

small body of infantry, obliged him to abandon this position, and fly for safety to the town of Durango.

The enemy's loss has been very considerable; we have taken some horses and prisoners. As yet I am unable to give you a detail of this victory, as my attention was occupied on our right, and in the pursuit of the enemy with the division of Iberia.

The General in Chief has not as yet received the details from the commanders of divisions.

This victory has been highly creditable to the Spanish army. The advantages which will result, and the confidence it inspires in this newly raised army will, I have no doubt, produce the very best effects. The enemy's force appears to have been from five to six thousand. We understand, from prisoners and deserters, that Rouget, Duvernette, and another General, lately from France, commanded in this action.

*On board His Majesty's Ship Venerable,
off Portugalette, August 26, 1812.*

I HAVE the honour to acquaint your Lordship, that we have just received information that Caffarelli, who is much exasperated at the failure and defeat of Rouget, has marched a force of from two thousand five hundred to three thousand men to Durango, to reinforce Rouget, and that they purpose making another attack upon Bilbao.

I am returning to join General Mendizabal.

The troops are in the highest spirits.

Admiralty-Office, September 12, 1812.

Extracts of Letters from the Captains of His Majesty's Ships named in the Margin, addressed to Vice-Admiral Sawyer, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Halifax, and transmitted to John Wilson Croker, Esq.*

*His Majesty's Ship Acasta, at Sea,
July 24, 1812.*

I BEG to acquaint you, that His Majesty's ship Acasta, under my command, fell in with, and captured this day, in latitude 44, 15 N. and longitude 62, 30 W. after a short chase, the American privateer brig Curlew, pierced for twenty guns, but having only sixteen on board, with a complement of one hundred and seventy-two men.

* Acasta, Colibri, Emulous.

*His Majesty's Sloop Colibri, Cape Sable,
bearing West 12 Leagues, July 26, 1812.*

I BEG leave to acquaint you, that on Sunday at eight A. M. we desried two ships to the northward, and a schooner to the S. E., the former ap-

parently steering a course for Halifax; hauled up in chace of the schooner; at noon exchanged numbers with His Majesty's schooner Bream; wore in chace of the ships to the northward, which we found had hauled up for us, the leadmost evidently a man of war with an American ensign, and pendant flying; she soon tacked and made sail from us, with a bark, her prize; we continued closing with her, and at a quarter before three o'clock we came alongside, and the action became general, and at three they called out for quarter; brought too, and took possession of the American ship privateer Catherine, from Boston, out eight days, and had taken nothing but the said bark: she is a beautiful and well equipped ship, pierced for sixteen guns, mounting fourteen long six-pounders, and a complement of eighty-eight men, commanded by Francis A. Burnham; she had one man killed, and one wounded; her men ran below, which accounts for their suffering so small a loss.

*His Majesty's Sloop Emulous, at Sea,
July 31, 1812.*

HIS Majesty's sloop under my command, fell in with, yesterday evening, the American privateer brig Gossamer, of fourteen carriage guns, with one hundred men, and after a short chace came up with and captured her: she left Boston on the 24th instant, had made one capture, the ship Mary Anne, of Greenock, from Jamaica bound to Quebec.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the
North Riding of Yorkshire.*

Sir Bellingham Reginald Graham, Bart. to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated July 25, 1812.

3d Regiment of North York Local Militia.

Thomas Barker, Esq. to be Captain, vice Pitt, resigned. Dated August 14, 1812.

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

Western Battalion of Dorsetshire Local Militia.

Lieutenant George Frampton to be Quarter-Master, vice Wright, resigned. Dated August 31, 1812.

Dorsetshire Yeomanry Cavalry.

Cornet George Morant to be Lieutenant, vice Pitfield, resigned. Dated August 27, 1812.

Admiralty-Office, September 4, 1812.

BY command of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, notice is hereby given, for the information of the Masters and Pilots of His Majesty's ships, and for the benefit of navigation in general, that the beacon upon the Trident or Whittle Rock, in False Bay, at the Cape of Good Hope, disappeared in the tempestuous weather which preceded the 10th of June last.

JOHN BARROW.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

THE Trustees for carrying into effect an Act of Parliament for rendering the navigation in the Frith and River of Clyde more safe and equi-