

*Copy of a Letter from Captain Hotham, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Blanche, to Admiral Earl St. Vincent. K. B. Sc. Sc. dated at Sea, December 28, 1797.*

I N the Execution of your Lordship's Orders of the 28th of November, Yesterday being in Latitude 40 deg. 59 min. N. and Longitude 12 deg. 59 min. W. I have the Honor to inform your Lordship I fell in with and captured (after Sixteen Hours Chace) Le Bayonnois French Privateer Brig, of 6 Guns and 40 Men, Thirty-one Days out from Bayonne, and had taken nothing.

Her Guns were thrown overboard in the Chace.  
HENRY HOTHAM.

*Copy of a Letter from Captain Rogers, of His Majesty's Ship Mercury, to Admiral Earl St. Vincent, K. B. Sc. Sc. Sc. dated at Sea, January 6, 1798.*

I BEG to acquaint you, that Yesterday, proceeding to cruize in Obedience to your Orders, I fell in with, Twenty Leagues W. N. W. of the Rock of Lisbon, Le Benjamin French Ship Privateer, belonging to Bourdeaux, pierced for 20 Guns, but mounting 16 Four and Six Pounders, (10 of which he threw overboard) and 132 Men, which I captured after a Chace of 36 Hours; the Alcmena, Lively and Thalia, under the Orders of Captain Hope, joined Company during the Chace. The Privateer sails extremely well, and is a very desirable Ship for His Majesty's Service; she is Copper-bottomed and perfectly new, this being her first Cruize, during which she captured the Governor Bruce English Brig, from Bristol, bound to Faro; a Portuguese Schooner; and was beat off by an English Letter of Marque.

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

*Copy of a Letter from Captain Downman, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Speedy, to Admiral Earl St. Vincent, K. B. Sc. Sc. Sc. dated off Oporto, December 26, 1797.*

I HAVE the Honor to inform you, that on the 21st Instant, Seven Leagues West of the Bayona Islands, His Majesty's Sloop Speedy fell in with Three Spanish Privateers, and, after a Chace of Four Hours, captured the Pilgrim, a Lugger, mounting 3 Carriage Guns and 22 Men. The other two, a Lugger mounting 6 Nine-Pounders and 50 Men, and a Schooner mounting 4 Six-Pounders and 45 Men, made their Escape into Vigo.

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

*Crown-Office, January 30, 1798.*

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

*City of Durham.*

Ralph John Lambton, Esq; in the room of William Henry Lambton, Esq; deceased.

*Town of Newcastle upon Tyne.*

Charles John Brandling, Esq; in the room of Charles Brandling, Esq; who hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Children Hundreds of Stoke, Delborough and Bonenham, in the County of Buckingham.

*War-Office, January 30, 1798.*

1st Regiment of Foot Guards, Captain Isaac Peter Tinling, from the 20th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Caulfield, who exchanges.

Paul Methuen, Gent. to be Ensign, by Purchase, vice Stuart, promoted.

20th Regiment of Foot, Captain Wade Francis Caulfield, from the 1st Foot Guards, to be Captain, vice Tinling, who exchanges.

STAFF.

Thomas Williams, Gent. to be Barrack-Master at Annapolis Royal.

*Commissions signed by His Majesty for the Army in Ireland, dated December 1, 1797, except otherwise mentioned.*

7th Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant Lancelot Peter Bayley to be Captain, by Purchase, vice Somerville, resigned.

Cornet — Appletwhaite to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Bayley, promoted.

Mr. Bretter Badham Thornhill to be Cornet, by Purchase, vice H. B. Thornhill.

9th Regiment of Dragoons, Mr. Samuel Ferguson to be Veterinary Surgeon. Commission dated October 4, 1797.

22d Regiment of Dragoons, Assistant Surgeon Summer Higgins, from the 23d Dragoons, to be Assistant Surgeon, vice Major, promoted to a Cornetcy.

23d Ditto, Major John Shaw Maxwell to be Second Lieutenant-Colonel, by Purchase. Commission dated January 1, 1797.

*Cambridge Fencible Cavalry.*

Mr. William Greyhame to be Cornet, vice Laurence, senior, resigned.

Mr. C. J. Adeane to be Cornet, vice Butcher, removed to the 3d Dragoons.

6th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Scudamore Cooper Lee to be Captain, by Purchase, vice Impey, promoted.

13th Ditto, Ensign Theobald Sheil to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Robertson, resigned.

30th Ditto, Ensign Thomas Lahiff, from the 41st Foot, to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Woodward, resigned.

54th Ditto, Mr. Thomas E. Clarke to be Ensign, by Purchase, vice Williams, promoted.

89th Ditto, Ensign Samuel Courtney to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Anderfon, resigned.

Mr. Henry Eyre Evans to be Ensign, by Purchase, vice Percival, promoted.

*Devon and Cornwall Fencible Infantry.*

Frederick Page, Esq; to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Phillips, deceased.

*Elgin Fencible Infantry.*

Ensign James Hunter to be Lieutenant, vice M'Intyre, promoted.

Quarter-Master-Serjeant William Stewart to be Ensign, vice Hunter, promoted,

*Fifeshire Fencible Infantry.*

Lieutenant George Porter to be Captain, vice Carmichael, resigned.

*Reay Fencible Infantry.*

Captain-Lieutenant Hector M'Lean to be Captain, vice Mackay, removed to a Lieutenantcy of Invalids on the British Establishment.