

the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Room of Lieutenant-General Alexander Ross.

Admiralty-Office, November 6, 1804.

*Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Viscount Nelson, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board the Victory, at Sea, the 14th October 1804.*

SIR,

I HEREWITH transmit you a Letter from Captain Pearse, of His Majesty's Sloop Halcyon, dated the 23d of September last, giving an Account of his having captured L'Esperance French Privateer, on the 20th of that Month, which you will be pleased to lay before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for their Information; and at the same Time acquaint their Lordships, that Captain Pearse's Exertions on the present, and several former Occasions; for the Protection of our Trade, and Destruction of the Enemy's Privateers in the Vicinity of Gibraltar, very justly entitles him to my warmest Approbation.

I am, &c. NELSON and BRONTE.

*His Majesty's Sloop Halcyon, off Gibraltar-Bay, September 23, 1804.*

I HAVE the Honor to inform your Lordship, that, on the 20th Instant, being on my Way from this Place to Tangier, I discovered several Sail to the Westward, one a Settee boarding a Brig; I made all Sail possible, with a very light Air from the Eastward; and it is with Pleasure I inform your Lordship, after Eight Hours' Chase, incessantly pulling, and Boats towing against a strong Current, we got within Gun-shot. After exchanging our Bow, and the her Stern Chasers, (now and then a Broad-side,) she struck her Colours, and proved to be L'Esperance French Privateer of Nice, Captain Joseph Lebouis, pierced for Twelve Guns, but only Ten mounted, of different Calibres, from Twenty-fours to Twelves; had on board Fifty-four Men, but, owing to its being quite dark, Twenty-two made their escape in Boats before we took Possession. I am happy to say we had not any one hurt. Our Rigging and Sails sustained a little Damage. L'Esperance had Two wounded, and several Shot in her Hull, Masts, and Yards. I beg Leave to mention to your Lordship she is the same Privateer that captured the Swift Cutter, Fortitude Merchant Brig, and Three Letters of Marque belonging to Gibraltar; she is the largest and best equipped of the Kind I have yet seen. My Officers and Ship's Company on this, as well as on similar Occasions, acted with that Zeal and Perseverance that deserves my warmest Praise.

I have, &c. H. W. PEARSE.  
Right Honorable Lord Viscount Nelson, K. B.  
*Duke of Branté, &c. &c. &c.*

War-Office, November 6, 1804.

S T A F F.

Lieutenant-Colonel George Murray, Assistant-Quarter-Master-General to be Deputy Quarter-Master-General to the Forces serving in Ireland, vice Brigadier-General Brownrigg, appointed Comptroller of Army Accounts in Ireland.

*Permanent Assistant Quarter-Master-Generals.*  
Major Charles Amedie Harcourt to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Captain Launcelot Holland, from the 1st Foot Guards, to be permanent Assistant Quarter-Master-General, with the Rank of Major, vice Harcourt, promoted.

*To be Inspecting Field Officers of Yeomanry and Volunteer Corps in Ireland.*

Lieutenant-Colonel the Honorable William John Gore, from Half-Pay of the 9th Foot, vice Creighton, whose Appointment does not take place.

Major Richard Legge, of the late Royal Irish Artillery, with temporary Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army.

Arthur Benson, Esq; late Lieutenant-Colonel in the 66th Foot, with temporary Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Carmarthen.*

*1st Battalion Carmarthenshire Volunteer Infantry.*  
Lieutenant Thomas Thomas to be Adjutant, vice Irwing, resigned. Dated October 25, 1804.  
Ensign Rees Thomas to be Lieutenant, vice Seth Lewis, promoted. Dated as above.

David Gwyn, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Rees Thomas, in the 4th Battalion of Volunteer Infantry. Dated as above.

*Commission in the 2d Regiment of Ayrshire Volunteer Infantry, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

Hugh Earl of Eglinton to be Colonel. Dated October 19, 1804.

*Commission in the Ayrshire Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

John Chalmer, Esq; to be Captain, vice John Hamilton, resigned. Dated October 17, 1804.

OFFICE FOR TAXES, SOMERSET-PLACE. November 6, 1804.

*P*Ursuant to an Act passed in the Forty-second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, Notice is hereby given, That the Price of Three per Centum Reduced Bank Annuities, sold at the Bank of England on this Day, was £.57 and under £.58 per Centum.

By Order of the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes,  
Matthew Winter, Secretary.

Lead-Office, November 1, 1804.

*T*HE Court of Assistants of the Governor and Company for Smelting down Lead with Pit Coal and Sea Coal, do hereby give Notice,

That a Court of Election of a Governor, Deputy Governor, and Ten Assistants for the Year ensuing for the said Corporation, will be held at the Company's House, in St. Martin's-Lane, Cannon-Street, on Friday the 28th December next, from Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon till One in the Afternoon.

And that the Transfer Books will be shut on Wednesday the 28th November, and opened again on Wednesday the 2d of January following.

Printed Lists of the Proprietors will be ready to be delivered on Thursday the 13th December next.

Robert Tippler, Secretary.