

meritorious upon this occasion, and I trust will be found to merit the approbation of their Lordships.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient, humble servant,  
JAS. SAUMAREZ.

John Wilson Croker, Esq. &c. &c. &c.  
Admiralty.

SIR, Riga, October 3, 1812.

IN my last I had the honour to inform you, that an attack on the Prussians in this vicinity was intended to take place about the 26th ultimo. A considerable body of troops, under Count Steinhilf, left Riga on that day, and the gun-boats under the command of the English officers accompanied a strong division of forty Russian boats, besides ten launches, under the command of Admiral Muller, up the River Aa.

The enemy had withdrawn his troops from Schlock, and his other posts, on the approach of the boats. We therefore did not meet with any opposition until the 29th, when about five miles below Mittau; the enemy had there placed three different booms across the river, about half a mile distant from each other. Within pistol-shot of the third boom, which was very strong, and well constructed, were placed three batteries of four guns each. The booms were soon destroyed, and as we arrived up, the enemy abandoned their positions with such precipitation, that four twenty-four-pounders were left in the works.

The English boats were always in advance, and Admiral Muller has desired me to say, how much he is pleased with the exertions of Captain Brenton and the lieutenants employed in the boats.

The flotilla took possession of Mittau about noon; the enemy had not time to remove some very considerable magazines of clothing, grain, and some arms and ammunition. He also left about four hundred sick and wounded in the town. In the evening a detachment of the army entered the town.

The Prussians retreated from Olai upon Bourski, where they had about one hundred and twenty pieces of cannon, intended for the siege of this place; they there received reinforcements on the 29th, which Macdonald had sent them from Jacobstadt.

On the 30th the Russians were compelled to retire from before a force of twenty-five thousand men, who had nearly eighty pieces of cannon. As the troops had retired to the vicinity of Riga, the flotilla left Mittau in the evening of the 30th; and, after destroying a bridge, which had been erected to facilitate the crossing of the troops and artillery, arrived at Danamunde last night.

October 4.—The enemy's works, which were of a considerable strength at Olai, were destroyed.

The loss on the part of the Russians is estimated at two thousand in killed, wounded, and missing. The enemy must also have suffered severely, and many prisoners are arrived.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) HEW STEWART.

Rear-Admiral Martin, &c. &c. &c. Aboukir.

Admiralty-Office, October 27, 1812.

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR JAMES SAUMAREZ has transmitted to John Wilson Croker, Esq. a letter from Captain Ross, of His Majesty's sloop the Briseis, giving an account of his having, on the 9th instant, captured off Rennoe a French cutter privateer, called Le Petit Poucet, of four guns and four swivels, and twenty-three men; and on the 11th driven three others on shore in Hammerhus Bay; they sailed from Rostock and Stralsand some days before, and had not made any capture.

War-Office, October 27, 1812.

In consequence of the distinguished gallantry displayed by the 2d Battalion of the 87th Regiment, in successfully defending the breach at Tarifa, in Spain, on the 31st December 1811, against a superior force of the enemy, His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, has been pleased to approve of the word "Tarifa" being borne upon the colours and appointments of the 87th Regiment, in addition to any other badges or devices which may have heretofore been granted to that regiment.

War-Office, October 27, 1812.

1st Regiment of Life Guards, Lieutenant Green, from the 10th Light Dragoons, to be Captain of a Troop, without purchase.

Thomas Eman, Gent. late Captain in the 40th Foot, to be Adjutant, with the rank of Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant.

2d Ditto, Assistant-Surgeon — Broughton to be Surgeon, with temporary rank.

3d Regiment of Dragoons, Cornet George Watson to be Lieutenant, vice Selby, killed in action.

9th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Assistant-Surgeon Edward Purdon, from the 88th Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice Swift, who resigns.

10th Ditto, Hospital-Mate Samuel Jenks to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice Purdon, whose appointment has not taken place.

18th Ditto, Cornet James Morris to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Mansfield, who retires.

22d Ditto, Ensign James Boalth, from the 80th Foot, to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Eden, promoted.

8th Regiment of Foot, Ensign William Bradford to be Lieutenant, vice Cumming, deceased.

Robert Macnair, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Bradford.

9th Ditto, Lieutenant John Macnamara to be Captain of a Company, vice Kenney, dead of his wounds.

To be Lieutenants,

Ensign James Scargill, vice Mathews, deceased.

Ensign Charles Carver, vice Macnamara.

To be Ensigns,

David Holmes, Gent. vice Scargill.

George Bolton, Gent. vice Carver.

11th Ditto, Lieutenant Charles B. Turner to be Captain of a Company, by purchase, vice Barker, who retires.

Ensign R. Ferrall to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Stewart, who resigns.