

Commissions in the Royal West London Regiment of Militia, signed by His Majesty's Commissioners of Lieutenancy for the said City.

Ensign Edward Wollstonecraft to be Lieutenant, vice Maunder, resigned. Dated July 5, 1808.

Joseph Baron Symmes, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Wollstonecraft, promoted. Dated July 13, 1808.

Commissions in the Dorsetshire Yeomanry Cavalry, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

Thomas Pitfield, Gent. to be Lieutenant, vice A. M. Mills, resigned. Dated June 28, 1808.

Henry Willett, Esq; to be ditto, vice C. B. Wollaston, resigned. Dated June 29, 1808.

Commissions in the Shropshire Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

William W. Whitmore, Esq; to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Lyster, resigned. Dated July 4, 1808.

Richard Day, Gent. to be Lieutenant, vice Sparkes, promoted. Dated as above.

Richard Goldston Wollaston, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated as above.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Ayr.

1st Regiment of Ayrshire Volunteer Infantry.

Andrew Williamson, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Hume, appointed Cadet in the Honourable the East India Company's Service. Dated June 28, 1808.

John Dick, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Aitken, promoted. Dated June 29, 1808.

2d Battalion of the 2d Regiment of Ayrshire Volunteer Infantry.

John Allan, Gent. to be Lieutenant, vice Weir, resigned. Dated June 20, 1808.

4th Battalion of the 2d Regiment of Ayrshire Volunteer Infantry.

Major William Cunningham to be Lieutenant-Colonel, (retaining his Company,) vice John Cunningham, resigned. Dated June 23, 1808.

Ensign John Barbour to be Lieutenant, vice Deans, resigned. Dated as above.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Derby.

South High Peak Battalion of Volunteer Infantry.

William Birkitt, Esq; to be Captain, vice Simpson, resigned. Dated July 8, 1808.

George Holmes, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated as above.

John Barker, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated as above.

Admiralty-Office, July 16, 1808.

Copy of a Letter from Captain John Duer, of His Majesty's Ship the Aurora, to the Hon. W. W. Pole, dated on board that Ship, Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes, the 2d June 1808.

SIR,

I BEG Leave to represent to you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that on my Passage to the West Indies in His Majesty's Ship Aurora under my Command, with a Convoy, on the 20th Ultimo, I fell in with and captured, after a Chace of Four Hours, the French Schooner Privateer Le Vengeance, pierced for Fourteen Guns, but mounting Eight Nine-

Pounders, and One long Twelve-Pounder on a Pivot, with Eighty-six Men; Four of the Nine-Pounders she threw overboard in the Chace. She had been out Twenty-six Days from Point a Petre, Guadeloupe, but had made no Capture.

It appears she was His Majesty's late Schooner the Tobago.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

JOHN DUER.

Stamp-Office, July 8, 1808.

NOTICE is hereby given, that by an Act, passed at the Close of the late Session of Parliament, the Stamp Duties on Deeds, Law Proceedings, and other written Instruments, and the Duties on Legacies and Successions to personal Estate upon Intestacies, now payable in Great Britain, are repealed from and after the 10th Day of October next, and other Duties are granted in lieu thereof, to commence immediately after that Day.

The new Duties are of the like Nature, and in general of the same Amount, with the present Duties; but a more precise and accurate Description is given of the Instruments on which they attach. There are some Duties altogether new, and some new in Amount; of which the principal ones are, *ad valorem* Duties on Conveyances upon the Sale of any Property, according to the Amount of the Purchase-Money; increased Duties on Promissory Notes allowed to be re-issued; and a Duty on Licences to be taken out Yearly by Bankers and others issuing such Promissory Notes. There is also a Duty on Policies of Insurance on Lives, and on Three or Four Law Proceedings, not now charged. The Duties on Mortgages for small Sums, and on Conveyances on the Sale of Property of small Value, are less than at present. The Duties are contained in a Schedule, in which the Instruments charged are classed and alphabetically arranged, with numerous References, so as to afford a complete Table of Duties in the most convenient and practical Form, and to supersede the Necessity of those Compilations to which the Profession of the Law and the Public have hitherto found it expedient to resort. The Schedule is also framed so as not to admit of an Abridgment that can be safely relied upon. The Commissioners therefore recommend it to the Profession, and others whom it may concern, to look only to the Schedule itself.

The Act contains special Provisions for securing the Duties on Conveyances on the Sale of Property, on Bills of Exchange, and Drafts on Bankers post-dated, or issued beyond Ten Miles from the Banker's Residence, and on Instruments relating to Copyhold Estates, which the Commissioners recommend to the Notice and Attention of Purchasers and Sellers, Attornies, Solicitors, Bankers, Stewards of Manors, and others, that they may not incur Penalties, which it will be the Duty of the Commissioners to enforce. The Provisions respecting Drafts on Bankers take effect after One Month from the passing of the Act.

LEGACY DUTY.

It being apprehended that many Persons may have neglected to pay the Duties on Legacies, and on Residues of personal Estate given by Will, or devolved to next of Kin upon Intestacies, within

