

Commissions in the Volunteer Association of the Ward of Billingsgate, in the City of London, signed by His Majesty. Dated May 10, 1800.

Lieutenant Théophilus Hearsay to be Captain, vice Roebuck, resigned.

Ensign Thomas Edgley to be Lieutenant.
Robert Steers, Gent. to be Ensign.

Commissions in the Volunteer Association of the Parish of Ratcliff, in the Tower-Hamlets, signed by His Majesty. Dated May 16, 1800.

First Lieutenant John Boulcott to be Captain, vice Brown, deceased.

Ensign John Paulin to be First Lieutenant.
Christopher Huffam, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant, vice Longbottom, resigned.

Matthew Eastum, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Paulin, promoted.

Admiralty-Office, May 17, 1800.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Durham, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Anson, to Ewan Nepean, Esq; dated, at Sea, the 30th April 1800.

I Beg you will be pleased to inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that on the 27th Instant I captured the Brig Le Vainqueur Letter of Marque, pierced for Sixteen Guns, mounting only Four, from Bourdeaux bound to St. Domingo, with a mixed Cargo of Merchandize.

I have the further Satisfaction to inform their Lordships, that Yesterday, at Daylight, I had the good Fortune to fall in with the Privateers named in the Margin*. As soon as they discovered me to be an English Man of War, they dispersed in different Directions; I gave Chace to the Brave, being the largest; and in crossing upon opposite Tacks, I gave her a Broadside, which I have reason to believe did her considerable Damage in the Hull; finding she very much outtailed us by the Wind, which she still continued to keep, there being no chance of coming up with her, I bore up and gave Chace to one of those to Leeward, which I captured: she proved to be Le Hardi; of Eighteen Guns and One Hundred and Ninety-four Men; a very fine new Ship just off the Stocks.

I have also sent in, for Adjudication, a very valuable Ship, from Batavia bound to Hamburgh, with the Governor of Batavia on board.

* Le Brave, of Thirty-six Guns; Le Guepe, of Eighteen Guns; Le Hardi, of Eighteen Guns; and Le Duide, of Sixteen Guns.

Whitehall, May 6, 1800.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that an anonymous threatening Letter, of which the following is a Copy, has been received by Sir John E. Heathcote, Knt. of Longton, near Newcastle:

Sir

Wee do hereby give you notice that if you do not call a Meeting of some Gentlemen and sett those people at Liberty that were sent from Lane End to Stafford you may expect your Life cut short and your habitathe Lade down with the ground likewise Sir Elisha Greasley and Sir Thos Broaton the same so you had better let them know for Wee are determined thay shall not be confined nor no one elf for the same cause witch is only bread and that

May 2

Wee will fight for to the last drop of our blood the heads of this Nation in general vialans and cause a famine among the poor whilst they themselves live in plenty O Bread Bread Bread is the cry of poor Children and you have suffered the pride to go beyond our reach Wee desire printed Hand Bills to be put out concerning this Letter what you intend to do for we are either for War and Peace.

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in writing and sending the said Letter, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any One of them, (except the Person who actually wrote the same) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

PORTLAND.

And, as a further Encouragement, a Reward of TWENTY POUNDS is hereby offered by the Inhabitants of the Town of Lane-End, as also the further Rewards of FIFTY POUNDS by the Newcastle Troop of Yeomanry, FIFTY POUNDS by Sir John E. Heathcote, Knt. and FIFTY POUNDS by the First Troop of Staffordshire Volunteer Cavalry, to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as is before excepted, to be paid on the Conviction of any One or more of the Offenders.

Whitehall, May 17, 1800.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that an Anonymous Threatening Letter, of which the following is a Copy, has been received by the Mayor of the Town of Nottingham:

Sir

If the Men who were taken last Saturday be not set at liberty by to morrow night, the Shambles the Change and all the whole Square shall be set on Fire, if you have an Army of Constables they can't prevent it for the grealy boards will burn well—hoping that you will take this into consideration.

I am, your hble Servt.

Nottm 25 April 1800.

Will. Johnston^d

To Mr. Old Know Nottingham.

His Majesty for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in writing and sending the Letter above-mentioned is hereby pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any One of them, (except the Person who actually wrote the same,) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

PORTLAND.

And, as a further Encouragement, a Reward of FIFTY GUINEAS is hereby offered by the Mayor and Burgeses of the said Town to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as is before excepted,) to be paid upon Conviction of any One or more of the Offenders by George Coldham, Town Clerk.

Whitehall, May 17, 1800.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that on Saturday Evening last, about Half past Nine o'Clock, as Mr. George Cox, of Milton, and Mr. William Welch, of Cuttara, in the County of Somerset, were returning from Bruton-Market, some evil-minded Person or Persons maliciously fired at them (supposed to be a Blunderbuss) in Creechill-Lane, the Shot of which very narrowly missed them;

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the daring Outrage