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Admiralty-Office, December 23, 1797.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Cunningham, of His Majesty's Ship Clyde, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Cawsand Bay, the 21st of December, 1797.

S I R,

I BEG you will please to acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that on the 15th Instant, in Lat. 44 deg. 40 min. Long. 4 deg. I fell in with and captured La Dorade, a Ship Privateer from Bourdeaux, Copper sheathed; pierced for 18 Guns, having 12 Guns and 93 Men on Board. She had been out Fifty Days, cruizing off the Azores and Madeira, without having made any Capture, and was returning to her Port.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

CHARLES CUNNINGHAM.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Cunningham, of His Majesty's Ship Clyde, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated in Cawsand Bay, the 21st Instant.

S I R,

IT is with the peculiar Concern I relate the unhappy Catastrophe of La Dorade, captured by His Majesty's Ship under my Command.

Having put her under the Care of a young Man, who had been Master of the Clyde more than Twelve Months, and of whose Abilities I feel myself confident, I cannot but regret that, probably from an Emulation of exhibiting the Capabilities of the Prize, and his own Conduct in an advantageous Point of View, he was induced to carry too great a Press of Sail upon her; the melancholy Consequence of which was that the upper, and himself, with a Midshipman and Seventeen Seamen, were drowned.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

CHARLES CUNNINGHAM.

Whitehall, December 22, 1797.

The King has been pleased to grant to Sir James Whalley, of Clerk-Hill, near Whalley; in the County Palatine of Lancaster; Baronet; and his Issue, His Royal Licence and Authority to take upon him and them respectively, and bear the Arms of Smythe Gardiner, and at all Times hereafter be called and distinguished by, and take upon himself and themselves, and write the Names and bear the Arms of Smythe and Gardiner respectively, pursuant to the last Will and Testament of his Brother, Sir John Whalley Smythe Gardiner, late of Tackley Park, in the County of Oxford, Baronet, 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.

War-Office, December 26, 1797.

- 1st Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Michael Turner, Gent. to be Cornet, by Purchase, vice Colyer, promoted.
- 11th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Cornet James Bourchier, from the 28th Light Dragoons, to be Cornet, by Purchase, vice Parker, promoted.
- 17th Ditto, Assistant Surgeon Thomas Thompson, from the 3d Dragoons, to be Assistant Surgeon.
- 18th Ditto, Brevet Major Alexander Butter to be Major, without Purchase, vice Callander, promoted in the 29th Dragoons.
- 19th Ditto, Brevet Major Patrick Maxwell to be Major, by Purchase, vice Sage, who retires.
- 20th Ditto, Major George Anson, from the 16th Light Dragoons, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by Purchase, vice Incedon, who retires.
- 26th Ditto, Captain James Moore to be Major, by Purchase, vice Maxwell, who retires.

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