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FROM FRIDAY, MARCH 21. TO TUESDAY, MARCH 25. 1806.

WHITEHALL—March 22.

The King has been pleased to appoint Adam Gillies, advocate, to be Sheriff Depute of the shire of Kincardine, in the room of Alexander Ramfay, resigned.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE—March 22.

Copy of a Letter from the Earl of St Vincent, K. B. Admiral and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's fleet employed, and to be employed in the Channel, Soundings, or wherever else his Majesty's service shall require, to William Marsden, Esq. dated on board the Hibernia, in Falmouth Harbour, the 19th instant.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the inclosed copy of a letter from Captain Paget; and have great pleasure in expressing my admiration of the gallant exploit therein recorded.

I am, &c. ST VINCENT.

MY LORD, Egyptianne, off Cape Finisterre, 9th March, 1806.

I have the honour to inform your Lordship, that having received intelligence of a large French privateer being in the harbour of Muros, I decided on seizing the first opportunity of gaining possession of her; I accordingly anchored his Majesty's ship under my command off that port last night, and immediately sent the boats away to endeavour to cut her out, in which, I am happy to acquaint your Lordship, they succeeded, though she was moored close to the beach, and under the protection of two batteries, which kept up an incessant fire, till she was towed clear of the range.

This vessel, which appears to be perfectly adapted for his Majesty's service, proves to be

Price 6d.

L'Alcide, of Bourdeaux, a frigate-built ship, pierced for thirty-four guns, only two years old, and had, when last at sea, a complement of two hundred and forty men. This affair, so honourable to those who achieved it, was conducted by Captain Handfield, who was ably supported by Lieutenants Alleyn and Garthwaite, of the marines, the petty-officers, and boats' crews.

To account for that enterprising zealous officer, Captain Handfield, being in the Egyptianne, I have to inform your Lordship, that not having received an official communication of his promotion previous to our sailing, he volunteered, remaining in the ship as First Lieutenant during the cruize.—I have the honour to be, &c.

CHARLES PAGET.

The Earl of St Vincent, &c.

WAR-OFFICE—March 15. 1806.

1st Regiment of Dragoon Guards—Lieutenant Frederick James Horn to be Captain of a troop, by purchase, vice Spicer, who retires.

3d Ditto.

To be Lieutenants—Cornets George White, by purchase, vice Gwynne, who retires; Alexander Stewart, without purchase; Nathaniel Story, from the 8th light dragoons, without purchase.

To be Cornet—George Maunsell, vice White. 6th Ditto—Captain St George French to be Major, vice Bagwell, deceased. Lieutenant Paschal Pauli Hobart to be Captain, vice French. Cornet Ferns to be Lieutenant, vice Hobart. Bedford Smith to be Cornet, vice Ferns.

11th Regiment of Light Dragoons—James Alfred Schreiber to be Cornet, without purchase, vice Fallon promoted.

20th Regiment of Foot—Edward McCoy to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Montgomery, whose appointment has not taken place.

26th Ditto—John Law to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Hamilton, appointed to the 6th dragoon guards.

31st Ditto.

To be Lieutenants, without purchase—Ensigns William Gibson, vice Hawkins, promoted; Hugh Lumley; George Beamish.

43d Ditto—Lieutenant Alexander Kerr to be Captain of a company, by purchase.

50th Ditto—Thomas Lawrence to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Espy, promoted in the 26th foot.

58th Ditto—Ensign William Finacune, from the 14th foot, to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Mahoney, who retires.

60th Ditto—Charles Von Conrady to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Tarce, promoted in Bailie's regiment.

61st Ditto—Quarter-Master-Serjeant — Musgrave to be Quarter-Master, vice Robertson, who retires on half-pay of the 20th foot.

62d Ditto—Lieutenant W. C. Ball to be Captain of a company, by purchase, vice Dawson, who retires.

71st Ditto—Captain Robert Barclay, from the 1st garrison battalion, to be Captain of a company, without purchase.

83d Ditto—Lieutenant Henry Collins to be Captain of a company, by purchase, vice Smith, who retires. Lieutenant P. P. Carnell, from half-pay of the 20th foot, to be Lieutenant, without purchase. Ensign and Adjutant — Darrrell to have the rank of Lieutenant. Ensign David Wiley to be Lieutenant, vice Collins. John Parker to be Ensign, vice Wiley.

84th Ditto—Ensign Edward Lane to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Wright, promoted.

95th Ditto—James Mercer to be Second Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Drake, promoted in the 54th foot.

5th West India Regiment— Daxon to be Ensign, vice Power, deceased.

1st Garrison Battalion—Ensign Charles Doyle, from the Coldstream regiment of foot guards, to be Captain of a company, vice Barclay, appointed to the 71st foot.

STAFF.

Thomas Gibson, late Lieutenant-Colonel in the 83d foot, to be an Inspecting Field Officer of Yeomanry and Volunteer Corps, with temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the army, vice Wight, deceased.

