

Dominica, to be Garrison Surgeon of the Island of St. Vincent, vice Muttelbury, promoted.

Surgeon John Moffat, from the 4th West India Regiment, to be Garrison Surgeon in the Island of Dominica, vice Baillie.

Apothecary David Hutcheon to be Garrison Surgeon, in the Island of Barbadoes, vice Burke, promoted.

Surgeon Nodes Dickenson, from the 1st Foot, to be Garrison Surgeon of the Island of Grenada, vice Rockett, promoted.

Surgeon Stephen Panting, from the 6th West India Regiment, to be Garrison Surgeon of the Island of Tobago.

Assistant-Surgeon ——— Price, from the 81st Foot, to be Apothecary to the Forces.

Deputy Purveyor ——— Cathcart to be Purveyor to the Forces.

Purveyor's Clerk ——— Cooke to be Deputy Purveyor to the Forces, vice Cathcart.

MEMORANDUM.

Doctor Robert Gordon, Physician to the Forces, is dismissed the Service.

Hospital-Mate ——— Dunā, is superseded.

Ensign John Hendry, of the 47th Foot, is superseded, being absent without Leave.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Carmarthen. Dated August 1, 1804.

To be Deputy-Lieutenants,

Sackville Gwynne, Esq.

John Holford, Esq.

John Thomas, Esq.

Vaughan Horton, Esq.

John Howell, Esq.

David Williams, Esq.

William Davys, Esq.

Commission in the Royal Lincolnshire Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

John Loft, Esq; to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated July 17, 1804.

Commission in the Rutland Legion of Volunteers, signed by the Lord Lieutenant. Dated August 7, 1804.

J. E. Jones, Gent. to be Surgeon, vice Berry, resigned

Commission in the 4th Battalion of Ayrshire Volunteer Infantry, signed by the Lord Lieutenant. Dated July 27, 1804.

Captain John Dunlop to be Adjutant:

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Kent.

West Kent Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry.

Coxheath Squadron.

Cornet John Rugg to be Lieutenant, vice Corral, resigned. Dated August 7, 1804.

Thomas Link, jun. Gent. to be Cornet. Dated as above.

Whitehall, August 11, 1804.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Edward Daniel, of Bristol, in the County of Somerset, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Admiralty-Office, August 11, 1804.

THE Court of Directors of the East India Company have transmitted to this Office an Account of an Action which took place in the China Seas, on the 15th of February last, between a Division of the Company's Ships and a French Squadron, of which the following is a Copy:

SIR,

FOR the Information of the Honorable Court, I beg Leave to acquaint you, that the Earl Camden was dispatched from Canton by the Select Committee the 31st of January last, and the Ships noted in the Margin* were put under my Orders as Senior Commander, also the Rolla Botany Bay Ship, and the Country Ships, as per Margin †, were put under my Charge to convoy as far as our Courses lay in the same Direction. I was also ordered to take under my Protection a Portuguese Europe Ship that was lying in Macao Roads, whose Supra Cargo had solicited it from the Select Committee.

Our Passage down the River was tedious, and the Fleet much dispersed, the Ships being under the Directions of their several Chinese Pilots, I could not keep them collected as I wished.

The Ganges, a fast-sailing Brig, was put under my Orders by the Select Committee to employ in any Manner that might tend to the Safety or Convenience of the Fleet, till we had passed the Straights of Malacca; I was then to dispatch her to Bengal.

We passed Macao Roads on the Night of the 5th of February, and I conceive the Rolla had anchored so near Macao as not to see the Fleet get under Weigh, and pass through, although, at the Time, I had no Idea that could be possible, especially as I saw the Ocean in shore of us getting under Weigh, burning Blue Lights, and firing a Gun; the Portuguese Ship, I suppose, must have been in the same Situation as the Rolla.

During the Night of the 5th of February, I carried an easy Sail, and on the following Day hove-to for above Two Hours, hoping to see those Ships, but there was no Appearance of them, nor did they ever join the Fleet.

On the 14th February, at Daybreak, we saw Pulo Auro, bearing W. S. W. and at Eight A. M. the Royal George made the Signal for seeing Four strange Sail in the S. W. I made the Signal for the Four Ships noted in the Margin ‡, to go down and examine them, and Lieutenant Fowler, of the Royal Navy, late Commander of the Porpoise, and Passenger with me, having handfomely offered to go in the Ganges Brig, and inspect them nearly, I afterwards sent her down likewise; and from their Signals I perceived it was an Enemy's Squadron, consisting of a Line of Battle Ship, Three Frigates, and a Brig.

At One P. M. I recalled the look-out Ships by Signal, and formed the Line of Battle in close Order.

As soon as the Enemy could fetch in our Wake they put about, we kept on our Course under an

* Warley, Alfred, Royal George, Coutts, Wexford, Ganges, Exeter, Earl of Abergavenny, Henry Addington, Bombay Castle, Cumberland, Hope, Dorsetshire, Warren Hallings, and Ocean.

† Lord Castlereagh, Carron, David Scott, Minerva, Ardashir, Charlotte, Friendship, Shau Kiffaroo, Jahaungeer, Gillwell, and Neptune.

‡ Alfred, Royal George, Bombay Castle, and Hope.