

During the action she attempted several times to set us on fire, by endeavouring to throw on board us flasks filled with powder and sulphur. She is called the Piteous Virgin Maria, mounting ten carriage guns, four six and six four pounders, with eight swivels—had on board at the commencement of the action 42 men, and had been from Malaga six days.

I am happy to inform you that I lost no men during the action—the enemy had one killed and seven wounded dangerously, one of which is since dead. The cutter received forty shot in the main-mast, and her rigging was very much damaged and cut to pieces—a four pound shot is lodged in her lower mast. In justice to the officers and men I beg leave to observe, that they respectively did their duty to my entire satisfaction. I have the honour to be, &c.

J. PENGELLEY.

To Sir John Ferris, K. B. Admiral of the Blue, &c.

Extract of a Letter from the Earl St VINCENT, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels employed on the coast of Portugal, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated on board the Ville de Paris, off Cadiz, May 28, 1797.

On the morning of the 24th inst. a brig corvette was observed approaching the Squadron, under Spanish colours, and the signal was made for the Romulus and Mahonesa to take possession of her—they run alongside her, under Spanish colours, and the mistake was not discovered until they hoisted English, by which means the Neutra Senora del Rosario, of 20 guns and 100 men, commanded by Don Juan Antonia del Carega, was captured without a shot fired.

Copy of a Letter from Capt. EDWARD BOWATER, Commander of his Majesty's ship Trent, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated Yarmouth Roads, June 27, 1797.

SIR,

You will please to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty of my having captured this day, ten leagues to the eastward of Yarmouth, a French lugger privateer, named the Poisson Volant, mounting fourteen carriage guns and fifty men—the guns were thrown overboard during the chase, and twenty-eight of the men were in two prizes (a ship and a brig) she had taken some days before off Buckinels.

The lugger is quite new, well found, and sails fast—left Havre de Grace eighteen days since.

I have the honour to be, &c.

EDWARD BOWATER.

WAR-OFFICE, July 1. 1797.

15th Regiment of Light Dragoons—Cornet Jonathan Weston to be Lieutenant, vice Heyrick, deceased. Timothy John Manley to be Cornet, vice Weston.

20th Ditto—Captain Robert Gillespie to be Major.

To be Captains of Troops—Captain-Lieutenant Edward P. Wallen, vice Gillespie; Captain Benjamin D'Urban, from the 29th light dragoons.

To be Captain-Lieutenant—Lieutenant Samuel Simpson, vice Wallen.

1st Regiment of Foot Guards—Ensign the Honourable William Stuart to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Lord Frederick Montagu, promoted in the 98th foot.

1st Battalion of the 1st Regiment of Foot—Captain Archibald Stewart, from the 2d battalion of Scotch Brigade, to be Captain, vice Garth, who retires on the half-pay of the Scotch Brigade.

5th Regiment of Foot—Ensign N. Phillips to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Parkin, who retires.

47th Ditto—Captain-Lieutenant Sir Thomas John Southcott, from the Middlesex militia, to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Bland, promoted.

49th Ditto—Ensign William Satterthwaite, from the 71st foot, to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Eccles, who retires.

60th Ditto—John Naish to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Cates, promoted.

63d Ditto—Lieutenant Jehn Pringle, from the 21st foot, to be Captain, by purchase, vice M'Leoth, who retires.

Major-General Graham's Regiment.

Atkinson to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Briggs, whose appointment does not take place.

New South Wales Corps.

Nicholas Bayley to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Crofton, who is superseded.

6th Regiment of the Irish Brigade.

Ensign Daniel O'Donovan to be Lieutenant, vice Connor, deceased.

John O'Neill to be Assistant Surgeon.

Company of Artificers in the Barrack Department.

Owen Lloyd to be Lieutenant.

STAFF.

Captain H. William Hailes, on the half-pay of the 106th Regiment to be Major of Brigade to the forces at New Brunswick.

Isaac Low, Esq. from half-pay, to be Deputy Commissary-General of Stores, Provisions, and Forage, to the Forces in the Leeward Islands.

GARRISONS.

Captain Philip Melville, of the Royal Invalids, to be Lieutenant-Governor of Pendennis Castle, vice Poole, who resigns.

1st Battalion of the Rothfay and Caithness Fencibles. Lieutenant Alexander Sutherland to be Captain of a company, vice Innes, deceased. Ensign Alexander Evans to be Lieutenant, vice Sutherland.

Sutherland Fencible Infantry.

George Cunningham to be Ensign, vice Ross, promoted.

Wigtown Volunteers.

Robert Stewart, Esq. to be Captain. William M'Millan to be First Lieutenant. Archibald Richardson to be Second Lieutenant. The Rev. William Leermont to be Chaplain. Captain John Hawthorn to be Adjutant. John Sloan to be Quarter-Master. William Cargo to be Surgeon.

Strath, Slate, and Broadford Volunteers.

First Lieutenant James M'Donald, from the Demtulin and Portree Company, to be First Lieutenant, vice Lachlan M'Kinnon, promoted in the Beuncichalick Company. M'Donald to be Second Lieutenant, vice M'Donald, promoted in the Demtulin and Portree Company.

Demtulin and Portree Volunteers.

Second Lieutenant Archibald M'Donald, from the Strath, Slate, and Broadford Volunteers, to be First Lieutenant, vice James M'Donald, transferred to the Strath, Slate, and Broadford Volunteers.

Forres Company of Elginshire Volunteers.

Andrew Hoyes to be First Lieutenant. Rev. John Macdonnell to be Chaplain.

1st Battalion of the 2d Regiment of the Royal Edinburgh Volunteers.

Thomas Scott to be Ensign.

2d Battalion of the 2d Regiment of the Royal Edinburgh Volunteers.

Ensign Campbell Gardiner to be Lieutenant, vice John Bonner, who retires. Douglas M'Murdo to be Ensign, vice Hay, who retires. Stephen Reid to be Ensign, vice Gardner.

Edinburgh Royal Highland Volunteer Regiment.

Lieutenant Donald Frazer to be Captain, vice L. M'Donald, who retires. Lieutenant John Campbell to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Mackay, who retires.

Lieutenants.—Ensigns Daniel Cameron, vice Frazer; Archibald Ferrier, vice Campbell; George Willis, vice Murray, who resigns; James Grant, vice James Campbell, who resigns.

Ensigns.—John Rutherford, vice Cameron; George Douglas, vice Ferrier; John Olburn Brown, vice Willis; John Macgregor, vice Grant.

Mid-Lothian Royal Volunteer Artillery.

Joseph Burnett, Esq. to be Major Commandant.

John Plenderleath, Esq. to be Captain.

First Lieutenants—Robert Campbell, William Trotter, James Fergusson.

Second Lieutenants—John Reid, George Cranston, Moncrief Thriepland.

Newburgh Volunteers.

David Hay Balfour, Esq. to be Captain.

Arbroath Volunteers.

David Balfour, Esq. to be Major Commandant.

Captains of Companies—John Colvill, William Mill, John Avith, jun. Esqrs.

First Lieutenants—William Colvill, Charles Low, and William Grant.

Second Lieutenants—William Hennip, Peter Sturrock, and James Lamgair.

Commissions signed by his Majesty for the Army in Ireland.

30th Regiment of Foot—Lieutenants Collins to be Captain, vice Purvis, promoted in the 85th regiment. Dated June 1. 1797.

89th Ditto—Robert Dixon to be Ensign, vice Pefhal, promoted in the 22d foot. Dated June 1. 1797.

BANKRUPTS.

John East of Brompton, Middlesex, paper-manufacturer. George Towing of Covent Garden, Middlesex, oilman. Charles Mitchell of Lombard Street, London, merchant. Thomas Walton of Sheffield, York, linen-draper.