

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

Henry Gerard Sturt, Esq. M.P. to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 5th June 1848.
 Captain Henry Perin Steele to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 5th June 1848.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Kincardine.

105th Regiment of North British Militia.

David William Balfour Ogilvy, Esq. to be Captain. Dated 26th May 1848.

Admiralty, 7th June 1848.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having referred to a Committee of Flag Officers the consideration of the naval actions for which medals should be granted, in accordance with the spirit of the Queen's most gracious intentions, as signified in the Gazette of the 4th June 1847; and Her Majesty having been pleased to approve of several of the suggestions submitted by the said Committee, the following notice is issued for the information and guidance of those who may have claims to this honourable distinction :

1st. The rule, directed by Her Majesty to be observed in extending this mark of Her royal favour, is so comprehensive as to bring within its scope all Officers, seamen, and marines (and soldiers who served as marines) who were present in any action which at the time received the special approbation of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

2ndly. From the commencement of the war in 1793, it was the practice of the Board of Admiralty to notice battles of conspicuous merit by the promotion of the First Lieutenant of the ship or ships, or the promotion of the Commander, if the action was fought by a small vessel; and, conformably with this practice, it is Her Majesty's pleasure, that persons of every rank, who were present in such actions, during the wars commencing in 1793, and ending in 1815, and now living, shall receive a medal commemorative of their meritorious services; and they are required forthwith to state their claims for each action in which they may have been engaged, according to the form (A) hereunto annexed, and transmit the same to the Secretary of the Committee of Flag Officers, Admiralty, London.

3rdly. Her Majesty has also been pleased to take into Her gracious consideration the many instances of gallantry displayed by Officers, seamen, and marines in boat actions during the same period, and to direct, that such services, if distinguished by the promotion of the Officer conducting the enterprize, shall entitle those who were present, and now living, to a medal; pro-

vided the answers, to be given in the form (B), shall enable the Committee to ascertain that the claim is well founded. But the Officers, seamen, and marines of the ships, from which the boats were detached, are not to participate in a distinction which only properly belongs to those personally engaged.

4th. It is also ordered, that service in the frigates and smaller vessels, which were actually present in any of the great fleet actions mentioned in the Gazette of the 4th June 1847, for which the Captains of the ships of the line received medals, shall entitle those now surviving of the crews of such vessels to a medal.

And all surviving Officers, seamen, and marines belonging to ships actually co-operating and present during the siege and capture of

Martinique in 1809,
 Guadeloupe in 1810,
 Java in 1811,
 St. Sebastian in 1813,

for which the Army had medals, will be entitled to a similar distinction, if their return, according to form (A), shall enable the Committee to trace the presence and co-operation of the ships to which the applicants belonged.

And 5th. Her Majesty, having taken into Her most gracious consideration the circumstance, that medals have been granted by Her Majesty for services rendered by the Navy, not only in the wars commencing in 1793, and ending in 1815, but also for services rendered in the late war in China, whilst the intermediate general actions, viz.

The attack upon Algiers in 1816,
 The battle of Navarino in 1827, and
 The operations on the coast of Syria in 1840,

are unmarked by any such distinction, has been pleased to direct, that the surviving Officers, seamen, and marines, engaged in those actions, shall also receive a similar mark of their Sovereign's gracious recollection of their services, and of Her desire to record the same; and all such Officers, seamen, and marines are, therefore, hereby called upon to transmit their claims to such distinction according to the annexed form A, and addressed to the Secretary of the Committee of Flag Officers, Admiralty, London.

The following Flag Officers have been directed to re-assemble, as a Committee for the investigation and adjudication of all claims sent in according to the printed forms, viz.

Admiral Sir T. Byam Martin, G. C. B.
 Admiral Sir W. Hall Gage, G. C. H.
 Admiral the Honourable Sir Thomas Bladen Capel, K. C. B.
 Vice Admiral Sir James A. Gordon, K. C. B.

By command of the Lords Commissioners
 of the Admiralty, *H. G. Ward.*