

Admiralty-Office, November 24, 1803.

Copy of a Letter from Sir James Saumarez, K. B. Rear-Admiral of the Blue, &c. to Sir Evan Nepean, Bart. dated at Guernsey, the 15th Instant.

SIR,

I BEG you will please to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that having detached His Majesty's Ship Poulette, on the breaking up of the late Gale of Wind, to watch the Enemy's Armaments on the French Coast, and to reconnoitre the Port of Cherbourg, Captain Dunbar had the good Fortune to fall in with a French Convoy of about Thirty Sail, escorted by a National Brig and other Armed Vessels, standing to the Eastward, the Whole of which were driven on the Rocks of Cape La Hague; Three of them were cut out by the Boats of the Poulette, assisted by the Liberty Brig, under a smart Fire from the Shore.

I herewith enclose Captain Dunbar's Letter, and cannot too highly commend the Zeal and good Conduct displayed by him, his Officers, and Men, on this Service, which has been effected without the Loss of a single Man.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

JAMES SAUMAREZ.

His Majesty's Ship Poulette, at Sea, November 15, 1803.

SIR,

AS I was passing the Island of Alderney this Morning, about a Quarter past Eleven, I came up with a Convoy belonging to the Enemy, consisting of about Thirty Sail, steering to the Eastward, escorted by several Armed Vessels, and in the Act of rounding Cape La Hague.

I have great Pleasure in acquainting you, that the Attack made on them by His Majesty's Ship under my Command was such as to compel their Crews to run them on the Rocks, where they became completely exposed to our Shot, as well as the Dangers incident to that Situation. It is impossible for me to describe sufficiently the Zeal and good Conduct of those under me: every Officer and Man volunteered their Services in the Boats, by which a Brig, a Lugger, and a Sloop, the latter made fast with her Cable to the Shore, were cut out under a smart Fire, while the Ship was carried, and anchored within Three Cables' Length of the Surf, to cover those engaged on this Enterprize. As the rest were left dry by the Tide, I am confident that several are totally lost. Those that fell into our Hands are new, and from having Sweeps on board, though not armed, evidently intended to aid the Invasion. The Liberty took ashore, but the Moucheron could not get up in Time. I am most happy to add that not a Man was hurt, and the Loss of an Anchor is all that we experienced.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

J. DUNBAR.

To Sir James Saumarez, Bart. Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

War-Office, November 24, 1803.

Royal Cheviot Legion.

Cavalry.

Henry Collingwood, Esq; to be Captain, vice W. Watson, resigned.

Sanderfon Iderton, Esq; to be Captain.
Miles Frederick Watson, Gent. to be Lieutenant.

To be Cornets,

John Sanderfon, Gent. vice Smith, resigned.
Francis Snowball, Gent. vice James, resigned.
Edward Smith, Gent.

Infantry.

Ensign Thomas Sanderfon to be Lieutenant, vice Embleton, resigned.

Cobham Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.

Cornet William Comport to be Lieutenant.
William Brown, Gent. to be Cornet.

Halesowen Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.

Joseph Carruthers, Esq; to be Captain.
John Ellis Sutton, Gent. to be Lieutenant.
Richard Bloxridge, Gent. to be Cornet.

Ofswestry Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.

Robert Cartwright, Gent. to be Surgeon.
Reverend Joshua Venables to be Chaplain.

Percy Tenantry Volunteers.

Cavalry.

Ralph Forster, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Davidson, promoted.
William Brown, Gent. to be Adjutant.

Infantry.

Robert Davidson, Esq; to be Captain, vice Waldie, resigned.

Stourbridge Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.

George Rufford, Gent. to be Cornet, vice C. Banks, resigned.

Warwickshire Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.

Cornet Samuel Marinden to be Lieutenant.
Richard Spooner, Gent. to be Cornet.

North Aylesford Legion.

Cobham Company.

Thomas Bentley, Esq; to be Captain.
George Gunning, Gent. to be Lieutenant.
James Guthrie, Gent. to be Ensign.
Rev. John Stokes to be Chaplain.
Walter Vaughan, M. D. to be Physician.

ABERDEENSHIRE VOLUNTEERS.

Strathbogy Volunteers.

James Gordon, Esq; to be Captain.
William Paterfon, Gent. to be Lieutenant.
Alexander Hill, Gent. to be Ensign.

Huntly Volunteers.

George Reynolds, Gent. to be Lieutenant.
William Allan, Gent. to be Ensign.

Drumblade Volunteers.

Andrew Paterfon, Esq; to be Captain.
Alexander Pattello, Gent. to be Lieutenant.
William McDonald, Gent. to be Ensign.

Monquhitter Volunteers.

Archibald Cummine, Esq; from Half-Pay of the 34th Foot, to be Captain.
Joseph Johnston, Gent. to be Lieutenant.
William Mitchell, Gent. to be Ensign.

Monymusk and Kennay Volunteers.

David Robertson, Esq; to be Captain.
Cuming Laing, Gent. to be Lieutenant.
George Shuan, Gent. to be Ensign.