

15th Regiment of Foot, Surgeon's Mate William Hacket, from the North Down Militia, to be Assistant Surgeon, vice Kennedy, promoted in the North Down Militia.

16th Ditto, Ensign D. Macdonald, from the Half-Pay of Colonel O'Connor's late Corps, to be Ensign, vice Shanley, who exchanges.

56th Ditto, Ensign William Singer to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice William Browne, who retires.

*Angusshire Regiment of Fencible Infantry.*

Daniel Gilchrist, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Campbell, removed to the 9th Foot.

*Fife-shire Regiment of Fencible Infantry.*

Ensign John Henry Bland to be Lieutenant, vice Grant, who resigns.

John Edgar, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Bland.

MEMORANDUM.

The undermentioned Appointments in the Argyllshire Volunteer Infantry, as stated in the Gazette of the 16th Ultimo, have not taken place:

Lieutenant Duncan Campbell to be Captain, vice Donald Campbell, who resigns.

Ensign Duncan Campbell to be First Lieutenant, vice Campbell.

John Sinclair, Gent. to be Ensign, vice D. Campbell.

ERRATUM in the Gazette of the 16th Ultimo.

*60th Regiment of Foot.*

For Captain Robert Drummond to be Major, by Purchase, vice De Vos, promoted,

Read Captain Edward Drummond to be Major, by Purchase, vice De Vos, promoted.

*Commissions in the Norfolk Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

*Eastern Regiment.*

Ensign Henry Watts to be Lieutenant, vice Lieutenant Wootton, promoted. Dated May 14, 1801.

Thomas Lincoln Barker, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Ensign Watts, promoted. Dated June 24, 1801.

*Carlton-House, June 17, 1801.*

The Prince of Wales has been pleased to appoint the Reverend Alexander Scott, Master of Arts, to be Chaplain in Ordinary to His Royal Highness.

*Whitehall, July 6, 1801.*

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Joseph Wood, of Leeds, in the County of York, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Admiralty Office, July 11, 1801.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Thomas Rogers, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Mercury, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated in Trieste Road, the 28th May 1801.

S I R,

I Beg Leave to enclose for their Lordships' Information, a Copy of my Letter of the 26th Instant, to Lord Keith, giving a Detail of a very gallant Service performed by the Boats of His Majesty's Ship under my Command, which reflects great

Credit to the Officers and Men engaged in it, and the hard Case of Lieutenant Mather being obliged to relinquish the Prize, after Three Hours' Possession, will not, I trust, in the Opinion of their Lordships, lessen the Merit of the Enterprize.

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

T. ROGERS.

*Mercury, off Ancona, 26th May 1801.*

MY LORD,

HAVING received Information by a small Vessel I captured Yesterday from Ancona, that His Majesty's late Sloop Bull Dog was laying in the Mole of that Port ready for Sea, with Supplies on board for the French Army in Egypt; I judged it necessary to make an Attempt to take or destroy her with the Boats of the Mercury; and as our Success depended upon surprising the Enemy, who was ignorant of our Arrival in the Adriatic, (the Fortifications about the Mole being too formidable to justify the Attempt in any other Way,) I therefore made sail directly for Ancona, and came to an Anchor, soon after it was dark, off the Mole; the Boats were accordingly prepared, and left the Ship at Half past Ten o'Clock, under the Command of Mr. W. Mather, First Lieutenant, from whose good Conduct the Bull Dog was surprised, and carried about Midnight, the Boats having got alongside without being hailed by the Sentinels; the Alarm was, however, immediately given along the Mole, to which the Ship's Stern was secured by the Two Ends of a Bower Cable, and Three Cables out a-head, these were soon cut by the People appointed for that Purpose, and the Boats began to tow, exposed to a heavy Fire of Cannon and Musketry from the Mole, but as there was a favourable light Breeze, the Sails were set, and in less than an Hour the Ship got without Reach of the Batteries, and was completely ours, but unfortunately it fell calm, and a Current setting her along the Coast near the Shore, a Crowd of Boats (some of which were Gun Boats), filled with Men, came out to attack her; Mr. Mather now found his Situation extremely critical, having the Hatchways to guard to prevent the Enemy rising from below, the Boat's Crews fatigued with rowing all Night, and the Gun-Boats approaching fast and raking the Ship, he had therefore the Mortification of feeling himself obliged to relinquish his Prize, after being in Possession of her above Three Hours, and unfortunately failed in several Attempts before he retreated, to set her on Fire.

The Moment I could discover the Bull Dog was out of the Mole, I got the Mercury under Weigh, but it was almost a Calm and impossible to get near her, as she had drifted with the Current to a considerable Distance from where the Mercury lay, and we experienced the mortifying Disappointment of seeing her towed back to the very Spot from whence she had been so gallantly taken; it is nevertheless some Degree of Satisfaction to know, that her Voyage must be at least delayed for a considerable Time, if not quite defeated, her Masts and Yards being shot through and disabled in many Places, and she has received considerable Damage in her Hull and Rigging.

The gallant Conduct of the Officers and Men employed upon this little Enterprize will, I trust, meet with your Lordship's Approbation; and it is