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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Feb. 10.

Extract of a letter from the Earl of St VINCENT, K. B. Admiral of the White, &c. to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated Torbay, the 3d inst.

SIR,

His Majesty's ship Oiseau is this instant arrived, and I inclose a letter from Capt. Linzee, giving an account of the capture of La Dedaigneuse French frigate.

His Majesty's ship L'Oiseau,
Torbay, Feb. 3. 1801.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship, that on Monday the 26th of January, at eight A. M. in lat. 45 deg. N. long. 12. deg. W. I fell in with the French national frigate, La Dedaigneuse, of thirty-six guns and three hundred men, with dispatches from Cayenne for Rochfort, and chased her until noon the following day; when I discovered his Majesty's ships Sirius and Amethyst, off Cape Finisterre, whose Captains I directed by signal to chase, and continued in pursuit of the enemy until two o'clock on Wednesday morning, being within musket shot, she opened her fire on the Sirius and Oiseau, which was immediately returned, and surrendered to the above ships after an action of 45 minutes, distant from the shore, near Cape Belem, about 2 miles; her running rigging and sails were cut to pieces; several men killed and 17 wounded, amongst the latter were the Captain and Fifth Lieutenant. My warmest thanks are due to Captains King and Cooke for their exertions, but particularly to the former, as from the Sirius's steady and well directed fire, the enemy received considerable damage; the Amethyst, from unfavourable winds, was unable to get up until she had struck. I am happy to say, notwithstanding the gallant resistance made by the Dedaigneuse, neither of the ships lost a man; the Sirius's rigging and

sails were a little damaged; her main-yard and bowsprit slightly wounded. I cannot conclude without expressing my approbation of the officers and company of his Majesty's ship under my command, and in justice to them, must add, their anxiety to close with the enemy, on first discovering her, was equal to what it was on becoming so superior; and must further beg to acknowledge the very great assistance I received from Mr. H. Lloyd, my First Lieutenant, during a long and anxious chase of forty two hours; I trust your Lordship will be pleased to recommend him to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty as a most valuable officer, and deserving of their attention; on his account most sincerely do I lament the baffling winds that prevented my bringing the enemy to action on the preceding day, which I was several times in expectation of doing. La Dedaigneuse is a perfect new frigate, copper fastened, and sails well, carries twenty-eight 12-pounders on her main deck, and pierced for forty guns. I have given the prize in charge of my First Lieutenant, with directions to proceed to Plymouth; and have also to acquaint your Lordship of my having detained, on the 1st inst. the Swedish ship Hoffnung, from Valentia bound to Altona, laden with brandy, burden 260 tons.

I have the honour to be, &c.

S. H. LINZEE.

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

WAR-OFFICE, Feb. 6.

2d Dragoon Guards—Lieut. Arthur Branthwayte to be Captain, without purchase, vice Taylor, promoted. Cornet Wm. Brew to be Lieutenant, vice Branthwayte. John Buckmaster, late Cornet in the 1st fencible cavalry, to be Cornet, vice Brew.
7th ditto—Cornet Hickman Leland Rose to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Malone, who retires. Wm. Elwood to be Cornet, vice Rose.

1st Dragoons—Peter Hawker, to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Cravan, promoted.

11th Light Dragoons—Lieut. Stephen Pitt, from the 16th foot, to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Sutton, removed to the 3d Foot Guards. Cornet Cranfoun Geo. Ridout, from the 19th light dragoons, to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Wardell, promoted.

12th ditto—Cornet Earle Lindsey Daniel to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Cramer, promoted.

18th ditto—Lieut. Col. Oliver Thomas Jones, from the 20th light dragoons, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Carter, who exchanges.

19th ditto—George Hutchins Bellasis to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Ridout, appointed to the 11th light dragoons.

20th ditto—Col. Arthur Carter, from the 18th light dragoons, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Jones, who exchanges.

Coldstream Foot Guards—Capt. G. J. B. Warren, from the 60th foot, to be Lieutenant, without purchase.

4th Regiment of Foot.

To be Lieutenants, without purchase—Ensigns Thos. Ellis, vice Malone, deceased; Wm. Garland, vice Lucas, deceased; Wm. Sharpe, vice Phelan, deceased; Richard Yates, vice Brailsford, placed on half-pay.

5th ditto—Major Lord R. Edward H. Somerset, from the 28th light dragoons, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by purchase, vice Talbot, who retires.

9th ditto—Ensign John White to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Studdert, who retires.

26th ditto—Ensign Wm. Walker to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Flogg, promoted.

31st ditto—Cornet Marc René De Montalembert, from the 1st dragoon guards, to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Impey, promoted.

40th ditto—Lieut. Peter Desbrifay, from the Newfoundland fencibles, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Harrington, dismissed the service.

47th ditto—John William Hutchison to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Harrison, promoted.

60th ditto—Lieut. D. M. Andrew, from the half-pay of the 30th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Winchcombe, who exchanges. Hospital-Mate Wm. Kilgour to be Surgeon, vice Glasco, removed to the 64th foot.

64th ditto—Surgeon John Glasco, from the 60th foot, to be Surgeon, vice Wood, promoted.

69th ditto—Quarter-Master-Serjeant James M'Mahon, to be Adjutant, vice M'Cartney, deceased.

78th ditto—Lieut. Charles George Gray, from the half-pay of Capt. Kingston's levy, to be Lieutenant, vice Robertson, who exchanges.

[Price 6d.]



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