

vincial Synod of Dumfries, in Synod assembled, beg leave humbly to approach your Majesty's presence with our warmest tender of affection for your sacred person, and attachment to our government. The ties of loyalty and of duty that connect us with your Majesty, derive a more powerful influence than ordinary from the perilous state in which we are placed at the present period. Marking the ruler of the French people, after having laid the mighty monarchies of Europe at his feet, now directing his undivided efforts towards the subjugation of this country, we are eager to range ourselves round your Majesty's throne, and contribute our best efforts for its defence and glory. If the mild and equitable sway of your long and prosperous reign; if the invaluable privileges of our happy constitution; if the blessings which Britons enjoy, superior to all other nations, be calculated to inspire one heart and soul, we beg leave to assure your Majesty that we feel the full force of their united influence.

The anxious care with which your Majesty has always watched over the interests of our holy religion has led you to judge it proper to exempt the Ministers of the Gospel from military service; but our heart is in the cause that has roused so many of our fellow-subjects to arms; and to their bravery, guided by the wisdom and vigour of your Majesty's councils, we confidently resign our defence, humbly trusting that the Almighty, who never forsakes his faithful servants, will continue to prosper whatever measures your Majesty may employ for the protection of your Kingdoms, and for bringing to a speedy and favourable issue the just and necessary war, in the maintenance of which the skill and intrepidity of your fleets and armies have been so frequently and signally displayed.

We beg leave to repeat our assurances of steady attachment to your Majesty, and to express our fervent prayer unto him by whom kings reign, that your Majesty may survive the arduous conflict in which you are now engaged, and live to see secured to your family and subjects those inestimable privileges, sacred and civil, of which you have ever proved yourself the protector and the guardian.

Signed in name, in presence, and by appointment of the Synod of Dumfries, at Dumfries April 19, 1808, by

JAMES CRIRIE, Moderator.

[Transmitted by W. Johnstone Hope, Esq. Representative in Parliament for Dumfriesshire.]

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, APRIL 28, 1808.

This day, in pursuance of the King's pleasure, the following Flag-Officers of his Majesty's fleet were promoted, viz.

ADMIRALS of the WHITE, Charles Buckner, Esq. Right Hon. Alan Lord Gardner, to be ADMIRALS of the RED.

ADMIRALS of the BLUE, Robert Man, Esq. Sir George Young, Knt. John Henry, Esq. Richard Rodney Bligh, Esq. Alexander Græme, Esq. to be ADMIRALS of the WHITE.

VICE-ADMIRALS of the RED, John Brown, Esq. John Leigh Douglas, Esq. William Swiney, Esq. Charles Edmund Nugent, Esq. Charles Powell Hamilton, Esq. Edmund Dod, Esq. Sir Charles Cotton, Bart. to be ADMIRALS of the BLUE.

VICE-ADMIRALS of the WHITE, James Hawkins Whitshed, Esq. Arthur Kempe, Esq. Smith Child, Esq. Right Hon. Charles Lord Lecale. Thomas Taylor, Esq. Sir John Thomas Duckworth, K. B. Sir Robert Calder, Bart. James Richard Dacres, Esq. Hon. George Cranfield Berkeley. Thomas West, Esq. James

Douglas, Esq. Peter Aplin, Esq. to be VICE-ADMIRALS of the RED.

VICE-ADMIRALS of the BLUE, George Bowen, Esq. Robert Montagu, Esq. John Fergusson, Esq. Edward Edwards, Esq. Sir John Borlase Warren, Bart. and K. B. Edward Tyrrel Smith, Esq. Sir Thomas Graves, K. B. Thomas Macnamara Russell, Esq. Sylvester Moriarty, Esq. Sir Henry Trollope, Knt. Sir Henry Edwin Stanhope, Bart. Robert M'Donnell, Esq. Billy Douglas, Esq. John Wickey, Esq. John Fish, Esq. John Knight, Esq. Edward Thornbrough, Esq. to be VICE-ADMIRALS of the WHITE.

REAR-ADMIRALS of the RED, Thomas Drury, Esq. Albemarle Bertie, Esq. Right Hon. William Earl of Northesk, K. B. James Vashon, Esq. Sir William Henry Douglas, Bart. Thomas Wells, Esq. Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. Sir Isaac Coffin, Bart. John Aylmer, Esq. Samuel Osborn, Esq. Richard Boger, Esq. to be VICE-ADMIRALS of the BLUE.

REAR-ADMIRALS of the WHITE, Jonathan Faulkner, Esq. John Child Purvis, Esq. Theophilus Jones, Esq. William Domett, Esq. William Wolsey, Esq. John Manley, Esq. George Murray, Esq. John Sutton, Esq. Robert Murray, Esq. Hon. Sir Alexander Cochrane, K. B. John Markham, Esq. Charles Stirling, Esq. Henry D'Estre Darby, Esq. Edward Bowater, Esq. George Palmer, Esq. William O'Brien Drury, Esq. William Essington, Esq. to be REAR-ADMIRALS of the RED.

REAR-ADMIRALS of the BLUE, John M'Dougall, Esq. James Almes, Esq. Eliab Harvey, Esq. John Peyton, Esq. Sir Edmund Nagle, Knt. to be REAR-ADMIRALS of the RED.

REAR-ADMIRALS of the BLUE, John Wells, Esq. Richard Grindall, Esq. George Martin, Esq. Sir Alexander Ball, Bart. Sir Richard John Strachan, Bart. and K. B. Sir William Sidney Smith, Knt. Thomas Sotheby, Esq. Edward O'Bryen, Esq. Nathan Brunton, Esq. William Hancock Kelly, Esq. John Schanck, Esq. Hon. Michael De Courcy. William Bentinck, Esq. Paul Minchin, Esq. Philip D'Auvergne, Prince of Bouillon. John Hunter, Esq. Francis Pender, Esq. William Albany Otway, Esq. George Lumsdaine, Esq. Sir Samuel Hood, K. B. Henry Nicholls, Esq. Herbert Sawyer, Esq. to be REAR-ADMIRALS of the WHITE.

The under-mentioned CAPTAINS were also appointed Flag-Officers of his Majesty's Fleet, viz.

Robert Devereux Fancourt, Esq. Edward Buller, Esq. Hon. Robert Stopford. Mark Robinson, Esq. Thomas Revell Shivers, Esq. Charles Cobb, Esq. Francis Pickmore, Esq. John Stephens Hall, Esq. John Dilkes, Esq. William Lechmere, Esq. Thomas Foley, Esq. Charles Tyler, Esq. Robert Cartlew Reynolds, Esq. Robert Watson, Esq. Hon. Alan Hyde Gardner. Manley Dixon, Esq. George Losack, Esq. William Mitchell, Esq. George Hart, Esq. Thomas Bertie, Esq. to be REAR-ADMIRALS of the BLUE.

The King has been pleased to appoint Charles Boyles, Esq. Sir Thomas Williams, Knt. William Hargood, Esq. and Robert Moorson, Esq. to be Colonels of his Majesty's Royal Marine Forces, in the room of Edward Buller, Esq. the Hon. Robert Stopford, William Lechmere, Esq. and Thomas Foley, Esq. appointed Flag-Officers of his Majesty's fleet.

MAY 3, 1808.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral the Honourable Sir ALEXANDER COCHRANE, K. B. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the Leeward Islands, to the Honourable W. W. POLE, dated on board his Majesty's Ship Belleisle, Marie Galante, March 12, 1808.

SIR,

I have the honour to inclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the copy of a letter from Captain Selby, of his Majesty's ship Cerberus, commanding the blockading squadron off Point à Petre, Guadeloupe, who, finding the total impossibility of preventing the enemy's privateers and their prizes from gaining that port, while they continued in possession of Marie Galante, as they constantly took shelter under the batteries of that island, from whence they watched a favourable opportunity to run over, he came to the resolution of attempting the surprise of Grand Bourg, the principal town, in which the detachment sent

on this service, under the command of Captain Pigot, of the Circe, completely succeeded; whose report is also inclosed.

The manner in which this service was planned, and the promptitude with which it was effected, reflects the highest credit on Captain Selby, the other captains, officers, and men employed thereon.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) ALEX. COCHRANE.

*His Majesty's Ship Cerberus, at Anchor off Marie Galante, March 3, 1808.*

SIR,

I beg to acquaint you of the surrender of the island of Marie Galante to his Majesty's arms.

Finding the island afforded a shelter for the enemy's privateers, with their captured vessels, and that it interfered considerably with the blockade of Guadeloupe, I considered it expedient to attack it; whereupon I gave Captain Pigot the command of about two hundred seamen and marines from the ships named in the margin; and, on the 2d instant, we weighed from Petit Terre, and, a little after daylight, effected a landing about two miles from the town with little opposition, and, soon after, the island surrendered at discretion, and the Commandant, with the national military force, are prisoners of war.

I find it a very valuable island, in the highest state of cultivation, and a large quantity of colonial produce in the stores. I have disembarked the marines, and garrisoned the place, and shall remain with the force under my orders for your further directions.

I herewith inclose Captain Pigot's letter to me on the occasion, (wherein I am happy to observe the high terms in which he speaks of Captain Bowen, and the officers and men under his command), together with a list of the arms and military stores taken on the island.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. SELBY.

*To the Hon. Sir Alex. Cochrane, K. B.*

*Commander in Chief, &c.*

\* Cerberus, Circe, and Camilla.

*His Majesty's Ship Circe, off Marie Galante, March 2, 1808.*

SIR,

You having done me the honour to give me the command of the debarkation of the seamen and marines of his Majesty's ship Cerberus, Circe, and Camilla, on the Island of Marie Galante, I have the pleasure to inform you it was effected without loss, and the only opposition, a few shot from a small battery to the northward; and that notwithstanding the badness of the roads through the cane patches, I have infinite satisfaction in adding, that the good order and cool conduct of both seamen and marines merits the highest praise. From our early appearance at the end of the town, we found but little preparations for resistance, except a field-piece, placed in the centre of the principal street, on approaching which a flag of truce was sent, and the island surrendered at discretion. I cannot close this without expressing the support I had in Captain Bowen, of his Majesty's ship Camilla, and all the officers employed on this service.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) HUGH PIGOT.

*To Captain Selby, his Majesty's Ship Cerberus.*

*A Return of Ordnance found in the Island of Marie Galante, March 2, 1808.*

Town of Grand Bourg, 1 six-pounder field-piece.

Fort, 2 twenty-four-pounders and 1 six-pounder.

Vieux Fort, 2 eighteen-pounders.

St Louis, 2 eighteen-pounders.