

Major-General Meuron's Regiment, Lieutenant Elias Merckhel to be Captain of a Company, without Purchase.

Lieutenant Alexander Dardel to be ditto.

1st Garrison Battalion, Ensign Andrew Gray, from the 87th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Gilland, appointed to the 4th Royal Veteran Battalion.

1st Royal Veteran Battalion, Thomas Read, Gent to be Ensign, vice Wilson, promoted.

4th Ditto, Adjutant Hector McLean, from Half-Pay of the Breadalbane Fencibles, to be Lieutenant.

6th Ditto, Captain William Fraser, sen. from the 9th Royal Veteran Battalion, to be Captain of a Company, vice McKonachie, deceased.

7th Ditto, Lieutenant Charles Macbean, from the 25th Foot, to be Lieutenant.

S T A F F.

Henry A. MacNeill, Esq; to be Paymaster of a Recruiting District.

MEMORANDUM.

The undermentioned Officers are superseded, being absent without Leave, viz.

Lieutenant John Hayes, of the 9th Light Dragoons.

Lieutenant W. J. Newland, of the 14th Foot.

Ensign Richard England, of the 30th Foot.

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

Loveden Volunteer Infantry.

John Charles Lucas Calcroft, Esq; to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Reeve, resigned. Dated March 7, 1806.

John Hayford Thorold, Esq; to be Major, vice Calcroft, promoted. Dated as above.

George Hardy, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated March 19, 1806.

Admiralty-Office, April 1, 1806.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board the Queen, at Sea, the 28th of February, 1806.

SIR,

HAVING received Information that the French Frigates in the Port of Cadiz were ready to put to Sea, the Hydra and Mozelle were kept close off the Port for the Purpose of watching them narrowly; the Squadron about Ten Leagues off, until the 23d, when a strong Levant Wind began, (which still continues to blow,) and had, on the 26th, driven the Squadron as far to the Westward as Cape St. Mary. On the 27th, at Nine in the Morning, I received a Report from the Mozelle, that Four French Frigates and a Brig had put to Sea at Nine o'Clock the Evening before, and steered to the Westward. I immediately informed the Captains of the Tigre, Orion, and Unité of the Circumstance by Telegraph, and directed them to chase to the N. W.

The Hydra cut the Brig off from her Consorts, and took her. She is very large, has Ports for Twenty Guns, and mounts Eighteen Nine-Pounders, with One Hundred and Thirty Men. I inclose a

Copy of a Letter from Captain Mundy, stating his having captured her.

I am, &c.

COLLINGWOOD.

MY LORD,

His Majesty's Ship Hydra.

I HAVE the Honor to represent, that at a Quarter after Nine P. M. Cadiz Light-House bearing East, Three Miles, and standing in Shore with a strong Easterly Wind, we discovered the Enemy's Squadron of Frigates already outside of us, the Mozelle making the Signal for them at the same Moment. I immediately bore up, intending to steer on a Parallel with the Enemy in order to watch their Movements, and had the Satisfaction to find we gained on them; at Eleven, seeing they steered a steady Course, I commenced firing Alarm Guns, and throwing up Rockets, and ordered Captain Carden, (whose Attention and Assistance has been very great during the short Time he has been under my Orders,) to steer West by North, in order to give your Lordship the Intelligence.

At Thirty Minutes after Two we found we had closed the Squadron considerably, in consequence of their having altered their Course a Point to the Westward, and on observing One of them to be much alter'd of the Rest, I thought it very possible to cut her off, and after a Chase of Two Hours succeeded; in coming up with her she fired a Broadside at our Rigging, and surrendered.

I find her to be Le Furet French Man of War Brig, commanded by Monf. Demay, (Lieutenant de Vaisseau,) mounting Eighteen long Nine-Pounders, but pierced for Twenty Guns, only Four Years old, and of the largest Dimensions, and stored and victualled for Five Months, of all Species.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) G. MUNDY.

To the Right Honorable Lord Collingwood, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, April 1, 1806.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Montagu, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships at Portsmouth, to William Marsden, Esq; dated 29th of March 1806.

SIR,

BE pleased to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the Greyhound Revenue Cutter, commanded by Mr. Richard Wilkinson, arrived here this Afternoon, having taken, off the Berry Head, and sent into Weymouth, La Princesse Caroline de Granville, French Lugger Privateer, commanded by Louis Colar, carrying Six Brass Four-Pounder Guns, Swivels, and small Arms, and rowing Eighteen Oars. She had been out Three Days from Granville, and was manned with Thirty-eight Men.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

GEO. MONTAGU.

St. James's, March 31, 1806.

THE following Address having been transmitted to the Right Honorable Earl Spencer, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been by his Lordship presented to the King; which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously: