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WHITEHALL, April 14. 1807.

THE King has been pleased to grant the dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto Sir Thomas Manners Sutton, Knt. one of the Barons of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Baron Manners, of Foston, in the county of Lincoln.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, April 14. 1807.

Copy of a letter from Rear-Admiral Sir ALEXANDER COCHRANE, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's ships and vessels at the Leeward Islands, to WILLIAM MARSDEN, Esq. dated on board the Northumberland, at sea, the 2d February 1807.

SIR—I have the honour to inclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the copy of a letter from Captain Sayer, of His Majesty's ship Galatea, giving an account of the capture of the French national corvette Lynx, (one of those which escaped from Sir Samuel Hood's squadron,) by the boats of that ship, under the command of Lieutenant Coombe.

When it is taken into consideration the fatigue of so long a row as the boats' crew had before they came up with the enemy, their great disparity in numbers, their having to attack a man of war under sail, completely prepared for their reception, and their perseverance in the attack, without a chance of support from the ship, after being twice repulsed, I may safely say that more determined bravery has not been shown during the war. While I admire their gallantry, I must sympathise with the friends of those who fell in the action. In the death of Lieutenant Henry Walker, who was some time ago promoted from this ship, the service has lost a most promising officer. Lieutenant Coombe's conduct speaks for itself; although he had before lost a leg, his activity in the execution of his duty has always been remarked; in this action he received a severe, and I fear a dangerous wound, in the thigh, above the former amputation; I therefore feel assured their Lordships will judge him deserving their protection.

I have the honour to be, &c.

ALEX. COCHRANE.

His Majesty's ship Galatea, Coast of Caraccas, Jan. 10. 1807.

SIR—Yesterday morning we discovered, from the mast-head, a sail in the S. E., steering for La Guira,

and soon compelled her to another course for Barcelona; about noon it was mostly calm, when she appeared to be a man of war, and by her manœuvre, an enemy; she had now the advantage of us by a breeze, and with her lofty flying sails, and sweeps, was leaving us fast. At two o'clock her top-gallant sails were scarcely above the horizon, but in a situation between the ship and the coast that still afforded me hopes of her, by co-operation of the boats; they pushed off under the direction of the First Lieutenant William Coombe, manned with five officers, fifty seamen, and twenty marines; and after rowing about twelve leagues in eight hours, (part of the time under a burning sun,) they came up with her, going, with a light land breeze, about two knots; having first hailed her, our brave fellows instantly attempted to board on both quarters, but by the fire of her guns, which had been all trained aft in readiness, and having to combat, under every disadvantage, with more than double their numbers, were twice repulsed by them. The boats now dropped, and poured through her stern and quarter-ports a destructive fire of musketballs and small arms that cleared the deck of many of the enemy, who were all crowded aft; when, after an arduous struggle, (a third time,) for a footing, our men rushed a-board, and in a few minutes drove all before them; the bowsprit and jib-boom were covered; some flew aloft, and others below; the Captain and most of his officers were lying wounded on the decks, leaving the remainder of this handful of men in proud possession of the French imperial corvette, Le Lynx, of fourteen twenty-four pounders caronades, and two long nine-pounders, chasers, pierced for eighteen guns, and manned with one hundred and sixty-one men, commanded by Monsieur Jean M. Yarquest, with dispatches from Guadaloupe for the Caraccas; she is two years old, and a well equipped fine vessel, in all respects fit for His Majesty's service.

At the head of our invaluable men's names, who fell in this quarter of an hour's sharp contest, stands that of the Second Lieutenant Harry Walker, of his third wound; of the officers commanding our five boats, only Lieutenant Gibson was unhurt. It may be unnecessary to add Lieutenant Coombe's report, that every man did his duty—I am satisfied they did.

I am, Sir, &c.

(Signed)

GEO. SAYER.

To Rear-Admiral the Hon. Sir Alex. Cochrane, K. B. Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

A list of killed and wounded officers, seamen, and marines on board the Galatea and Le Lynx.

Killed on board the Galatea.

Harry Walker, Second Lieutenant; George Vincent, seaman; John Mildron, ditto; Thomas Wheteredge, ditto; Robert M'Cann, ditto; Frederick Plank, ditto; James Mason, serjeant of marines; William Cooper, private of marines; David Nicolls, ditto.

Severely wounded on board the Galatea.

William Coombe, First Lieutenant; Barry Sarsfield, master's mate; Robert Jobbin, petty officer; William Cock, seaman; John Fox, ditto; William West, ditto; Robert Haynes, ditto; William Mills, ditto; Richard Bartlein, private of Marines; Henry Thompson, ditto; David Jones, ditto.

Slightly wounded on board the Galatea.

John Green, master's mate; R. Berry, petty officer; Robert Bailey, seaman; Thomas Whitaker, ditto; George Griffiths, ditto; Thomas Jones, ditto; James Bog, ditto; John Chapman, ditto; John Norris, ditto; John Lewis, ditto; Thomas Gordon, private of marines.

Total 9 killed and 22 wounded—31.

Killed on board Le Lynx.

The Third Lieutenant, 13 petty officers, seamen, and soldiers.

Wounded on board Le Lynx.

The Commander Mons. M. Yarquest, and the First Lieutenant, (both badly), 4 officers, and 14 seamen and soldiers.

Total—14 killed and 20 wounded (most of them badly)—34.

(Signed)

GEO. SAYER.

Copy of a letter from Capt. T. COCHRANE of His Majesty's ship Jason, to Rear-Admiral Sir ALEX. COCHRANE, K. B.

His Majesty's ship Jason, at Sea, January 28. 1807.

SIR—Having received your orders by His Majesty's sloop Osprey, I proceeded towards Maroney river, and yesterday morning at day-light, Soramine river bearing south by east twenty-six miles, discovered a ship and brig, nearly six miles on the weather beam, apparently men of war; and from the information I received a few days before, conceived them to be the vessels of which we were in search; and about a quarter before ten, succeeded in bringing the ship to action within pistol-shot, who shortly after struck, and proved to be La Favorite, (formerly in His Majesty's service,) mounting sixteen long sixes and thirteen twelve-pounder carronades, having on board one hundred and fifty

Price Sixpence.

