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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Dec. 2.

Extract of a letter from the Earl of St VINCENT, K.B. Admiral of the White, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated in Torbay the 27th ult.

I inclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter which I have received from Captain Sir Richard Strachan, giving an account of the boats of his Majesty's ships and vessels employed under his orders having destroyed a French corvette and two merchant vessels.

My LORD, Captain, at sea, Nov. 18. 1800.

Your Lordship will perceive in the narrative of my proceedings, that a convoy of the enemy had got through the Teignouse Passage yesterday, and that I was endeavouring to intercept them from the Morbihan, or Passage along the coast; I had the mortification in the morning to perceive that the greater part had got into the Morbihan, and that the others at the entrance were only waiting the tide, protected by the batteries on each side, and a ship corvette of 20 guns, the Commodore of the convoy. By the skilful management of the Nile cutter, the first vessel up, under the command of Lieut. Argles, the corvette was kept from the north shore; and soon after, upon the Magicienne getting near her, she ran into port Navale, where she took the ground, and her people began to quit her; and her colours were struck; the boats of the Magicienne, under Lieutenants Skottowe and Rodney, attempted to board, but the corvette fired upon them, having rehoisted her colours, and making sail, ran farther into the port: The Magicienne recalled her boats; but Lieutenant Rodney gallantly took a merchant vessel from under one of the batteries as he was returning. As soon as I could get the boats out I sent them all

to be under the orders of Captain Ogilvy, with directions for them to be sent under the orders of the senior officer of this ship, Lieutenant Hennah, to destroy the corvette, having under his orders Lieutenant Clyde of this ship, and Lieutenant Clark of the Marlborough; and the boats were manned by the Captain and Marlborough's men. The enterprize was conducted with great ability by Lieut. Hennah; who, notwithstanding a heavy fire from the shore on all sides, bravely boarded the corvette, and having set fire to her, she soon after blew up. He speaks in high terms of commendation of those under his orders; and I admire the spirit that pervaded all the officers and men employed upon this occasion: No prisoners were taken; and the conduct of Captain Ogilvy in the guidance and management of the Magicienne, by drawing the fire of the batteries from the boats, contributed to the service being effected with very little loss. I am, &c. R. J. STRACHAN.

The Earl of St Vincent, K. B. &c.

A List of Men Killed and Wounded in taking the Vessel named below.

One killed belonging to the Suvarrow.
Seven wounded belonging to the Captain.

List of Vessels.

A ship corvette; destroyed by the boats of the Squadron.

A merchant ship; taken by the Magicienne's boat under Lieutenant Rodney, and afterwards burnt.

A merchant vessel; taken by the Nile cutter, and afterwards burnt.

WAR-OFFICE, Dec. 2.

5th Dragoon Guards—John Brunskill (late Adjutant of the 1st Irish fencible cavalry) to be Cornet, without purchase.

1st Dragoons—Hospital-Mate George Cross to be Assistant Surgeon, vice Thomas, promoted.

15th Light Dragoons—Francis Hurt to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Loftus, promoted.

17th ditto—William J. Kent (late Lieutenant in the Oxfordshire fencible cavalry) to be Cornet, without purchase.

18th ditto—Lieut. Matthew Ryan, from the 26th light dragoons, to be Lieutenant, vice Palmer, who exchanges. Robert Charles Smyth to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice McNeil, who retires.

21st ditto—Andrew Lee to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Fowler, who retires.

26th ditto—Lieut. Wm. Vaughan Palmer, from the 18th light dragoons, to be Lieutenant, vice Ryan, who exchanges. Cornet John Mervin Cutcliffe to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Brittain, promoted.

York Hussars—Hospital-Mate Adam Gersman to be Assistant Surgeon.

2d Battalion of the First Regiment of Foot.

To be Lieutenants without purchase.—Ensign Luke Crohan, from the 20th foot, vice Norton, promoted. Ensign Chichester Batty, vice Edmontone, removed to the rifle corps. Ensign John Stewart, vice McAlister, who has been superseded.

26th Foot—Ensign Adam Campbell to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Mathews, who retires.

45th ditto—Ensign Francis Drew to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Johnson, who retires.

60th ditto—Ensign John Law to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Foy, who retires. Charles Seton to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Wingfield, promoted in Colonel John Fraser's corps.

65th ditto—Thomas Watson to be Ensign, without purchase.

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF SUGAR,

Computed from the Returns made for the week ending the 26th day of November, is Seveny-seven Shillings and Nine Pence per Hundred Weight,

Inclusive of the duty of Customs paid or payable thereon on the Importation thereof into Great Britain.

NOTICE.

THE term of Copartnery betwixt ARCHIBALD CLEGHORN and JOHN HUNTER, Merchants in Leith, under the firm of Cleghorn & Hunter, expired on the 11th current.—Those indebted to the late company will please make payment to Archibald Cleghorn, who will also pay all claims upon them.

LEITH, 22d Nov. 1800. ARCH. CLEGHORN. JOHN HUNTER.

[Price 6d.]

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