

*2d Battalion of the Bredalbane Fencibles.*

Alexander M'Lean, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Phillips, promoted.

*1st Battalion of the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles.*

John Pringle, Gent. to be Surgeon, vice Somerville, who retires.

*Rosshire Fencible Infantry.*

Captain Colin Mackenzie to be Major Commandant.

*Warwickshire Fencible Cavalry.*

Henry C. Adams, Gent. to be Cornet.

*Halifax Volunteers.*

*To be Lieutenants,*

Ensign William Norris.

Ensign Edward Wainhouse.

Samuel Emmett, Gent. vice John Richardson.

*To be Ensigns.*

Robert Wainhouse, Gent. vice Norris.

Richard Howarth, Gent. vice Wainhouse.

*Huddersfield Volunteers.*

Major Sir George Armytage, Bart. to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Captain Northend Nicholls to be Major, vice Armytage.

*To be Captains of Companies,*

Captain-Lieutenant Joseph Haigh, vice Nicholls.

Lieutenant William Horsfall.

*To be Captain-Lieutenant,*

Joseph Scottok, Gent. vice Haigh.

*To be Second Lieutenants,*

Richard Clay, Gent.

Spencer Dylon, Gent.

Joseph Atkinson, Gent.

Matthew Mufon, Gent.

*To be Adjutant,*

William Horsfall, jun. Gent.

*Whitby Volunteers.*

Captain-Lieutenant Thomas Parkin to be Captain of a Company, vice Clarke, who retires.

Lieutenant John Ellerby to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Parkin.

Ensign Isaiah Moorfom to be Lieutenant, vice Ellerby.

John Bolton, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Moorfom.

*Pertb Volunteers.*

Major James Sharpe to be Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant.

Captain James Paton to be Major, vice Sharpe.

First Lieutenant Charles Archer to be Captain of a Company, vice Paton.

Second Lieutenant James Proudfoot to be First Lieutenant, vice Archer.

Second Lieutenant Robert Ross to be First Lieutenant.

*To be Second Lieutenants,*

David Bratton, Gent. vice Proudfoot.

William Ross, Gent.

William Gray, Gent.

*Royal Montrose Volunteers.*

Captain Alexander Gardiner to be Major Commandant.

First Lieutenant Alexander Lyall to be Captain of a Company, vice Gardiner.

Edward Green, Esq; to be Captain of a Company. Second Lieutenant John Glegg to be First Lieutenant, vice Lyall.

William Gibson, Gent. to be First Lieutenant.

Alexander Scott, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant, vice Glegg.

*Loyal Grantham Volunteers.*

William Merefield, Gent. to be Ensign and Adjutant.

*Patrington Volunteers.*

Ensign William Jefferson to be Lieutenant, vice Stovin, who retires.

Christopher Jefferson, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Iveson, who retires.

Admiralty-Office, January 14, 1797.

*Copy of a Letter from Captain Barton, of His Majesty's Ship Lapwing, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated in Basseterre Roads, December 3, 1796.*

S I R,

A Packet leaving this Place To-Day for England, I embrace the Opportunity, for the Satisfaction of their Lordships, to acquaint them, that I anchored at St. Kitt's on the 25th Ultimo, when an Express Boat had been sent from the Island of Anguilla, to inform the Admiral that the Island was attacked by Two French Men of War and several small Vessels, containing Four Hundred Troops. I felt it my Duty (as the Express Boat returned here with the Loss of her Main-Mast) to leave the Service I was ordered on to endeavour to relieve that Place. The Wind, being to the Northward, prevented my getting up there in Time to stop them from burning the Town; but I have the Pleasure to say, after an Action of near Two Hours, I effectually relieved that Island, by taking the Ship and sinking the Brig. The Ship proved to be Le Decius, mounting Twenty-four Six-Pounders, Two Twelve-Pound Carronades, and Two Brass Field-Pieces, with One Hundred and Thirty-three Men of her own Complement, and Two Hundred and Three Troops, commanded by Citoyen Andrée Senis, and the Brig La Vaillante, mounting Four Twenty-four-Pounders, with Forty-five Men and Ninety Troops, commanded by Citoyen Laboutique. The Particulars of the Action I have transmitted to Rear-Admiral Harvey, for the Information of their Lordships.

I am, &c.

R. BARTON.

N. B. I am informed that they were picked Troops from Victor Hughes, for the sole Purpose of plundering and destroying the Island.

R. B.

Admiralty-Office, December 7, 1796.

Notice is hereby given, that a Session of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery, for the Trial of Offences committed on the High Seas within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England, will be held at Justice Hall in the Old Bailey, London, on Saturday the 21st Day of January next, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning.

Evan Nepean.