

Place and Copenhagen, where the Army was this Morning disembarked, without Opposition.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

JAMES GAMBIER.

Admiralty-Office, September 5, 1807.

*Copy of a Letter from Admiral Gambier, Commander in Chief of a Squadron of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed on a particular Service, to the Honourable William Wellesley Pole, dated on board the Prince of Wales, off Copenhagen, August 19, 1807.*

SIR,

THE hostile Preparations of the Danish Government being far advanced, I thought it proper to order the Defence and Comus to put to Sea in Pursuit of the Danish Frigate, which, as I informed you in my Letter of the 14th Instant, had quitted Elsinour Roads in the Night between the 12th and 13th.

I have now to request you will lay before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty a Copy of a Letter which I have received from Captain Ekins, of the Defence, and One from Captain Heywood to him, stating his having come up with and obtained Possession of the said Frigate.

When the Inequality of Force between the Two Ships is considered, with the trifling Injury sustained by the Comus, it will appear unnecessary for me to make any Comment on the Bravery and Skill which must have been displayed by Captain Heywood, his Officers, and Ship's Company.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

J. GAMBIER.

*Fredericksoarn*—Twenty-six Twelve-Pounders on the Main-Deck; Four Six-Pounders, and Six Twelve-Pounder Carronades, on the Quarter-Deck and Forecastle; and Two Hundred and Twenty-seven Men.

*Comus*—Twenty-two Nine-Pounders on the Main-Deck; Eight Twenty-four-Pounder Carronades, and Two Nine-Pounder Carronades, on the Quarter-Deck and Forecastle; and One Hundred and Forty-five Men.

*Defence, Seaw Light-House, S. 4. E. 10 or 12 Miles, Saturday, One P. M.*

SIR, August 15, 1807.

AS the superior Tailing of the Comus, in very light Wiads, has given Captain Heywood, his Officers, and Ship's Company, an Opportunity to distinguish themselves particularly by a very gallant Action with an Enemy greatly exceeding their Force, I can therefore only regret the late Arrival of the Defence, for the Means that might otherwise have been afforded me of preventing the Bloodshed which has resulted from it, though happily on the Part of the Enemy only. The Crew of the Danish Frigate considerably out-numbering the Comus's, I have thought it my Duty to receive One Hundred of them into this Ship. Inclosed I transmit you Captain Heywood's Letter.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

CHARLES EKINS.

To Admiral Gambier, &c. &c. &c.

*His Majesty's Ship Comus, off Marstrand.*

SIR, August 15, 1807.

I ARRIVED with Hail of the Danish Frigate you gave me Directions to chase and detain, at

Twelve o'Clock last Night, and repeatedly desired that she would submit to Detention by this Ship, but she refusing, and making all Sail from us, I found it necessary to have recourse to Arms; after having received a Shot from her Stern Chace Gun, we closed with her, and a smart Action commenced, which continued about Forty-five Minutes, when the Two Ships falling on board each other, the Boarders, headed by Lieutenant G. E. Watts, assisted by Lieutenant Hood Knight, very gallantly boarded on her Bow, and finally took Possession of her.

All under my Command conducted themselves in the bravest Manner throughout the Contest; and I feel happy to report only One Person wounded. The Loss of our Opponent, (which proved to be His Danish Majesty's Frigate Fredericksoarn, carrying Thirty-six Guns, Twelve-Pounders, on her Main-Deck, and Two Hundred and Twenty-six Men,) was much more considerable, being Twelve killed and Twenty wounded, several mortally.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

E. HEYWOOD.

Captain Charles Ekins, Defence.

War-Office, September 5, 1807.

6th Regiment of Dragoons, Cornet Robert Harris to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Fytche, who retires.

14th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Cornet Houston Wallace to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Harrison, who retires.

19th Ditto, Major the Honourable J. B. O'Neill, from Major-General Champagné's Regiment, to be Major, vice Henry, who exchanges.

20th Ditto, Thomas Richardson, Gent. to be Cornet, by Purchase, vice Hunter, promoted.

1st Regiment of Foot.

To be Ensigns,

Captain J. C. Stephens, from the Herefordshire Militia.

Lieutenant William Morse, from ditto.

Lieutenant John M'Carthy, from ditto.

3d Ditto, Lieutenant William Ratcliffe, from the East Kent Militia, to be Ensign.

Lieutenant Charles Jackson, from the West Essex Militia, to be Ensign.

7th Ditto, Charles Shae, Gent. to be Lieutenant, without Purchase, vice Well, appointed to the 4th Garrison Battalion.

9th Ditto, Lieutenant-Colonel John Cameron, from the 7th West India Regiment, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, without Purchase.

To be Lieutenants,

Ensign John Ackland.

Ensign John Read.

Ensign Richard Dale.

Ensign Nicholas Wodehouse.

Ensign William Burn.

Ensign George Gunning.

To be Ensigns,

Lieutenant Badham Thorahill, from ditto, vice Ackland.

Ensign Henry Davis, from ditto, vice Read.

Ensign Thomas Sheppard, from the Leicestershire Militia, vice Wodehouse.