

The privateer is marked on the stern, Vigilant, of Guernsey, a deception often made use of, I am informed, to decoy British trading vessels within reach of the guns of the enemy's cruiser.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, April 29.

Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, Knight, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Jamaica, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated the 9th March 1797.

Inclosed I have the honour to transmit a list of such armed vessels as have been captured or destroyed since my last.

A List of Prizes captured by his Majesty's ship La Magicienne, during our last cruise.

La Fortune, of	8 guns,	74 men.
Le Poisson Volant, of	12 guns,	80 men.
Le Poisson Volant, of	5 guns,	50 men.
Spanish cutter, of	6 guns,	

formerly called the Bawvac, laden with olives and dry goods.

By the Diligence,

La Fogouse, of 6 guns, 57 men.

One privateer schooner, destroyed by the boats of the Squadron, under the command of Lieutenant Spread, of his Majesty's ship Queen, who retook an American brig she had captured in our fight, to recover which the boats were sent in chase.

H. PARKER.

At the Court at *St. James's*, the 26th of April 1797,

P R E S E N T,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day the Right Hon. Charles Henry Somerset, commonly called Lord Charles Somerset, Comptroller of his Majesty's Household, was, by his Majesty's command, sworn of his Most Hon. Privy Council, and took his place at the board accordingly.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint George Beckwith, Esq. to be Governor and Commander in Chief of the Bermuda, or Somers's Islands; Stephen de Lancey, Esq. to be Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Island of Tobago and its dependencies; and the Hon. Andrew Cochrane Johnstone to be Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Island of Dominica; they this day took the usual oaths appointed to be taken by the Governors of his Majesty's Plantations.

The London Gazette also contains an Order for extending the payment of bounties to Seamen, to the 30th of June—and for extending the prohibition of the exportation of Rock Salt, to the 29th of October.

WAR-OFFICE, April 29.

2d Regiment of Dragoon Guards—Joseph Carrington, Gent. to be Assistant Surgeon—Mathew Hair, Gent. to be Assistant Surgeon.

3d Ditto—William Marsden, Gent. to be Assistant Surgeon.

8th Light Dragoons—Cornet John Culton to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Creiwell, who retires on the half-pay of the 95th foot—Ensign Thomas Lindon, from the 95th foot, to be Cornet, vice Culton.

13th—To be Lieutenants—Lieutenant J. Thornton, from the 17th Light Dragoons, by purchase, vice De Vere Hunt, who retires—Cornet Walter Johnson, from the 20th Light Dragoons, vice Shears, deceased—Cornet George Lawrence, vice Bradshaw, deceased—Cornet William Raymond, from the 26th Light Dragoons, vice Buttle, deceased.

To be Cornet—Capt. John Hayes, from the Northampton Fencibles, vice Lawrence.

To be Assistant Surgeon—James Grellier, Gent.

14th—Hospital Mate—Newman, from the island of St Domingo, to be Assistant Surgeon.

15th—Cornet John Lidderdale, from the 29th Light Dragoons, to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Mangin, promoted in the 21st Light Dragoons.

18th—Lieutenant Hugh Casement to be Adjutant, without purchase, vice Lawrenson, promoted.

20th—Blake, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Raymond, promoted in the 13th Dragoons—Fontner, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Johnson, promoted.

1st Foot Guards—Thomas Shiffners, Gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Todd, promoted.

2d—Ensign John Nihell to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Riddell, who retires—Serjeant Major—Wainwright to be Adjutant, vice John Stone, deceased.

4th—To be Lieutenants—Lieutenant Patrick O'Brien, from the 24th foot, vice Tolley, who exchanges—Ensign Christopher Hart, from the 107th foot—Ensign Edward Gazely.

To be Ensign—George David Wilson, Gent. vice Gazely.

8th—Ensign James McGuffey to be Lieutenant, vice Villeneuve, deceased—William Scholey, Gent. to be Ensign, vice McGuffey.

10th—Henry Gill, Gent. to be Assistant Surgeon.

11th—Ensign Jones Irwin, from the 62d foot, to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Robert Grant, who retires.

12th—Ensign William Langford to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Ormby, who retires.

13th—Ensign Robert Robinson, from the 38th foot, to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Samson, who retires.

14th—Serjeant—Good, to be Quarter Master, vice Start, deceased.

20th—Ensign John McLean to be Lieutenant—Ensign Charles Stevens to be Lieutenant.

23d—Captain Godfrey McDonald, from the 86th foot, to be Captain, vice Richardson, who exchanges.

24th—Lieutenant Thomas Chamberlain to be Captain, by purchase, vice Steil, promoted—Lieutenant H. D. Tolley, from the 4th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice O'Brien, who exchanges.

26th—Ensign George Gifford to be Lieutenant—Ensign Ogilby to be Lieutenant.

28th—Ensign William Parsons, from the 67th foot, to be Ensign, vice Crowe, who exchanges.

31st—Ensign William Roach to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Waddle, promoted in Colonel Ward's Regiment—Serjeant J. F. Kingfley, from the 71st foot, to be Quarter-Master, vice Bateman, deceased.

36th—Ensign William George Harris, from the 76th foot, to be Lieutenant by purchase, vice Burgess, promoted—Surgeon's Mate John Little to be Surgeon, vice Duncan, who resigns.

38th—James M. Clifton, Gent. to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Rivington, promoted.

39th—To be Lieutenants—Ensign—Hosbrough, vice O'Farrell, deceased—Ensign—Crump, from Major-General Whyte's regiment, vice Grosse, who resigns.

43d—Wardrobe, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Bedward, who resigns.

44th—Serjeant—Donaldson to be Quarter Master, vice McCabe, deceased.

46th—Lieutenant John Blackwood, from the half-pay of Elford's late corps, to be Lieutenant, vice Moffitt, deceased.

52d—Lawrence O'Hara, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Macdonald, promoted in the 72d foot.

53d—Quarter Master Keppell Power, from Lieutenant-Colonel Skerrett's regiment, to be Quarter-Master, vice Browne, deceased.

55th—Volunteer—Shaw to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Wilkins, promoted—Serjeant Thomas Rivers to be Quarter-Master, vice Simpson, deceased.

56th—Captain Robert Douglass, from the 30th foot, to be Major, by purchase, vice Alexander, who retires.

59th—Lieutenant Alexander McLeod to be Captain, by purchase, vice Wood, promoted—Ensign—Ralph, without purchase, vice Rogers, who retires—Lieutenant William G. Adey, from the half pay of the 72d foot, vice Lees, who is superseded, never having joined the regiment. Lieutenant Robert R. Aldworth, from the half pay of the 68th foot, who is superseded, never having joined the regiment.

To be Ensigns—Ralph, Gent. vice Porter, who is superseded, never having joined the regiment—Edward Walker, Gent. by purchase, vice Ralph, promoted.