaman, slightly.
- John Strutton, quarter-master, slightly.
- James M'Guire, royal marine, badly.
- James Evans, royal marine, slightly.

(Signed) P. C. HANDFIELD, Lieut.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Perth.

Royal Perthshire Militia—James Stewart Robertson to be Captain; dated Nov. 12. 1805.

George Balvaird to be Lieutenant; dated November 8. 1805.

1st (or Breadalbane) Battalion of Royal Perthshire 2d Volunteer Brigade.

James Malloch to be Captain, vice Dewar, appointed to the 21st foot. Maxwell Stewart to be Lieutenant, vice Malloch, promoted. Peter M'Dougall to be Ad-

jutant, vice Campbell, resigned. All dated December 24. 1804.

1st (or Strathearn) Battalion of Royal Perthshire 1st Volunteer Brigade.

Thomas M'Omish to be Lieutenant, vice Drysdale, resigned. Dated April 9. 1805.

Peter M'Crossie to be Ensign, vice M'Omish, promoted. Dated as above.

Lieutenant James Peddie to be Assistant-Surgeon.—Dated January 17. 1804.

3d (or Atholl) Regiment of Royal Perthshire 1st Volunteer Brigade.

Hope Stewart to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Butter, deceased. Dated August 27. 1805.

Loyal Clandonachie Regiment of Mounted Artillery and Volunteer Infantry.

Robert Robertson to be Major. Dated September 1. 1805.

William Stewart to be Captain. Dated October 21. 1805.

John Robertson to be ditto. Dated as above.

James M'Nab to be First Lieutenant. Dated as above.

John Robertson to be ditto. Dated as above.

Angus Robertson to be Second Lieutenant. Dated as above.

Duncan Robertson to be ditto. Dated as above.

George Robertson to be ditto. Dated as above.

2d (or Belmont and North Strathmore) Battalion of Royal Perthshire 2d Volunteer Brigade.

James Rattray to be Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant. Dated November 1. 1805.

ADVERTISEMENT.

THE Partnership carried on by the Subscribers, at Cawland, under the firm and designation of WORSLEY & SPEARING, was this day Dissolved by mutual consent.

The business will in future be carried on by the Subscriber Robert Worsley, who alone is authorized to receive and discharge the debts due to the late Concern, and who will settle and pay the debts due by that Concern.

ROBERT WORSLEY.
THOMAS SPEARING.

Glasgow, Dec. 31. 1805.

