

His Majesty's Brig Pelican, to command her during the Captain's Illness.

On the 17th of last Month Lieutenant White had the good Fortune to fall in with the Trompeuse French Privateer Brig. His spirited Conduct and Officer-like Management, I am sure, will be as strongly impressed on their Lordships Minds, by his Account of the Action, herewith inclosed, as it was on mine, in giving him great Credit for both.

*Pelican, at Sea, September 17, 1797.*

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I HAVE the Honour to inform you, that at Thirty Minutes past Seven A. M. we discovered a Brig bearing N. N. W. (Cape Nicholas S. by W. Half W.) standing towards us, with the Larboard Tacks on Board. As she appeared to be a Vessel of Force, I immediately made all Sail towards her, the Wind being East. At Forty-five Minutes past Eight, she having shewn French Colours, we opened our Fire on her in crossing, then wore round her Stern, and kept up a continued and well-directed Fire until Twenty Minutes after Nine, when she made all Sail from us, with the Larboard Tacks. Unfortunately we could not immediately make all Sail after her, as our Running Rigging was much cut; but as soon as it was repaired, every Exertion was made to get alongside of her a second Time, which was effected at Forty-five Minutes after Twelve, when we opened our Fire on her, which was so well directed, that at Ten Minutes past One she blew up abaft, and struck her Colours. At Fifteen Minutes after One she went down by the Head, and was totally lost. Upon which we immediately hoisted out our Boats, and fortunately saved the Lives of Sixty of her Crew, by whom we learn she was the Trompeuse French Privateer Brig, mounting 12 Six-Pounders, and 78 Men on Board: She had been out Eleven Days, but had only taken One Prize.

I feel myself greatly indebted to Captain Perkins, of the Drake, whom I discovered in Shore of us, for using every Exertion to work to Windward, and cut her off from Jean Rebel, as soon as I made the private Signal to him, and that of the Chace being an Enemy.

Permit me to observe, that great Praise is due to Lieutenants Ward and Usher, and Mr. McCleaverly the Master, for their Zeal, Conduct and Bravery, as also to the inferior Officers and Ship's Company, for their Steadiness, Obedience and Courage.

Inclosed I have the Honor to send you a List of the Killed and Wounded.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed)

THOMAS WHITE.

Sir Hyde Parker, Knt.  
 &c. &c. &c.

*A List of Killed and Wounded on Board His Majesty's Sloop Pelican, the 17th Day of September, 1797.*

**KILLED.**

John Cook, Marine.

**WOUNDED.**

Thomas Stockdale, Ordinary Seaman.—Compound Fracture.

Etean Beckwell, Able Seaman.—Wounded in the Jaw.

Robert Hughes, Ordinary Seaman.—Wounded in the Head.

Daniel Lucas, Able Seaman.—Wounded slightly.  
 John Reed, Coxswain.—Contusion in the Thigh.

(Signed)

THOMAS WHITE.

*Admiralty-Office, November 25, 1797.*

IN the Gazette of Saturday last, the Name of the Officer commanding the Fox Curter, mentioned in the Postscript to Captain Horton's Letter, should have been printed *Horne*, instead of *Hoare*.

*Whitehall, November 22, 1797.*

The King has been pleased to grant to John Tilden, of Battle in the County of Suffex, Gent. and the Heirs Male of his Body, His Royal Licence and Authority to use the Surname of Sampson in Addition to his own, and also to bear the Arms of Sampson, pursuant to the last Will and Testament of his Kinsman, Richard Sampson, late of Ninfield in the said County, Gent. deceased; such Arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms and recorded in the Heralds Office: And also to order that this His Majesty's Concession and Declaration be registered in his College of Arms.

*Commission in the Loyal Birmingham Association, signed by His Majesty.*

John Wilkes, Gent. to be Lieutenant of the 4th Company.

*Dublin Castle, November 20.*

His Majesty's Royal Letters being received, granting the Dignity of a Baronet of this Kingdom to the following Gentlemen, and to the Heirs Male of their Bodies lawfully begotten respectively, Letters Patent are preparing to be passed under the Great Seal of this Kingdom accordingly, viz.

To Thomas Burke, of Marble-Hill, in the County of Galway, Esq;

To John Jervis White Jervis, of Ballyellis, in the County of Wexford, Esq;

To Thomas Mullins, of Barnham, in the County of Kerry, Esq;

To John Edmond Browne, of Palmerston in the County of Mayo, Esq;

To Anthony Brabazon, of New Park, in the County of Mayo, Esq;

*London, November 20, 1797.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that an Account of the Proceeds of the Head-Money Bill of *Le Vengeur*, French Privateer, taken in the West Indies the 18th of February, 1794, by His Majesty's Ship *Rose*, Edward Riou, Esq; Commander, is deposited in the Registry of the High Court of Admiralty, agreeable to an Act of Parliament, by

James Sykes.

*London, November 6, 1797.*

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Ship *Santa Margarita*, George Parker, Esq; Commander, that they will be paid, on Board the said Ship, on her Arrival at Cork, the Proceeds of the Hull and Stores of *Le Victorine*, French Privateer, taken the 8th of August last; and the Shares not then demanded will be recalled by Mr. Vidal at Cork for Three Years.

P. Butt and E. Vidal, Agents.