

Downing-Street, April 25, 1805.

The King has been pleased to cause it to be signified by the Right Honorable Lord Mulgrave, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to the Ministers of Neutral Powers residing at this Court, that the necessary Measures have been taken, by His Majesty's Command, for the Blockade of the Ports of Cadiz and St. Lucar; and that from this Time, all the Measures authorized by the Laws of Nations, and the respective Treaties between His Majesty and the different Neutral Powers, will be adopted and executed with respect to all Vessels which may attempt to violate the said Blockade.

Whitehall, April 27, 1805.

The King has been pleased to grant the Dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to Sir Charles Middleton, Baronet, Admiral of the White Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet, and the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten, by the Name, Style, and Title of Baron Barham, of Barham-Court and Teston, in the County of Kent; and in Default of Issue Male, the Dignity of a Baroness to Diana Noel, Wife of Gerard Noel Noel, of Exton-Park, in the County of Rutland, Esq; only Daughter of the said Sir Charles Middleton, Bart. and the Dignity of a Baron to the Heirs Male of her Body lawfully begotten.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Hereford.

Archenfield Volunteer Infantry.

Justin MacCarthy, Gent. to be Adjutant, with the Rank of Captain. Dated April 3, 1805.

Commissions in the Royal North Gloucester Regiment of Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

John Carr, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated February 8, 1805.

John Francis Jones, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated November 6, 1804.

Commissions in the Tewkesbury Volunteer Infantry, signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Gloucester. Dated January 22, 1805.

To be Captains,

John Pitt Nind, Esq; vice Trueman, resigned.
Lieutenant James Gorle, vice Bennett, resigned.

To be Lieutenants,

Ensign William Smith, vice Lloyd, resigned.
Ensign Thomas Dawson Lewis, vice Gorle, promoted.

To be Ensigns,

Adjutant Austin Baker, vice Lewis, promoted.
Thomas Andrew Holland, Gent. vice Smith, promoted.
Nathaniel Chandler, Gent. vice Prior, resigned.

Admiralty-Office, April 27, 1805.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Honorable Lord Keith, K. B. Admiral of the Blue, &c. to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board His Majesty's Ship Monarch, off Ramsgate, 25th of April 1805.

SIR,

YOU will be pleased to acquaint their Lordships, that I understand that Seven Dutch Schuyts, Part of a Convoy passing towards Boulogne from the

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Eastward, were Yesterday cut off by some of the Boulogne Squadron; the Particulars of which, however, have not yet reached me: but I enclose a Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Shirley, of the Gallant Gun-Brig, to Vice-Admiral Holloway, reporting the Particulars of the Discovery and first Attack upon this Convoy.

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

*His Majesty's Gun-Vessel Gallant,
Downs, 20th April 1805.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to state to you, for the Information of the Commander in Chief, while sailing Guard off Ambleteuse this Day, at Six A. M. Rear-Admiral Douglas made the Watchful and Gallant's Signals to chase N. E.; on which Bearing I discovered a Number of the Enemy's Schuyts under Dutch Colours, endeavouring to round Cape Grisnez, from the Eastward. I made all possible Sail, in Company with the Watchful Gun-Brig, standing well in to cut them off. About Eight o'Clock I closed in with the Enemy, and commenced a well-directed Fire with Round and Grape, which threw them into great Confusion; but, unfortunately, having received Four Shot between Wind and Water from heavy Batteries, I was obliged to haul to the Wind on the Starboard Tack in order to stop the Leaks, which were gaining very fast. Under these Circumstances I was prevented from capturing the chief Part of this Flotilla. One of them I perceived struck to the Watchful; and I have the Satisfaction of adding, that the Inner Shore Squadron was in Pursuit of the Remainder. I am happy to say the Gallant has not a Man hurt, although she was engaged within Mullet-Shot of the Batteries for nearly an Hour. The Officers and Crew under my Command conducted themselves with great Bravery. Mr. Joseph Derby, my Sub-Lieutenant, I beg Leave to recommend strongly to my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for his meritorious Conduct in attending so well to my Orders.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) THO. SHIRLEY.

Vice-Admiral Holloway, &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, April 27, 1805.

Copy of another Letter from Admiral Lord Keith, to William Marsden, Esq; dated Monarch, off Ramsgate, 25th April 1805.

SIR,

I TRANSMIT, for their Lordships' Information, Copies of a Letter from Captain Honyman, of His Majesty's Ship the Leda, to Rear-Admiral Douglas, and of the List to which it refers, reporting the Capture of Seven Vessels of the Enemy's Flotilla, Part of a Division Yesterday attacked on their Passage from the Eastward, towards Boulogne.

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

SIR, Leda, off Boulogne, April 24, 1805.

I HAVE the Honor of informing you, about Six o'Clock this Morning, Twenty-six of the Enemy's Vessels were discovered coming round Cape Grisnez: I immediately made the Signal for the detached Squadron to get under weigh, which consisted of the Vessels named in the Margin*, and have great Pleasure in acquainting you, that after

* Leda, Fury, Harpy, Railleur, Bruizer, Gallant, Archer, Locust, Tickler, Watchful, Monkey, Firm.