

by one Pierre Soufra, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, Thirty-three Days from Bayonne; has only taken the Ship John and Thomas, James Johnston, Master, of Peterburgh Virginia, from London, bound to Madeira and Bengal. She is said to sail well, and is quite new, this being her first Cruise; is victualled and watered for Two Months, and completely equipped.

I have the Honor to be, Sir, &c. &c.

ROB. LAURIE.

*James Cornwallis, Esq;*  
*&c. &c. &c.*

Admiralty-Office, April 11, 1797.

*Captain of a Letter from Vice-Admiral King Smill, Commander of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Cork, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board His Majesty's Ship Polyphemus, Cork Harbour, April 3, 1797.*

S I R,

PLEASE to acquaint my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that, on Intelligence brought me of a Cruizer of the Enemy's having been seen off the Skellocks, I immediately dispatched Captain Ruddach, in the Hazard, on the 28th Ult. to scour that Coast; and on the 1st Instant he fortunately fell in with, and captured, Le Hardi Brig Privateer, of 18 Guns and 130 Men, from Brest, a remarkable fast sailing Vessel, with which he has just returned here. Inclosed is his Letter to me on the Subject.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c.

R. KINGSMILL.

*Copy of a Letter from Alexander Ruddach, Esq; Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Hazard, to Vice-Admiral King Smill, dated April 2, 1797.*

S I R,

I Have the Pleasure to inform you, that, in following your Orders, we Yesterday (close to the Skellocks) captured a very fine coppered French Brig, Le Hardi, of 18 Nine-Pounders and 130 Men, after a Chace of Seven Hours. She then carried away both Topmasts: It was otherwise very doubtful whether we should have come up with her. I understand she was built at Cowes, about Two Years, for the Spaniards. She left Brest the 17th of March, was soon after chased by Two Frigates, but escaped after many of their Shot went through her Sails, and one struck her Hull. She has only made one Prize, a Portugueze of little Value.

I am, &c. &c.

ALEX. RUDDACH.

*Whitehall, March 26.*

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Reverend John Pine, of East Down and Portledge in the County of Devon, Clerk, his Royal Licence and Authority that he and his Issue my assume and take the Surname of Coffin, in Addition to that of Pine, and bear the Arms of Pine and Coffin quarterly, out of Respect to the Memory, and in Compliance with the Request signified in the last Will and Testament of his late Kinman Richard Coffin, late of Portledge aforesaid, Esq; deceased; and that His Majesty's Concession and Declaration be registered in his College of Arms.

*Commission in the Leicestershire Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

Wildbore Garnar, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated March 8, 1797.

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

Robert Crowe, Esq; to be Colonel.  
Turner Straubenzie, Esq; to be Lieutenant-Colonel.  
Sir Robert D'Arcy Hildyard, Bart. to be Major.  
Henry Gale, Esq; to be Captain.  
Matthew Butterwick, Esq; to be Captain.  
William Marwood, Esq; to be Captain.  
Christopher Goulton, Esq; to be Captain.  
John Faucett, Esq; to be Captain.  
James Hatton, Esq; to be Captain.  
William Topham, Esq; to be Captain.  
Leonard Smelt, Esq; to be Captain-Lieutenant.  
Charles Thoyts, Gent. to be Lieutenant.  
Samuel Peate, Gent. to be Lieutenant.  
Samuel Hobson, Gent. to be Lieutenant.  
Thomas Charge, Gent. to be Lieutenant.  
Charles Langdale, Gent. to be Lieutenant.  
Henry Brown, Gent. to be Lieutenant.  
Lupton Topham, Gent. to be Lieutenant.  
Bywell Sadler, Gent. to be Lieutenant.  
John Lodge, Gent. to be Lieutenant.  
Stephen Bell, Gent. to be Lieutenant.

*Commissions in the Supplementary Militia for the County of Glamorgan, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

Richard Mafey Hanford, Esq; to be Captain. Dated March 17, 1797.

John Thomas, Esq; to be Captain. Dated March 18, 1797.

James Coke, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated March 17, 1797.

Richard Bates, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated March 18, 1797.

John Gunthorpe, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated March 20, 1797.

*Commission in the Provisional Cavalry of the County of Chester, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

William Congreve, Esq; to be Cornet. Dated April 8, 1797.

*Commissions signed by His Majesty for the Army in Ireland.*

Mr. George Mangles to be Ensign in the 6th Foot, vice Benson, promoted. Dated February 1, 1797.  
Ensign Robert Francis Bree to be Lieutenant in the 68th Foot, by Purchase, vice Henry Simes. Dated April 1, 1797.

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

3d Battalion, William Townley, Esq; to be Captain. Dated April 3, 1797.

Office for Sick and Wounded Seamen,  
September 15, 1796.

THE Appointment of Surgeons to His Majesty's Ships and Vessels being vested in the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded Seamen, it is the Direction of the said Commissioners, that all Surgeons, not at this Time employed in the Service, do forthwith give Notice here of their Place of Abode, and that they continue to do  
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