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Admiralty-Office, February 3, 1781.

Extract of a Letter from Admiral Sir George Brydges Rodney, Bart. K. B. and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships at the Leeward Islands, to Mr. Stephens, dated St. Lucia, December 12, 1780.

I HAVE the Honor to acquaint you, that on my Arrival at this Island I received all their Lordships Orders and your Letters which have been transmitted to me from the 10th of July to the 20th of October, and must desire that you will please to inform their Lordships, that General Vaughan and myself are determined to undertake an Enterprize, which we flatter ourselves will be attended with Success; an Account of which I hope I shall send to their Lordships in a very few Days.

Four Sail of the Enemies Line of Battle Ships, from their Squadron at St. Domingo; are in these Seas. I shall do my best Endeavours to take or destroy them, before the Force, which the Enemy hourly expect, arrives.

P. S. I shall sail Tomorrow on the Enterprize.

Dublin Castle, January 19, 1781.

HIS Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to appoint Sir James Laurence Cotter, of Rockforrest, Bart. to be High Sheriff of the County of Cork.

Dublin Castle, January 22, 1781.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to appoint the following Gentlemen to be High Sheriffs for the present Year.

- King's County. Daniel Bagot, of Killcurcey, Esq;
- County of Tipperary. Robert Nicholson, of Wilmar, Esq;
- County of Gallway. James Burke, of Isercleran, Esq;
- County of Clare. Joseph Peacock, of Barnick, Esq;
- County of Donegall. Laurence O'Hara, of Brookfield, Esq;
- County of Meath. Michael Tisdall, of Charles Fort near Kells, Esq;

War-Office, February 3, 1781.

- 1st Regiment of Dragoons, Captain-Lieutenant James Christie to be Captain of a Troop, vice James Wilkie.
- Ditto*, Lieutenant Henry Thomas to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice James Christie.
- Ditto*, Cornet John Kinsey to be Lieutenant, vice Henry Thomas.
- 20th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Hospital Mate Nicholas Archer to be Surgeon, vice Robert Anderson.
- 1st Regiment of Foot Guards, Sub-Lieutenant Honourable John West, of 2d Troop of Horse Grenadier Guards, to be Lieutenant, vice Honourable Charles Cochrane.
- 3d Regiment of Foot Guards, William Henry Drummond, Gent. to be Ensign, vice William Douglas Clephane.
- 8th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Thomas St. George Armstrong, of the East Middlesex Militia, to be Ensign in One of the Additional Companies, vice C. N. Armstrong.
- 25th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Charles Williamson to be Captain, vice Charles Watson.
- Ditto*, Ensign John Chamney to be Lieutenant, vice Charles Williamson.
- 29th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Charles Williams to be Captain, vice Nicholas Aylward Vigers.
- Ditto*, Edward Southouse, Gent. to be Ensign, vice William Johnson.

- 34th Regiment of Foot, James Ronaldson, Hospital Mate, to be Surgeon, vice Charles Blake.
- Ditto*, Serjeant John Copley, of 8th Foot, to be Quarter-Master, vice George Bush.
- 42d Regiment of Foot, 2d Battalion, Ensign John Wemyss, of 47th Foot, to be Lieutenant.
- 47th Regiment of Foot, Ensign William Johnson, of 29th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Bunbury.
- 52d Regiment of Foot, Paul Norris; Gent. to be Ensign, vice William Robert Wake.
- 60th Regiment of Foot, 1st Battalion, Captain-Lieutenant George Hallam to be Captain, vice George Montgomery Metham.
- Ditto*, Lieutenant John Peter Rochat to be Captain, vice George Hallam.
- Ditto*, Ensign William Henry Ricketts to be Lieutenant, vice John Peter Rochat.
- 84th Regiment of Foot, Captain Patrick Sinclair, late of the 15th Foot; to be Captain; vice ——— M'Dougal.
- 100th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant John Johnston, of 1st Foot, to be Captain.
- Ditto*, Ensign John Le Couteur, of 95th Foot, to be Lieutenant.
- Ditto*, Ensign Robert Halliday, of 88th Foot, to be Lieutenant.
- Ditto*, Ensign Daniel Siddon, of 96th Foot, to be Lieutenant.
- Ditto*, ——— Thompson, Gent. to be Ensign.
- Ditto*, Frederick Dodsworth, Clerk, to be Chaplain.

General Post-Office, February 3, 1781.

THE Post-Boy bringing the Bristol Mail on Monday Morning the 29th Day of January last, from Maidenhead, was stop'd between Two and Three of the Clock by a single Highwayman; with a Crape over his Face, between the Eleventh and Twelfth Mile-stone, near to Cranford-bridge, who presented a Pistol to him, and after making him alight, drove away the Horse and Cart, which were found about Seven o'Clock the same Morning the Robbery was committed, in a Meadow Field near Farmer Lot's at Twyford in Middlesex, when it appeared that the greatest Part of the Letters were taken out of the Bath and Bristol Bags, and the following Bags entirely taken away.

Pewsey	Wantage	Cheltenham
Calne	Cirencester	Fairford
Newbury	Stroud	Lechlade
Trowbridge	Wootton under	Lampeter
Melksham	Edge	Cardmarthen
Bradford	Gloucester	Tenby
Wallingford	Tewkesbury	Haverford West
Maidenhead	Hereford	Peimbroke
Henley	Leominster	Abergavenny
Reading	Northleach	

A Person answering the following Description is strongly suspected of being concerned in the above Robbery.

He is about Twenty-four Years of Age, Five Feet Six or Seven Inches high; his own dark brown Hair, rather short but tied, and combed down before; a thin Person, fresh coloured, much marked with the Small Pox, and had not the Appearance of a Gentleman; was dressed in an exact Naval Uniform, viz. Blue Coat turned up with White, White Waistcoat, Yellow Buttons, with an Anchor upon them, and a cocked Hat.

He appears to have passed through Loughborough, Nottingham, Mansfield, Chesterfield, and Sheffield, and was pursued from Newark to London, on the direct North Road through Stevenage, Ware, and Enfield, at several of which Places he passed off Notes, which had been in the Mail, by the Name of James Jackson.

He got out of a Post Chaise and Four about Eleven o'Clock.