

*Argyllshire Volunteers.*

Second Lieutenant Colin M'Niven to be First Lieutenant, vice Allan M'Lean, promoted.  
 Lieutenant Francis M'Lean, on the Half-Pay of the 13th Foot, to be First Lieutenant, vice Dugald Campbell, appointed to the 71st Foot.  
 John M'Lean, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant, vice M'Niven.

*Auchtermuchty Volunteers.*

Reverend James Litster to be Chaplain.  
 David Darling, Gent. to be Surgeon.

*Darlington Volunteers.*

Michael Barnett, Gent. to be Adjutant.

*North Devon Volunteers.*

Second Lieutenant Narcissus Heatherley to be First Lieutenant, vice Cutfield, promoted.

*Kirkaldy Volunteers.*

Second Lieutenant John Spittal to be First Lieutenant, vice Hobart, who resigns.  
 David Morgan, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant, vice Spittal, promoted.  
 First Lieutenant David Malcolm to be Adjutant, vice Hobart, who resigns.

*Lewisbam Volunteers.*

Peregrine Courtney, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Browne, who resigns.

*Royal Liverpool Volunteers.*

Isaac Milburne, Gent. to be Lieutenant.

*Royal Manchester and Salford Volunteers.*

Captain-Lieutenant Thomas Wilkinson to be Captain, vice Hardman, who resigns.  
 Lieutenant George Webster to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Wilkinson.  
 Ensign Joshua Ryle to be Lieutenant, vice Webster.  
 Ensign John Brookes to be Lieutenant, vice Atkinson, who resigns.  
 Richard Norton, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Ryle.  
 Gerrard Banckes, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Brookes.

ERRATUM in the Gazette of the 26th February last. For 10th West India Regiment, Lieutenant Hector Hall, from the 40th Foot, to be Captain, Read 5th West India Regiment, Lieutenant Hector Hall, from the 40th Foot, to be Captain, vice Garnett, who has been superseded.

ERRATUM in the Gazette of the 23d Ultimo. For 22d Regiment of Foot, A. D. Vickson, Gent. to be Ensign, by Purchase, Read 22d Regiment of Foot, A. D. Nickson, Gent. to be Ensign, by Purchase.

*Commissions in the Saint Mary-le-Bone Volunteer Association, signed by His Majesty. Dated July 23, 1799.*

First Lieutenant Alexander Thompson to be Captain of a Company in the District of Portman-Square.  
 William Boscawen, Gent. to be First Lieutenant.

*Commissions in the Loyal Woolwich Volunteer Association, signed by His Majesty. Dated July 30, 1799.*

Ensign Thomas Rideout to be Lieutenant.  
 Thomas Shepster, jun. Gent. to be Ensign.

Admiralty-Office, August 10, 1799.

*Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Rainier, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies, to Ewan Nepean, Esq; dated in Bombay Harbour, April 1, 1799.*

SIR,

I Have much Pleasure in acquainting you, for their Lordships' Information, that Captain Cooke, of His Majesty's Ship La Sybille, captured the French National Frigate La Forte, of much superior Force, on the 28th of February last, off the Sand-Heads of Bengal River, after a well fought Night Action, wherein Captain Cooke appears to have displayed the greatest Degree of Courage, Presence of Mind, and professional Abilities, and to have been nobly supported by the intrepid Conduct of his Officers and Crew, Part of which consisted of a Company of His Majesty's Scotch Brigade, embarked by Order of his Excellency the Governor-General, on La Sybille's Ship's Company having been so much reduced by Deaths, and debilitated by the severe Illness contracted last Year at Calcutta, during the Repair of that Ship, on which Account many of them were left ashore at the Hospital, and most of the Remainder of her old and valuable Crew in a weak State of Convalescency.

I feel the most sensible Concern in acquainting you, that the universal Joy and Satisfaction diffused over every Countenance on hearing the News of this gallant Capture, of so much Importance to the trading Part of the Community, and also to the Public Service, was considerably damped on being informed that Captain Cooke's Wounds were of so dangerous a Nature as almost to preclude every Hope of his Recovery.

I transmit a Copy of Lieutenant Hardyman's Letter on the Occasion, containing a Brief Account of the Action, addressed to General Sir Alured Clarke, K. B. Vice-President of the Government of Fort William, as it was communicated to me by his Excellency the Earl of Mornington, then at Fort Saint George, who has been pleased to testify the most sincere Regret for Captain Cooke's melancholy Situation.

It may be proper to inform you, that my not having received Lieutenant Hardyman's Account of the Action is owing to the Uncertainty where to address me, but which I shall enclose, if it arrives in Time.

I am informed, by an Officer in the Marine of this Port, who was on board La Forte last September at the Mauritius, that she mounted Thirty Four-Pounders on the Main-Deck, Fourteen Nine-Pounders, and Eight Thirty-six Pounders, Caronades, with a Line of Brass Swivels on a Flush Deck, continued from the Quarter-Deck to the Forecastle.

It appears she passed Achin-Head nearly about the same Time His Majesty's Ship Sceptre did with the Convoy from the Cape of Good Hope, and did not reach the Sand-Heads till the usual Time was expired for expecting any of the Enemy's Cruizers thereabouts.

You will please to inform their Lordships, that I shall order La Forte to be purchased and commissioned for His Majesty's Service, agreeable to the Custom of the Service, and appoint Lieutenant