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CARLETON-HOUSE, JUNE 17.

The Prince of Wales has been pleased to appoint the Rev. Alex. Scott, Master of Arts, to be Chaplain in Ordinary to his Royal Highness.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, JULY 11. 1801.

Copy of a letter from Captain Thomas Rogers, commander of his Majesty's ship Mercury, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated in Trieste Road, the 23th May 1801.

SIR,

I beg leave to enclose for their Lordship's information, a copy of my letter of the 26th inst. to Lord Keith, giving a detail of a very gallant service performed by the boats of his Majesty's ship under my command, which reflects great credit to the officers and men engaged in it, and the hard case of Lieut. Mather being obliged to relinquish the prize, after 3 hours possession, will not, I trust, in the opinion of their Lordships, lessen the merit of the enterprise. I have the honour to be, &c.

T. ROGERS.

MERCURY, off Ancona, 26th

May 1801.

MY LORD,

Having received information by a small vessel I captured yesterday from Ancona, that his Majesty's late sloop Bull Dog was lying in the Mole of that port ready for sea, with supplies on board for the French army in Egypt; I judged it necessary to make an attempt to take or destroy her with the boats of the Mercury; and as our success depended upon surprising the enemy, who was ignorant of our arrival in the Adriatic, (the fortifications about the Mole being too formidable to justify the attempt in any other way), I therefore made sail directly for Ancona, and came to an anchor soon after it was dark, off the Mole. The boats were accordingly prepared, and I fit the ship at half past ten o'clock, under the command of Mr W. Mather First Lieutenant, from whose good conduct the

Bull Dog was surpris'd, and carried about midnight, the boats having got alongside without being hailed by the sentinels. The alarm was, however, immediately given along the Mole, to which the ship's stern was secured by the two ends of a bower cable, and three cables out a-head; these were soon cut by the people appointed for that purpose, and the boats began to tow, exposed to a heavy fire of cannon and musketry from the Mole; but as there was a favourable light breeze, the sails were set, and in less than an hour the ship got without reach of the batteries, and was completely ours; but unfortunately it fell calm, and a current setting her along the coast near the shore, a crowd of boats (some of which were gun-boats), filled with men, came out to attack her. Mr Mather seeing her situation extremely critical, having the hatchways to guard, to prevent the enemy rising from below, the boats crews fatigued with rowing all night, and the gun-boats approaching fast and raking the ship, he had therefore the mortification of feeling himself obliged to relinquish his prize, after being in possession of her above three hours, and unfortunately failed in several attempts before he retreated, to see her on fire.

The moment I could discover the Bull Dog was out of the Mole, I got the Mercury under weigh, but it was almost a calm, and impossible to get near her, as she had drifted with the current to a considerable distance from where the Mercury lay, and we experienced the mortifying disappointment of seeing her towed back to the very spot from whence she had been so gallantly taken; it is nevertheless some degree of satisfaction to know, that her voyage must be at least delayed for a considerable time; it is not quite dejected, her masts and yards being shot through and disabled in many places, and she has received considerable damage in her hull and rigging.

The gallant conduct of the officers and men employed upon this little enterprise will, I trust, meet with your Lordship's approbation; and it is from a desire of doing justice to their merits, that I have been drawn into this otherwise unnecessarily long detail. I have to regret the loss of two brave fellows killed, and four wounded, upon this occasion. The enemy had above twenty killed, wounded, and drowned.

I have the honour to be, &c.
Admiral Lord Keith, &c.

T. ROGERS.

Names of the Men killed and wounded.

John Gray, seaman, Morgan Davis, marine, killed.
William Haines, Thomas Guillain, William Morris, Henry Mew, wounded.

BANKRUPTS.

Thomas Allport, late of Lawrence, Poulterer-hill, London, merchant. Wm. Bazeley, Bristol, linen-draper. John Emmans, Abingdon, Berks, carrier. Josiah Peacock, and Cornelius Gill, London, merchants. Wm. Chigwin, No. 15. West Lane, Bermondsey, Surrey, merchant. Arnold Occarsen, late of Fenchurch-street, London, now of the Fleet prison, merchant. Edward Pane Symons, and Peter Wm. Crapp, Plaistow Green, near Bromley, Kent, wool-staplers.

WAR-OFFICE, JULY 11.

1st Dragoons—Captain Lieutenant John Gratrix to be Captain, vice Saxton, deceased; Lieut. William Forter to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Gratrix.

15th Light Dragoons—Lieutenant Wm. Boothby, from the 59th foot, to be Lieutenant, without purchase; Lieutenant Francis John Fuller, from the 60th foot, to be Lieutenant, without purchase. 29th—Charles Fitzgerald, to be Cornet, without purchase, vice Brydges, who resigns.

York Husars — Fricke, to be Cornet, without purchase, vice Daring, promoted; — Heiliger, to be Cornet, without purchase.

1st Foot Guards—Captain Matthew Chitty Darby to be Captain of a company, by purchase, vice Wortley, who retires; Ensign Geor e Clifton to be Lieutenant, vice Darby.

Goldstream Foot Guards—Assistant Surgeon John Gilham to be Surgeon, vice Rose, deceased; Assistant-Surgeon Charles Coombe, from the invalids at the Tower, to be Assistant Surgeon, vice Clifton.

4th Foot—Ensign Andrew Lawrie to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Patrick, promoted; Wm. Birch Branley, Esq. from the 66th foot, to be Paymaster of the 3d battalion, vice Nicholls, who exchanges.

5th—Joseph Rolfe, to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Baby, promoted; Hospital Mate — M'Mahon to be Assistant Surgeon.

9th—Lieutenant Henry N. Bromwich, from the

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