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A LETTER has been received at this Office from Captain Coe, of His Majesty's ship *Liffey*, lately senior Officer of His Majesty's ships in the East Indies, addressed to John Wilson Croker, Esq. and dated at Sea the 17th June 1825, of which the following is an extract:

"I have the honour of inclosing, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, various dispatches from Captain Alexander, of His Majesty's ship *Alligator*, in command of the naval forces co-operating with the army under Brigadier-General Sir Archibald Cambell, in their advance against Ava, the capital of the Burmese dominions; to whom I am particularly indebted for the very able and gallant manner in which he has conducted and is still conducting this difficult and extremely harassing service; this Officer is too well known to their Lordships to need any comment of mine on his worth and ability; he speaks in the highest terms of Captain Chads, of His Majesty's sloop *Arachne*, and particularly of Mr. William Smith, his own first Lieutenant; they are Officers who have distinguished themselves on all occasions; and the highest encomiums are passed by Captain Alexander on the conduct of the Officers of the squadron named in the margin (1); as well as of the seamen and marines.

Mr. James Wilkinson, senior Lieutenant of His Majesty's ship under my command, latterly in command of the light division of boats, has been spoken of in the highest terms by Captain Alexander, as well as those serving under him; I have known this Officer since 1821, and while serving with me in His Majesty's ship *Tees*, and since in the *Liffey*, I have had frequent opportunities of observing his zeal and abilities; he was severely wounded last year at the first attack of the stockades. Mr. George Winsor, late Admiralty Midshipman of His Majesty's sloop *Sophie*, now of His Majesty's

ship *Alligator*, has been again spoken of in a handsome way by Captain Alexander, for the very judicious manner in which he has conducted the steam boat under his charge

I have also the honour to inclose dispatches from Captain Chads, and one through Captain Alexander, detailing various operations against the enemy, which reflect the greatest credit upon that Officer, and all employed under him. He speaks in the strongest terms of the conduct of Lieutenant Keele, and also of Acting Lieutenants Hall and Goldfinch, Mr. W. Watt, Surgeon, and Mr. Robert Atherton, Acting Purser, with the assistance he received from Lieutenant Dobson and Mr. George Winsor, Admiralty Midshipman, as well as of the persons named in the margin (2).

I likewise transmit dispatches from Captain Marryat, of His Majesty's sloop *Larne*, detailing various successful operations against the enemy at Negrais and at Bassein, and speaking in the highest praise of Lieutenant Fraser, Mr. Hodder, the Master, Mr. Robert Atherton, Acting Purser, and Messrs. Downes and Norcock, Midshipmen.

The various successes that have attended the exertions of every Officer, seaman, and marine that have been employed on this service, merit the highest encomiums, and must be attributed to the discipline and well laid plans of the Officers conducting them, and the zeal, promptitude, and perseverance with which they were carried into effect; and where so many have rendered themselves conspicuous, I feel it difficult to do justice to their individual merit."

(1.)

LIGHT DIVISION.

*Men of War's Boats.*

ALLIGATOR.

Pinnace—Lieutenant Smith.

Cutter—Acting Lieutenant Hall.

1st Ditto—Lieutenant Thornton.