

boats, were sent directly to the Bar to endeavour to find a passage through the surf, the British troops being at that time seen from the ships crossing over to the north side of the river, but greatly in want of the boats intended for their assistance.

Captain O'Reilly, in a Spanish-built boat, selected as the most safe for the service, and having with him the principal pilot, was overset in his attempt to enter, but escaped on shore. Lieutenant Debenham, in a six-oared cutter, succeeded in reaching the beach; the other boats returned to wait the result of the next tide, it being scarcely possible that one in fifty could then have crossed.

A pilot was sent to land to the south-west of the river, and walk from thence to the Adour, in order to make a concerted signal from within the Bar, to guide the vessels through the safest parts. Without the Bar there appeared no interval; a long and heavy line of surf alone presenting itself. Rewards were offered to the leading vessel, the second, third, &c.

Lieutenant Collins, Flag-Lieutenant to Rear-Admiral Penrose, was dispatched also to endeavour to land, and walk to the army; and the Rear-Admiral was informed, about that time, by Sir John Hope, of the progress made by the troops, and the great utility of which the boats would prove, if they could join.

The tide being at length at a proper height, and all the vessels well up for the attempt, several drew near the Bar, but hauled off again, till at last Lieutenant Cheyne (of the Woodlark sloop), in a Spanish boat with five British seamen, crossed the surf and ran up the river. The next was a prize boat, manned from a transport, closely followed by a gun boat, commanded by Lieutenant Chessbyre, who was the first that has hoisted the British colours in the Adour.

The rest of the boats and vessels followed in rapid succession, and with extraordinary success: the zeal and science of the officers triumphing over all the difficulties of the navigation.

The Rear-Admiral was not yet enabled to transmit a return of the casualties: it was hoped from the nearness of the shore that they would fall mostly on the vessels.

*Whitehall, March 15, 1814.*

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to grant unto the Reverend Christopher Bethell, Master of Arts, the place and dignity of Dean of the cathedral church of Chichester, void by the death of the Reverend Combe Miller.

*War-Office, March 15, 1814.*

*3d Regiment of Dragoon Guards, J. W. La Grange, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Nagle, who resigns. Commission dated March 10, 1814.*

*9th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Cornet D. M'Duffie to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Lord Aylesford, who retires. Dated March 10, 1814.*

*1st Regiment of Foot Guards, Captain George*

*Ramsden to be Captain of a Company and Lieutenant-Colonel, by purchase, vice Clitherow, who retires. Dated March 10, 1814.*

*Ensign Philip J. Percival to be Lieutenant and Captain, without purchase, vice Ramsden. Dated March 10, 1814.*

*Algernon Greville, Gent. to be Ensign, without purchase. Dated February 1, 1814.*

*1st Regiment of Foot, Gentleman Cadet John Dixon, from the Royal Military College, to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Cross, promoted. Dated March 10, 1814.*

*2d Ditto, Second Lieutenant D. Jenkins, from the Cornwall Miners, to be Ensign. Dated December 25, 1813.*

*4th Ditto, First Lieutenant Mathew Thackeray, from the Royal Cornwall Militia, to be Lieutenant, with temporary rank. Dated December 25, 1813.*

*9th Ditto, Captain Robert Page, from the West Kent Militia, to be Captain, with temporary rank. Dated December 25, 1813.*

*12th Ditto, Assistant-Surgeon George Martin, from the Armagh Militia, to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated March 10, 1814.*

*16th Ditto, Ensign L. Leslie, from the Monmouth and Brecon Militia, to be Ensign. Dated December 25, 1813.*

*18th Ditto, Ensign Edward Inge to be Lieutenant, vice Campbell, deceased. Dated March 10, 1814.*

*Dominie French, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Inge. Dated March 10, 1814.*

*22d Ditto, William Augustus Bury, Gent. to be Adjutant, with the rank of Ensign. Dated March 10, 1814.*

*26th Ditto, Captain W. Williams, from the Royal Flint Militia, to be Captain, with temporary rank. Dated December 25, 1813.*

*27th Ditto, Ensign John Armit to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Drysdale, promoted. Dated March 10, 1814.*

*Ensign E. B. St. John, from the 66th Foot, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Armit, promoted. Dated March 10, 1814.*

*31st Ditto, Ensign Bernard Crumpe to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Wilson, who retires. Dated March 10, 1814.*

*34th Ditto, Captain J. H. Baker to be Major, by purchase, vice Roberts, promoted. Dated March 10, 1814.*

*John Montgomerie, Gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Nembhard, promoted in the 99th Foot. Dated March 10, 1814.*

*35th Ditto, James Ormsby Barton, Gent. to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Orr, whose appointment has not taken place. Dated March 10, 1814.*

*37th Ditto.*

*To be Captains of Companies, without purchase, Lieutenant John Armstrong, vice Nixon, deceased. Dated March 10, 1814.*

*Lieutenant C. E. Bird, from the 5th Foot. Dated March 11, 1814.*

*To be Lieutenant,*

*Ensign George Joynt, vice Armstrong. Dated March 10, 1814.*