

Mr. Richard Burstal, Master, in the Five-oared Cutter, armed, on that Service after it became dark, and flood in with the Brig, as near as I could go for the Shoal, to protect them. About half-past Nine, P. M. the Boats got up to the above Vessels, when Lieutenant Hawkins boarded, and took Possession of the In-Shore Vessel, but found her aground, a Number of Troops along the Beach keeping up a heavy Fire of Musketry on his Boat, assisted by Two Field-Pieces, and a Party of Troops on board the other Two Vessels (previously embarked from the Shore). After cutting her Cable, and firing a considerable Time on the other Vessel near him, found it impossible to do any Thing with her, and very properly left her to go to the Assistance of the other Boat, who had by this Time boarded the Brig, in Defiance of a Party of Ten or Twelve Soldiers, with their Muskets and Sabres, killed Six of the Troops, hove Two overboard, and drove the Rest with the Crew below. After cutting her Cable, finding she was aground, and a light Vessel, they returned with both Boats on board, not thinking proper, from Motives of Humanity, to set her on Fire, as several People were heard below, supposed to be wounded.

I am exceedingly sorry to inform you, on the first Fire of the Soldiers, One of our Men, Henry Brennan, Sail Maker, was killed, and in boarding Two Seamen wounded, but are in a fair Way of recovering. When it is considered that Mr. Burstal, the Master, the Serjeant of Marines, and Five other Men boarded this Vessel, (with Ten Soldiers on Deck with charged Bayonets,) and performed what they did, I trust you will see and admire with me the very resolute and gallant Conduct of Mr. Burstal, and the Six brave Fellows with him; indeed the Officers and Crews in both Boats deserve the highest Praise, though unfortunately out of their Power to bring the Vessels off, all Three being fast aground within a half a Cable's Length of the Beach, and the Shore covered with Troops, keeping an incessant Fire with their Muskets and the Two Field-Pieces on them. I had the Pleasure to see the Brig lying on a Ridge of Rocks this Morning, apparently bilged.

I am, &c. JNO. MASEFIELD.

War-Office, December 1, 1803.

Abingdon Volunteer Cavalry.

William Morland, Gent. to be Lieutenant.

Denton Volunteer Cavalry.

Cornet Thomas Hatton to be Lieutenant, vice Potter, resigned.

John Webb, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Hatton.

Essex Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.

Captain William Tufnell to be Major-Commandant.

Charles Parker, Gent. to be Cornet, vice W. Tufnell, resigned.

Dismounted Troop.

John Tufnell, Esq; to be Captain.

Richard Tufnell, Esq; to be Ditto.

John Lipingwell, Gent. to be Lieutenant.

John Mathews, Gent. to be Ditto.

Robert Burton, Gent. to be Cornet.

Halfed Volunteer Cavalry.

William Bland, Gent. to be Surgeon.

Hatfield Peverell Volunteer Cavalry and Infantry.
Captain Wright to be Major-Commandant.

Killigrew Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.

Henry Prynne Andrew, Esq; to be Captain.

Robert Davy Michell, Gent. to be Lieutenant.

Zaccheus Andrew, Gent. to be Cornet.

Linlithgowshire Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.

Cornet William Murray to be Lieutenant, vice Kier, resigned.

Henry Liston, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Murray.

Penwith Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.

George James Hamilton, Esq; to be Captain.

Perthshire Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.

Lord Viscount Dupplin to be Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant.

Honorable Francis Hay to be Captain.

Thompson, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Small, resigned.

Serjeant-Major William Taylor to be Adjutant.

James Macfarlane, Gent. to be Surgeon.

Swansea Legion Cavalry.

John Nicholas Lucas, Gent. to be Lieutenant, vice Williams, resigned.

Thatcham Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.

John Croft, Gent. to be Lieutenant.

Peter Green, Gent. to be Cornet.

Whitehorse Squadron.

J. Spicer, Esq; to be Captain.

Adam Blandy, Gent. to be Lieutenant.

William Shiffery, Gent. to be Ditto.

John Clarke, Gent. to be Cornet.

Richard Gearing, Gent. to be Ditto.

Dolphin Price, Gent. to be Surgeon.

Woburn Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.

Augustus Earl Ludlow to be Captain.

Hugh Hoare, Esq; to be Ditto.

John Patrick Moore, Gent. to be Lieutenant.

Dickenson, Gent. to be Ditto.

Runciman, Gent. to be Cornet.

Cooper, Gent. to be Ditto.

Abingdon Volunteer Infantry.

John Miller, Gent. to be Adjutant.

1st Ayrshire Volunteers.

William Kello, Esq; late Major of the 23d Dragoons, to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Captain Primrose Kennedy, of the Ayr Volunteers, to be Major.

Lieutenant Hugh Stevenfon to be Captain, vice Kennedy.

Ensign David Ewen to be Lieutenant, vice Stevenfon.

William Kennedy, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Ewen.

John Montgomerie, Gent. to be Adjutant.

A Battalion of Ayrshire Volunteers.

John Boyle, Esq; to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

John Reid, Esq; to be Major.

To be Captains,

The Honorable Roger Rollo.

Robert Hunter, Esq.

Hugh Morrice, Esq.

John Shedden, Esq.

John McKenzie, Esq.

Robert Campbell, Esq.