

Master, and Lieutenant Campbell, the Marine Officer: In mentioning them to your Lordship I comply with their Captain's Wish: I beg your Lordship will mention Lieutenant Durell and Lieutenant Irvine to my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty as Officers deserving of the highest Commendation.

The Ships taken are La Resistance, commanded by Monsieur Montagne, mounting 48 Guns, Eighteen Ponders on her Main Deck, and manned with 345 Men. She is only Six Months old, built upon a new Construction, and is in every Respect one of the finest Frigates the French had, and certainly the largest, measuring 45 Feet Beam. The other Frigate La Constance, commanded by Monsieur De-launey, mounting 24 Nine-Ponders upon the Main Deck, and manned with 189 Men: She is Two Years old, and a very fine Ship. These are Two of the Frigates which landed Troops in Wales: It is a pleasing Circumstance to have completed the Failure of that Expedition. I am particularly happy to inform your Lordship that neither the St. Fiorenzo or La Nymphé have had any Men killed or wounded, or the Ships hurt. The St. Fiorenzo only having received Two Shot in her Hull. La Resistance had Ten Men killed, the First Lieutenant and Eight Men wounded. La Constance had Eight Men killed and Six wounded.

I have the Honor to be,

Your Lordship's most obedient Servant,  
H. NEALE.

Admiral Lord Bridport, K. B.  
Ec. Ec. Ec.

Admiralty-Office, March 18, 1797.

*Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Kingmill, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Cork, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board His Majesty's Ship Polypbemus in Cork Harbour, the 10th of March, 1797.*

PLEASE to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that His Majesty's Ship Alcimene arrived here last Evening from Lough Swilly by the Westward, and in her Way has captured a French Privateer Ship of Sixteen Guns and 156 Men, off the Skelligs, as will be further explained in the accompanying Letter from Captain Brown.

*Alcimene, Cork Cove, March 9, 1797.*

S I R,

BE pleased to communicate to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that being off the Skelligs Rocks on the 6th of March, making the best of my Way to Cork, I saw a Ship standing for the S. W. which I immediately pursued, and, after a Seventeen Hours Chace, captured her; she proves to be the Surveillant Privateer of Sixteen Guns and 156 Men; had been out Thirty-two Days from Bourdeaux, had taken Two Brigs, the one from Lisbon and the other from Liverpool; the latter of which (loaded with Coals) I had the good Fortune to recapture, and have allowed her Master to proceed to his original Destination.

I have the Honor to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient humble Servant,  
W. BROWN.

To Vice-Admiral Kingmill,  
Ec. Ec. Ec.

*Whitehall, March 18.*

The King has been pleased to order a Congé d'Elire to pass the Great Seal, empowering the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Bristol to elect a Bishop of that See, void by the Translation of the Right Reverend Father in God, Henry Reginald, late Bishop thereof, to the See of Exeter: And His Majesty has also been pleased to recommend the Reverend Folliot Herbert Walker Cornwall, Doctor in Divinity and Dean of the Metropolitan Church of Canterbury, to be by them elected Bishop of the said See of Bristol.

*Westminster, March 17.*

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Henry Pennington, of Liverpool in the County of Lancaster, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed William Rawle, of Liskeard in the County of Cornwall, Gentleman, to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

*Commissions in the Lancashire Supplementary Militia, signed by His Majesty.*

1st Battalion, Captain John Phillips, from Half-Pay, and formerly Provost Marshal to the Forces under the Command of His Royal Highness the Duke of York upon the Continent, to be Adjutant. Dated March 1, 1797.

2d Battalion, Benjamin Barbauld, Esq; late Captain of an Independent Company raised to serve in Africa, to be Adjutant. Dated March 2, 1797.

3d Battalion, Thomas Edgar, Esq; late Major to the 25th Regiment of Foot, to be Adjutant. Dated March 3, 1797.

*Commissions in the Lancashire Supplementary Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

1st Battalion, Captain John Phillips, from Half-Pay, and formerly Provost Marshal to the Forces under the Command of His Royal Highness the Duke of York upon the Continent, to be Captain-Lieutenant. Dated March 1, 1797.

John Leigh, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated March 10, 1797.

2d Battalion, Benjamin Barbauld, Esq; late Captain of an Independent Company raised to serve in Africa, to be Captain-Lieutenant. Dated March 2, 1797.

Bartholomew Hardy, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated March 15, 1797.

3d Battalion, Thomas Edgar, Esq; late Major to the 25th Regiment of Foot, to be Captain-Lieutenant. Dated March 3, 1797.

William Hurst, Esq; to be Captain. Dated March 15, 1797.

John Shaw, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated March 11, 1797.

*Commissions in the Provisional Cavalry in the Isle of Wight, signed by the Governor.*

William Oglauden, Esq; to be Captain. Dated February 9, 1797.

Fitzwilliam Barrington, Esq; to be Captain. Dated as above.

Maurice George Bissett, Esq; to be Lieutenant. as above.

David Pryce, Esq; to be Lieutenant. Dated as above.

*Commissions*