

It then most prudent to anchor in order to replace the running Rigging, during which Time I dispatched the Boats under the Command of Lieutenant David Price, my Second Lieutenant, (my First being in a Prize,) to bring out or destroy as many of the Enemy's Vessels as practicable; he succeeded in bringing out the Heron National Brig, pierced for Sixteen Guns, mounting only Ten, and Three large Transports, laden with Timber for Ship Building; the rest were on their Broadides and completely bilged, and was only prevented from burning them by the Strength of the Tide being against him; which Service was conducted in a most masterly and gallant Manner under a galling Fire of Musketry, from the Beach lined with Troops. Lieutenant Price speaks in very high Terms of the Gallantry displayed by Mr. Smith, Master, and Mr. Wheeler, Gunner, who handsomely volunteered their Services on the Occasion.

The grateful Task is now left to me, Sir, to express my Sense of Admiration of the very steady, uniform, brave, and determined Conduct of the whole of my Officers and Ship's Company, which will ever entitle them to my sincerest and warmest Thanks; and I feel I am only barely doing Justice to the Merits of Lieutenant Price in recommending him most strongly to their Lordships' Notice for his spirited Conduct in the Action, as also in the Boats, and, in short, on all Occasions: he is a most deserving and meritorious young Officer, to whom I feel myself much indebted: nor can I pass unnoticed the Zeal and Attention of Mr. Henry Campling, Purser, who volunteered to command the Marines and small Arm Men, and from whose continued and well-conducted Fire I attribute the Loss of so few Men, which has been trifling when the Superiority of Force opposed to us is considered, being only One Man killed and Four wounded.

It is with much Satisfaction I add that His Majesty's Brig has suffered in nothing but the running Rigging and Sails, except what Damage she may have received from grounding; at present she makes nearly Two Feet Water an Hour, which, with the Prizes not being in a Condition to proceed by themselves, I judged it right to make the best of my way to Spithead with them, which I trust will meet with your Approbation. Enclosed is a Return of Killed and Wounded, as also a List of Vessels captured, driven on shore, and escaped.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. BOURCHIER.

*A List of Vessels captured, drove on shore, and escaped, 18th August 1811.*

*Vessels taken.*

National Brig La Heron, pierced for Sixteen Guns, mounting Ten, Four of them hove overboard to lighten her.

Concord, laden with Oak and Deal Plank.

La Amiable Amie, laden with ditto.

A Vessel, Name unknown, No. 710, laden with Mahogany Plank.

*Vessels drove on shore.*

One National Brig, Two Luggers, Names unknown, and Twelve Sail of Merchant Vessels.

*Vessels escaped.*

One National Brig and Nine Merchant Vessels.

(Signed) H. BOURCHIER, Captain.

*Return of Killed and Wounded on board His Majesty's Sloop Hawke, Henry Bouchier, Esq; Commander, in Action with the Enemy August 18, 1811.*

Peter Hull, Seaman, killed.

Mr. Holmes, Carpenter, slightly wounded.

Andrew Peterfon, Gunner's Mate, ditto.

John Monteith, Carpenter's Crew, ditto.

William Perkis, Seaman, severely wounded.

Total Killed and Wounded—5.

(Signed) H. BOURCHIER, Captain.

*Whitehall, August 15, 1811.*

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty, has been graciously pleased to give and grant unto George Henry Glasse, of Binfield, in the County of Berks, Esq; Lieutenant in the 20th Regiment of Light Dragoons, His Majesty's Royal Licence and Authority, that he may assume and take the Surname of Elliott, and also bear the Arms of Elliott only, in compliance with the last Will and Testament of John Elliott, late of Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, in the County of Middlesex, Esq; deceased; such Arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in the Herald's Office, otherwise the said Royal Licence and Authority to be void and of none Effect:

And also to order, that the said Royal Concession and Declaration be registered in His Majesty's College of Arms.

*Whitehall, August 24, 1811.*

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent hath been graciously pleased, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty, to give and grant unto Cecil Forester, of Rofs Hall, in the County of Salop, Esq; Representative in Parliament for the Town and Liberties of Wenlock, in the said County, His Majesty's Royal Licence and Permission, that he and his Issue Male may, in compliance with the last Will and Testament of his Cousin German George Forester, late of Willey, in the aforesaid County, Esq; deceased, Son of Brooke Forester, late of Dothill, in the said County of Salop, Esq; deceased, by Elizabeth his Wife, the only Daughter and Heir of George Weld, late of Willey aforesaid; Esq; also deceased, take and use the Surname of Weld, in addition to and before that of Forester, and also bear the Arms of Weld quarterly with those of Forester: such armorial Ensigns being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in the Herald's Office, otherwise His Majesty's said Licence and Permission to be void and of none Effect:

And also to command, that the said Royal Concession and Declaration be registered in His Majesty's College of Arms.

*Commissions signed by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty.*

Selway, Gent. to be Adjutant to the 2d Surrey Regiment of Local Militia, vice Price, resigned. Dated August 3, 1811.

James Hall, Gent. to be ditto to the Carlisle Regiment of Local Militia for the County of Cumberland, vice Harris, promoted in the Line. Dated August 13, 1811.