

Cutter, Copper Bottom, sails very fast, and had 91 Men, had been from Brest Eighteen Days. The other Cutter, called the Eagle, of Dunkirk, of the same Force, has quitted this Coast.

Admiralty-Office, June 29, 1782.

Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Drake, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Dromedary, in the Downs, to Mr. Stephens, dated the 25th of June, 1782.

S I R,
Y O U will please to acquaint my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that Captain Young, of the Ambuscade, informs me, in his Letter dated the 23d Instant, at Sea, of his having taken, on the Evening before, a Dutch Privateer Cutter, named the Middleburgh, carrying Thirteen Guns and Thirty-eight Men; and she arrived here this Morning.

C A R M A R T H E N C I R C U I T.

*William Beard, Esq;
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Carmarthenshire, Thursday August 1, at Carmarthen.

*County Borough of Carmarthen, The same Day.
Pembrokeshire, Wednesday August 7, at Haverfordwest.*

*Town and County of Haverfordwest, The same Day.
Cardiganshire, Tuesday August 13, at Cardigan.*

War Office, June 29, 1782.

19th Regiment of Dragoons, Lieutenant T. Townley Parker, of the 96th Foot, is appointed to be Lieutenant, vice Francis Drake.

1st Regiment of Foot Guards, Ensign Emperor John Alexander Woodford to be Lieutenant, vice Richard St. George.

Coldstream Regiment of Foot Guards, Ensign Nathaniel Webb to be Adjutant, vice Thomas Bosville.

3d Regiment of Foot Guards, Ensign Stewart Campbell to be Lieutenant, vice Florentius Boscawen.

Ditto, Honourable William Conway to be Ensign, vice Stewart Campbell.

10th Regiment of Foot, Thomas Hall, Gent. to be Ensign, vice John Howard.

50th Regiment of Foot, Owen Charles Fordice, Gent. to be Ensign, vice John Lucas.

96th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Francis Drake, of 19th Dragoons, to be Lieutenant, vice T. Townley Parker.

104th Regiment of Foot, Major Duncan Urquhart to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Henry Harnage.

Isle of Man Fencible Battalion, Ensign John Clague to be Lieutenant, vice Mark Wilkes.

Northern Fencibles, Lewis Gordon, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Charles Stewart.

Admiralty-Office, May 14, 1782.

W H E R E A S there are at this Time several Deserters from the different Divisions of His Majesty's Marine Forces, who might be induced to return to their Duty by an Offer of Pardon, and that such Instance of Clemency would have due Influence on their future Behaviour; My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in order to encourage them to return to their Duty, and to remove their Apprehensions of the Punishment due to their Crime, do hereby give Notice, that such of the said Deserters as shall surrender themselves at any of the aforesaid Divisions at Portsmouth, Plymouth, or Chatham, or to any Recruiting Party of the Marines in Great Britain or Ireland, on or before the 30th Day of June next, will receive His Majesty's Free Pardon.

And whereas several of the said Deserters have been apprehended and are now in Goal or Military Custody, their Lordships do hereby further give Notice, that His Majesty's Free Pardon will be extended to them also, of which they are to have the Benefit upon their Arrival at any of the Marine Head-Quarters.

And any Marine who may desert after this Public Notice of His Majesty's most gracious Intentions, will not be included in the above Pardon, but be proceeded against with the utmost Severity.

Pb. Stephens.

Admiralty-Office, May 14, 1782.

W H E R E A S many Seamen have, from Time to Time, inconsiderately deserted His Majesty's Service, by leaving the Ships they belonged to, as they could find Opportunity for so doing, or, having been put on Shore sick from His Majesty's Ships, either into Hospitals or Sick Quarters, have made so ill a Return to the Care taken for their Healths as to desert from His Majesty's Service, when so far recovered as to be able to withdraw themselves from the said Hospitals or Sick Quarters; for which Crimes they have incurred the Loss of their Wages, and are punishable with Death by a Court Martial: But my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty being willing to impute such Desertion into a Rashness which most of them soon repent of, and believing that they would return to their Ships, were it not from Apprehensions of Punishment; in order therefore to remove such Apprehensions, and encourage them to return to their Duty, their Lordships do hereby declare, That if any Persons who have deserted as aforesaid shall, on or before the Thirtieth Day of June next, return to the Ships to which they did belong, or, in case those Ships are gone Abroad, enter themselves on Board some other of His Majesty's Ships, they shall not be punished in any Manner whatsoever, on Account of the Crimes they have committed in withdrawing themselves from His Majesty's Service as aforesaid, *excepting such as have been guilty of Mutiny, or any other notorious Crimes:* And, as a further Encouragement, their Lordships are pleased to declare, that such as shall so return shall have their R's taken off, and be paid their Wages for the Ships from which they respectively deserted; but their Lordships do also think fit to declare, that all Persons under the above-mentioned Circumstances, who do not make a proper Use of the Indulgence hereby offered them, will be strictly sought after, and, (in case they are apprehended) brought to a Court Martial, and treated as the Law directs.

Pb. Stephens.

Admiralty-Office, June 22, 1782.

I T is the Direction of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the Seamen late belonging to His Majesty's Xebeck Minorca, as well as those borne on Board her as Supernumeraries, who were made Prisoners upon the Surrender of St Phillip's Castle in the Island of Minorca, and who have arrived or shall hereafter arrive in Cartel Vessels from the said Island, do repair to Portsmouth or Plymouth, in order to serve in such Ships as shall be appointed by the Commanders in Chief at those Ports, on Board which Ships the Wages due to them for the said Xebeck will be paid to them before they proceed to Sea.

Pb. Stephens.

Office of Ordnance, June 21, 1782.

Wanted, for the Use of the Ordnance, a considerable Quantity of Junk fit for making Wads for Guns; and also a Quantity of Match. Any Persons willing to contract for the same are desired to send in Proposals to the Master-General and Board, in Writing, (sealed up) offering their Terms and Price, and attend with the same on Wednesday the 10th of July next, at this Office in St. Margaret's-Street, Westminster.

John Boddington.

Office of Ordnance, June 19, 1782.

Notice is hereby given, that Proposals will be received and opened in the Presence of the Master-General and Board, at their Office in St. Margaret's-Street, Westminster, on Wednesday the 10th of July, from such Persons as are willing to supply this Office with