

stant, and very narrowly missed making several Officers of the Squadron Prisoners. In consequence I was induced to land a Detachment of Seamen and Marines from the Vessels composing the Squadron under my Orders, for the Purpose, if possible, of intercepting them. In the Ardour of Pursuit we advanced until we got Sight of the Town of Bremerleke, into which we learnt they had retreated. The Information was incorrect. On entering the Town we were assured that the Enemy, to the Number of about Two hundred and fifty, occupied the Town of Gessendorf, Two Miles distant, and further, that it contained a Depôt of confiscated Merchandize. It was resolved instantly to attack it. For this Purpose Captain Goate of the Mosquito, advanced with a Detachment, while I directed Captain Pettet of the Briscis to take a circuitous Route, and take a well constructed Battery of Four Twelve-Pounders, commanding the River Weser in Flank, while the Remainder, under my own immediate Directions, headed by Captain Watts, of the Ephira, advanced to attack it in Front. The Road we had to pass subjected us all to a galling Fire of Round and Grape from the Battery, the Guns of which were all pointed Inwards, and which in return we could only answer by Discharges of Musketry. Gessendorf, though certainly tenable with the Numbers the Enemy had opposed to ours, was on the Approach of Captain Goate precipitately evacuated. The Enemy being previously informed of our Approach, had put into Requisition a Number of light Waggon for the Transportation of the Foot, in the Rear of which Sixty well mounted Cavalry drew up.

The Enemy in the Battery, seeing us determined, notwithstanding their Fire, to carry our Point, and that we were making Preparations for fording a deep and wide Creek in their Front, abandoned it, and embarked in Boats on the Weser ready for their Reception, under a severe Fire of Musketry from our Detachment, with the Loss on their Part of several killed and wounded. From a Fore-knowledge of our Intentions on the Part of the Enemy, we made but Four Prisoners, the Commandant of the Battery, Monsieur Le Murche, a Lieutenant, and Two inferior Officers. The Battery Guns were burst in Pieces, the Embrasures demolished, the Gun-Carriages burnt, together with the Magazine, Guard Houses, &c. &c. The Powder we brought off, together with Six Waggon Loads of confiscated Merchandize.

I beg Leave to state to you, Sir, for their Lordships' Information, how much I feel indebted to Captain Goate, for the Zeal and Ability evinced by him on this, as on all other Occasions, during the Time he has been Commanding Officer on the Station.

I also feel indebted to Captain Pettet, for his Punctuality and Promptness in executing my Orders; and can only regret that an Opportunity was not afforded him of distinguishing himself on this Occasion congenial to his Wishes.

But I beg Leave particularly to mention Captain Watts, of the Ephira, who in the most gallant and active Manner advanced intrepidly in Front of the attacking Party amid the Enemy's galling Fire, and rendered himself equally conspicuous afterwards, for his unremitting Exertion in the complete Demolition of the Battery; in the Execution of which Service, I am concerned to say, he received a Wound in the

Leg, but which from its Nature will in no Shape incapacitate him for future Service.

A Want of Zeal and Activity was discernable no where; to every Officer and Man I must award the Meed of Praise so justly their due; but of Lieutenant Burgefs, of the Pincher, and W. Hawkins, Second Lieutenant of L' Aimable, I am more competent to speak in Favour, for their indefatigable Exertions in forwarding my Orders to the different Detachments.

The Distance from Gessendorf to Cuxhaven is Twenty-eight Miles; I leave it then to their Lordships to estimate the Spirit, Alacrity, and Expedition with which this Service must have been performed, when I state, that in Twenty-four Hours from our Departure, the whole Detachment returned, and were safely embarked on board their respective Ships, without the Loss of an Individual.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) G. STUART.

Sir R. J. Strachan, Bart. K. B. Rear-Admiral of the White, &c. &c. &c.

Commission in the Royal Battalion of Fuzileirs in the Pembroke Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.
Thomas Lloyd, Esq; to be Captain. Dated May 10, 1809.

Commission in the Norfolk Local Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

3d Western Regiment.

Ensign Norris to be Captain, vice Raven, resigned. Dated May 27, 1809.

Commission in the Norfolk Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

West Regiment

Vincent Matthias, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated May 27, 1809.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lincoln

Royal North Lincolnshire Militia.

James Joseph Hayer, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated July 16, 1809.

Folkingham and Bourn Yeomanry Cavalry.

The Honourable Lindsey Burrell to be Captain. Dated July 19, 1809.

John Cooper, Gent. to be Cornet. Dated as above.

Commission: in the Royal South Gloucester Regiment of Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

The Earl of Berkeley to be Colonel. Dated July 26, 1768.

Thomas P Symonds, Esq; to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated July 20, 1803.

Joseph Whatley, Gent. to be ditto. Dated September 2, 1808.

John H. Ollney, Esq; to be Major. Dated July 20, 1803.

Viscount Dursley to be ditto. Dated September 12, 1808.

James Walwyn, Esq; to be Captain. Dated July 25, 1796.

Phillip Cross, Esq; to be ditto. Dated October 14, 1796.

Maac Marchant, Esq; to be ditto. Dated August 15, 1803.

George A. Scudamore, Esq; to be ditto. Dated June 16, 1803.