

Admiralty-Office, May 25, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Charles Wollaston, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Cruizer, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Tarmouth the 23d Instant.

SIR,

I Beg Leave to acquaint you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that St. Abb's Head bearing North, on the 21st Instant, at Eleven A. M. I discovered Two Luggers to the Southward, to which I gave chase, but the Weather being very unsettled and hazy, I could only discern them at Times, they being well to Windward; and finding in the Intervals of clear that we headed them fast; I took the Advantage of tacking, and had the Satisfaction of seeing them nearly ahead when the Weather cleared up; and about Half past Four P. M. were nearly within Gun-shot of them, when a sudden Gust of Wind from off the Shore carried away our Fore Top-Mast, and with it the Main Top-Gallant-Mast; this obliged me to bring-to for some Time to clear the Wreck, which being accomplished, I made what sail I could, and was thereby enabled to keep Sight of them until Nine P. M. when finding they steered a Course directly along Shore, I continued standing to the Southward all Night, having during the Night got up another Top-Mast, and refitted the Ship. At Daylight in the Morning, Scarborough Castle bearing W. Half N. Three Leagues, I discovered One of them about Eight Miles to Leeward, to which I gave chase, and after a Chace of Six Hours, captured her. She proved to be the Deux Freres, Chptain Jacques Bellet, of Fourteen Guns, (Twelve of which she threw overboard during the Chace,) and Fifty Men, belonging to Calais, sailed from thence on the 16th of April last, and has been cruising ever since. The Llugger, (the Captain informs me,) in Company with him the Day before, was the Tippoo Saib, of Twelve Guns, and having thrown all her Guns, Boat, &c. overboard during the Chace, has gone either to France or Norway. Having Twenty-six Men away in Prizes, and Fifty Prisoners on board, I judged proper to come into this Port, the Wind being Northerly, to land the Prisoners, and shall as soon as possible repair to my Station.

I am, Sir, &c. &c. &c.

CHARLES WOLLASTON.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 24, 1799.

NOTICE is hereby given, that there will be no Drawing-Room at St. James's till Tuesday the 4th of June next, when His Majesty's Birth-Day will be kept.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 25, 1799.

SUCH Ladies as desire to dance Minuets at the Ball which is to be at St. James's on Tuesday the 4th of June next, are requested to send their Names and Rank, in Writing, to this Office, on or before Saturday the 1st of June, and to send for their Tickets the Monday following, between the Hours of Eleven in the Morning and Three in the Afternoon; and to prevent the Inconveniencies which have arisen from the Space before Their Majesties, which is allotted for Minuet Dancing, being ex-

ceedingly crowded, it is requested that those Ladies only, who mean to dance, will send for Dancer's Tickets, and sit in those Places, as the Seats have been found too few to accommodate the Dancers.

Herse Guards, May 24, 1799.

The Commanding Officers of such Corps of Volunteers and Associations as propose to assemble in Hyde-Park, on the Morning of His Majesty's Birth-Day, are requested to meet at the Office of His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief, at the Horse Guards, on Monday next, at Two o'Clock.

Harry Calvert, Adjutant-General.

Commissions in the First Royal Lancashire Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

To be Second Major,

William Farington. Dated June 28, 1798.

To be Captains,

George Knott, Esq. Dated February 14, 1799.

William T. Malon. Dated June 28, 1798.

To be Lieutenants,

John Gatlive. Dated June 1, 1798.

Bennett Smith. Dated June 2, 1798.

Richard Humphreys. Dated June 3, 1798.

Byrom Rowles. Dated June 5, 1798.

William Strother. Dated August 25, 1798.

Thomas Crewe. Dated December 20, 1798.

Jeremiah Campion, from the Half-Pay of the late 72d. Dated December 21, 1798.

To be Second Adjutant,

James Upton. Dated June 22, 1798.

To be Ensigns,

Richard Harris, Gent. Dated October 5, 1798.

Earberry Huidley, Gent. Dated October 6, 1798.

Edward Whiteford, Gent. Dated October 7, 1798.

Redmond Barry, Gent. Dated November 28, 1798.

Commissions in the Royal Caermarthenshire Regiment of Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

William Tucker, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant. Dated January 4, 1799.

Charles Severn, Gent. to be Ditto. Dated January 5, 1799.

William Proayer Symonds, Gent. to be Ditto. Dated February 1, 1799.

Commissions in the Loyal London Volunteers, signed by His Majesty. Dated May 10, 1799.

To be Captains,

Henry Hoare, Esq.

Francis Gosling, Esq.

John Whitehead, Esq.

Quintin Dick, Esq.

John Corfield, Esq.

John Hancock, Esq.

Richard Preston Prichard, Esq.

To be Lieutenants,

William Nanfon, Gent.

George Whitehead, jun. Gent.

John Jale, Gent.

John William Gofs, Gent.

Thomas Simpson, Gent.

William Samler, Gent.

Thomas Nettlehip, Gent.

John Birch, Gent.