

Admiralty-Office, February 19, 1805.

Copy of a Letter from the Honorable William Cornwallis, K. B. Admiral of the White, &c. to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board the Ville de Paris, off Ushant, the 13th February 1805.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to enclose, for the Information, of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter to me from Captain Poyntz, of the Melampus, and one from Lieutenant Nicholson, commanding the Frisk Cutter, giving Accounts of the Capture of the Enemy's Gun-Vessels, therein-mentioned.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

W. CORNWALLIS.

SIR, *Melampus, off Ushant, Feb. 13, 1805.*

I HAVE the Honor to inform you, that I, this Morning, fell in with and captured Two Gun-Brigs, carrying Two long Twenty-four-Pounders and One Eighteen-Pounder each, having on board Fifty Men, the greater Part Soldiers; also Four Luggers, mounting One long Eighteen-Pounder each, manned with Twenty-five Men, mostly Soldiers.

These Vessels are Part of Twenty-seven of the same Description, from Bourdeaux to Brest; Two more were captured (Lugger rigged) early the same Morning by the Rhoda and Frisk Armed Cutters.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

S. POYNTZ.

To the Honorable William Cornwallis,
&c. &c. &c.

*His Majesty's Hired Cutter Frisk, at Sea,
13th February 1805.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to acquaint you, that, at Daylight Yesterday, (the Rhoda Cutter in Company,) I discovered Ten Sail of the Enemy's Gun-Brigs and Luggers had come through the Passage du Raz, and the Wind blowing fresh to the Eastward, they were not able to get to Windward: I immediately gave Chase to the Weathermost, a Lugger, and at half-past Seven (Point du Raz S. S. W., distant Five Miles) I captured her, and sent her to Plymouth. She proves to be No. 288, Gun-Vessel, mounting One long Twenty-four-Pounder, with Twenty-five Men, Twenty of whom are Troops of the 44th Regiment, commanded by Mons. P. Roux, Enseigne de Vaisseaux. At half-past Eleven the Melampus hove in Sight to Leeward.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

JAMES NICHOLSON.

The Honorable William Cornwallis.

War-Office, February 19, 1805.

1st Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Cornet Francis Aickin to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Carpenter, who retires.

6th Ditto, Lieutenant George Frederick Orde to be Captain of a Troop, without Purchase.

Cornet Edward Scott to be Lieutenant, without Purchase.

2d Regiment of Dragoons, Alexander Campbell, Gent. to be Cornet, without Purchase.

Edward Ralph Charles Sheldon, Gent. to be Cornet, without Purchase, vice Thomas, promoted.

4th Regiment of Dragoons, Cornet James Henry Cromwell to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Brigstocke, who retires.

9th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Lieutenant Richard Gorham to be Captain of a Troop, without Purchase.

Cornet Patrick Savage to be Lieutenant, without Purchase.

Benjamin Handley, Gent. to be Cornet, by Purchase, vice Tappenden, who retires.

10th Ditto, Captain George Quintin to be Major, by Purchase, vice Seymour, promoted in the 23d Light Dragoons.

18th Ditto, Cornet John Murray to be Lieutenant, without Purchase, vice Lamont, promoted in the 31st Foot.

22d Ditto, Edward Hervey Hutchinson, Esq; Lieutenant of the Regiment, to be Paymaster.

23d Ditto, Major Henry Seymour, from the 10th Light Dragoons, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by Purchase, vice Gordon, who retires.

1st Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant J. P. Gordon to be Captain of a Company, without Purchase, vice Smyth, deceased.

To be Lieutenants, without Purchase,

Ensign Robert Dudgeon, from the 1st Garrison Battalion.

Ensign William Pearse Brereton, vice Gibson, promoted.

Ensign Carroll Smyth Hopkins, vice Gordon.

To be Ensigns,

— Hafnell, Gent. vice Brereton.

John M'Pherson, Gent. vice Hopkins.

To be Paymaster of the 3d Battalion,

John Robertson, Esq; (late Captain in the Regiment.

4th Ditto, Lieutenant John Hopkins to be Captain of a Company, without Purchase, vice Anderson, appointed to the 8th Royal Veteran Battalion.

To be Lieutenants,

Second Lieutenant William Hardwicke, from the 21st Foot, by Purchase, vice Hall, who retires.

Lieutenant Patrick Conroy, from the 6th West India Regiment, without Purchase.

Ensign Martin Dane, without Purchase.

To be Ensign,

— Knight, Gent. vice Dane.

To be Quarter-Masters,

Quarter-Master-Serjeant — Robinson.

Quarter-Master-Serjeant Robert Houghton, vice Taylor, deceased.

5th Ditto, Lieutenant Lord Alexander Gordon, from the 35th Foot, to be Captain of a Company, without Purchase, vice M'Donnell, promoted in the 78th Foot.

7th Ditto, Godschall Johnson, Gent. to be Lieutenant, without Purchase.

9th Ditto, Robert Gordon Thompson, Gent. to be Ensign, without Purchase, vice Brodrick, promoted.

Edward Newenham, Gent. to be Ensign, without Purchase, vice Burke, promoted in the 98th Foot.

10th Ditto, Ensign — Speedy to be Lieutenant, without Purchase, vice Parker, deceased.

John Graham, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Speedy.