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ADMIRALTY OFFICE, Nov. 8.

Copy of a letter from the Right Hon. Lord Keith, K.B.
Admiral of the Blue, &c. to Sir EVAN NEPEAN, Bart.
dated off Broadstairs the 7th instant.

SIR,

I inclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, copies of a letter which I have received from Captain Honeyman, of his Majesty's ship the Leda, and of one addressed to that officer by Lieut. Shippard; commanding his Majesty's hired armed cutter the Admiral Mitchell, reporting that an enemy's convoy passing from the westward towards Boulogne, under the protection of a gun-brig of considerable force, had been attacked by Lieutenant Shippard, in the small vessel under his command, close in with the enemy's batteries at Portet;—and that the gun-brig and one of her convoy had been driven on shore upon the rocks. The gallant and determined conduct evinced on this occasion by Lieut. Shippard and his little crew, which has called forth such pointed commendation from the officer under whose eye he was immediately acting, merits my warmest approbation, and I have no doubt that their Lordships will distinguish it with theirs.

I have the honour to be, &c.

KEITH.

MY LORD, Leda, off Boulogne, Oct. 31.

I have the honour to acquaint you, that this morning at nine o'clock, six of the enemy's sloops (some of them armed), under convoy of a large gun-brig, were discovered coming out of Etaples, and standing to the eastward towards Boulogne. I immediately made the Harpy's signal to chase, as well as the Lark's, who was joining to leeward, to chase in that direction. The Admiral Mitchell cutter, I perceived off Boulogne, and Lieutenant Shippard, her Com-

mander, immediately ran down within musket shot, and commenced a very spirited and well directed attack upon the brig and sloops, which he continued in the most gallant manner for two hours and a half, driving the brig and one of the sloops on the rocks. I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the intrepidity which was displayed in attacking so superior a force, especially when under cover of their numerous batteries on shore, and feel myself bound, in justice to Lieutenant Shippard for his gallant conduct this day, to recommend him to your Lordship as an officer highly deserving every thing I can say in his favour.

I inclose his report to me, and am sorry to perceive he has suffered so considerably; I regret the strong winds off shore prevented the squadron from rendering that assistance we were all anxious for. I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) ROB. HONYMAN.

The Right Hon. Lord Keith, K.B.

Admiral Mitchell cutter, off Boulogne,
31st October 1803.

SIR, In executing the orders of Rear-Admiral Montagu, while close in off Boulogne, I this morning, at nine o'clock, observed seven vessels, which I took for gun-boats, coming from the westward, intending, as I supposed, to form a junction with those already in the road, and as the wind was E. S. E. I stood along shore with an intention of keeping them in play till the squadron came up.

They turned out to be sloops and schooners, some of which were armed, under the convoy of a gun-brig of twelve thirty-two pounders, which we brought to action at ten, close under the batteries at Patel, and, after engaging them two hours and a half, drove her, with one of the sloops, on shore, under the fire of their batteries and musketry.

As this happened immediately under the camp, I was not a little gratified to observe the hills covered with troops as far as I could see them.

In the conflict a shell fell on board of us, which has wounded our mast and cross jack-yard in several places; our sails and rigging are a good deal cut up with their grape; they have dismounted one gun, and hulled us in several places.

I am sorry to add we have two men badly wounded, one with the loss of a leg, and the mate, with two others, slightly; all of whose conduct, with the rest of the crew (thirty-five in all), deserve my warmest approbation.

I am, &c. ALEX. SHIPPARD.

Robert Honeyman, Esq. Captain of his
Majesty's ship Leda.

ORDNANCE-OFFICE, Nov. 5.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

First Lieut. William Roberts to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice P. Dick, deceased; Second Lieut. Courtney Cruttenden to be First Lieutenant, vice Roberts; both dated Oct. 24. 1803.

Brevet Lieut.-Colonel George Bowater to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice H. Rogers, retired; Brevet Major Henry Shrapnell to be Major, vice Bowater; Captain-Lieut. Joseph W. Tobin to be Captain, vice Shrapnell; First Lieut. John Fead to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Tobin; Second Lieut. Peter Faddy to be First Lieutenant, vice Fead; all dated Nov. 1. 1803.

First Lieut. Alexander Edgar to be Quarter-Master, vice P. Drummond, promoted; dated Oct. 23. 1803.

Corps of Gunner Drivers of the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

John Blythe to be Lieutenant Commissary, dated October 24. 1803.

— Smith to be ditto, dated Oct. 25. 1803.

WAR-OFFICE, Nov. 8.

Commissions in the Militia of the County of Forfar, signed by the Right Hon. Lord Douglas, Lord Lieutenant.

To be Lieutenant-Colonel—Major John Laurenson, dated July 22. 1803.

To be Major—John Carnegie Fullarton, vice Laurenson, promoted; dated July 22. 1803.

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