

Ensign John Adams to be Lieutenant. Dated May 25, 1798.

Ensign Henry William Frith to be Ditto. Dated as above.

Ensign Christopher Thomas Irwin to be Ditto. Dated as above.

Lieutenant Thomas Blomfield to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Michael Leheup; resigned. Dated as above.

Frederick Anthony Clarke, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated June 15, 1798.

Captain John Harcourt Powell to be Major. Dated July 15, 1798.

Lieutenant Charles Tyrell to be Captain, vice Powell, promoted. Dated as above.

William Havers, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated June 2, 1798.

Lieutenant Robert Pratt to be Second Adjutant. Dated May 25, 1798.

*Commissions signed by the Deputy Lieutenants of the Tower Hamlets, in the Absence of the Lord Lieutenant.*

John Geary to be Lieutenant in the First Royal Regiment of the Tower Hamlets Militia, vice Edward Temperley, resigned. Dated August 4, 1798.

John Castle Gant to be Ensign, vice John Geary, promoted. Dated as above.

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

Captain-Lieutenant Joseph Barnes to be Adjutant. Dated July 18, 1798.

*Commissions in the Battersea, &c. Volunteer Association, signed by His Majesty. Dated July 9, 1798.*

Thomas Horncastle, Gent. to be First Lieutenant in a Company of Infantry.

Bartholomew Rudd, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant in Ditto.

*Commissions in the Leeds Volunteer Association, signed by His Majesty. Dated July 9, 1798.*

Benjamin Gott, Esq; to be Captain-Commandant.

Benjamin Pullan, Esq; to be Captain.

Thomas Shaw, Gent. to be Lieutenant and Adjutant.

William Glover, Gent. to be Lieutenant.

Thomas Read, Gent. to be Ditto.

George Banks, Gent. to be Ditto.

Thomas Butler, Gent. to be Ditto.

*Commissions in the Wimborne Volunteer Association, signed by His Majesty. Dated May 29, 1798.*

Jacob Downing Pickford, Esq; to be Captain.

James Drew, Gent. to be Lieutenant.

Henry Rowden, Gent. to be Ensign.

ERRATUM in the Gazette of the 31st July last.

For *Holywell Volunteer Association,*

Read *Holywell and Greenfield Volunteer Association.*

Admiralty-Office, August 11, 1798.

*Copy of a Letter from Captain Robert Hall, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Lynx, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Sea the 11th of July, 1798.*

SIR,

BE pleased to acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that on the 13th of last Month, in Lat. 28 Deg. North, Long. 72 Deg.

West, I captured a small French Schooner Privateer, called L'Isabelle, of 2 Guns and 30 Men; and on the 27th of the same Month, in Latitude 30 Deg. North, Longitude 71 Deg. West, a French Brig Privateer, called Le Mentor, of 14 Six Pounders (6 of which she threw Overboard in the Chase) and 79 Men; they were both from Porto Rico, bound to the Coast of America on a Cruise. Yesterday also recaptured the American Ship Liberty, from Philadelphia, bound to Liverpool, which had been taken Six Days before, a few Hours after her getting out of the Delaware.

Admiralty-Office, August 11, 1798.

*Copy of a Letter from Admiral Lord Bridport to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 9th August, 1798.*

I Transmit a Copy of a Letter from Sir Charles Hamilton, Captain of His Majesty's Ship Melpomene, on the taking of L'Avanturier Corvette Brig, for their Lordships' Information, and which appears to do so much Credit to the Officers and Men employed in the Execution of this Service.

Melpomene, August 4, 1798,  
off Aberack.

My Lord,

HAVING determined to make an Attack with the Boats on the Port of Corigou, where a National Brig and several Vessels under Protection were at Anchor, on the Evening of the 3d Instant I ordered the Boats of His Majesty's Ship Melpomene and Childers Sloop to be Manned and Armed, and at Ten P.M. dispatched them under Command of Lieutenant Shortland, who proceeded in the most judicious Manner to the Attack, which took place about Three A. M. The Badness of the Night, from heavy Rain, vivid Lightning, and frequent Squalls, very much favored the Execution of the Design. They boarded the Brig in different Places nearly at the same Moment, and carried her, though not without more Resistance than such a Surprize gave Reason to expect. The Forts which command this Inlet being now alarmed, and the Wind having unfortunately veered round to the N. N. W. and blowing fresh directly into the Passage, the Merchant Vessels no longer became an Object of Acquisition, and the Intricacy of the Channel made it doubtful whether the Corvette even could be got out: The Attempt, however, was made; and after working to Windward under a heavy Fire from the Batteries for upwards of Two Hours, it was at length with great Perseverance effected. The Brig appears to be the Avanturier, carrying 12 Four Pounders and 79 Men, commanded by Citizen Raffy, Lieutenant de Vaisseau. As no Merit can redound to me from this Enterprize, I do not hesitate to announce it to your Lordship as one of the most gallant Nature, and on which no Escomiums of mine can do sufficient Justice to the Conduct of Lieutenant Shortland, the Officers and the Men who performed it. Lieutenant Ross, of the Marines, Mr. Boomley, Purser of the Childers, and Messrs. Morgan, Palmer, and Erskine, particularly distinguished themselves.

Captain O'Bryen, whom I had appointed to cover the Boats, gave all the Assistance that the Circumstances could possibly admit of, and not without great Risk, from the Badness of the Night and the Dan-