

Enactum in the Gazette of 11th instant.

10th Foot.

For Lieutenant Francis N. Tripp to be Captain of a Company, by purchase,
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Commission in the Royal Cheshire Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire.

Charles Cowper Cholmondeley, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Mawdesley, gone into the Line.
Dated January 31, 1815.

Admiralty-Office, February 18, 1815.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral the Honourable Sir Henry Hotham, K. C. B. to John Wilson Croker, Esq. dated on board His Majesty's Ship Superb, at anchor before New London, January 23, 1815.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to request you will be pleased to lay the enclosed copy of a letter and its enclosures, which I have this day addressed to Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane, the Commander in Chief, detailing the capture of the United States' ship President, on the 15th instant, under the circumstances therein mentioned, before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, with which in his absence, I have directed Lieutenant Hare, commanding His Majesty's schooner Picton, to proceed forthwith to England for their Lordships' information.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) HENRY HOTHAM,
Rear-Admiral.

Superb, at Anchor before New London,
January 23, 1815.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you with the capture of the United States ship President, on the 15th instant, by the force described in the margin*, which I had collected off the Bar of New York, under the direction of Captain Hayes. She and the Macedonian armed brig, of four hundred and twenty tons, loaded with provisions, sailed on the preceding evening, under the command of Commodore Decatur: but the present season of the year, and the dark nights of which he availed himself, have not enabled him to elude the vigilance of Captain Hayes, and the Commanders of His Majesty's ships under his orders, who have well discharged the important duty I assigned to them; and I beg leave to offer you my congratulations on the design of the American Government being defeated.

You will perceive by the reports Captain Hayes has delivered to me (copies of which I do myself the honour to transmit to you herewith) the ardour displayed by Captain Hope in the pursuit, the intrepidity with which he brought the enemy's ship to close action, and the undaunted spirit with

which the Endymion's inferior force was singly employed, for the space of two hours and a half, leaving honourable evidence of judgment in the position she was placed in, and of the destructive precision of her fire, in the striking state of her antagonist, the heavy loss sustained by him, and his inability to make further resistance, when the Pomone arrived up with him; while the loss and damage sustained by the Endymion was comparatively small: and although the distinguished conduct of Captain Hope, his officers and ship's company, can derive no additional lustre from my commendation, I cannot withhold my tribute of applause, nor can I refrain from assuring you that the judicious conduct of Captain Hayes in the direction of the force entrusted to his orders, and the exertions exhibited by him and by Captains Parker, Hope, and Lumley, have justified the confidence I had placed in their zeal, and have rendered them worthy of your approbation.

I have the honour to be &c.

(Signed) HENRY HOTHAM, Rear-Admiral.
To the Honourable Alexander Cochrane,
K. B. Vice Admiral of the Red, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

Majestic, at Sea, January 17, 1815.
Lat. 39 min. 43 deg. N. Long. 71 min. 53 deg. W.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that notwithstanding my utmost endeavours to keep the squadron committed to my charge close in with Sandy Hook, agreeably to your directions, for the purpose of preventing the escape of the United States ship, President, and other vessels ready for sea at Staten Island, we were repeatedly blown off by frequent gales; but the very great attention paid to my orders and instructions by the respective Captains, in situations difficult to keep company, prevented separation; and, whenever the wind did force us from the coast, I invariably, on the gale moderating, placed the squadron on that point of bearing from the Hook, I judged it likely, from existing circumstances, would be the enemy's track: and it is with great pleasure I have now to inform you of the success of the squadron, in the capture of the United States ship President, Commodore Decatur, on Sunday night, after an anxious chase of eighteen hours.

On Friday, the Tenedos joined me, with your order to take Captain Parker in that ship, under my command; we were then in company with the Endymion and Pomone, off the Hook, and in sight of the enemy's ships; but that night the squadron was blown off again in a severe snow storm. On Saturday, the wind and weather became favorable for the enemy, and I had no doubt but he would attempt his escape that night; it was impossible, from the direction of the wind, to get in with the Hook, and, as before stated, (in preference to closing the land to the southward,) we stood away to the northward and eastward, till the squadron reached the supposed track of the enemy, and what is a little singular, at the very instant of arriving at that point, an hour before day-light, Sandy Hook bearing W. N. W. fifteen leagues, we were made

* Majestic, Captain Hayes; Tenedos, Captain Hyde Parker; Endymion, Captain Hope; Pomone, Captain Lumley.