

*16th Regiment of Light Dragoons*, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Ballard Long, from the 2d Dragoon Guards, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, without Purchase.

*22d Ditto*, Lieutenant-Colonel James Hare, from Half-Pay of the late 28th Light Dragoons, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Blaquiere.

*6th West India Regiment*, Captain Charles Ashworth, from the 55th Foot, to be Major, by Purchase, vice Dickson, who retires.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk.*

*Farmouth Cavalry.*

Cornet Tolver to be Lieutenant, vice Palgrave, resigned. Dated July 20, 1805.

Mark Waters, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Tolver, promoted. Dated as above.

*Norwich Battalion of Volunteer Infantry.*

Captain Cole to be Major, vice Harvey, resigned. Dated August 8, 1805.

Lieutenant Watson to be Captain, vice Cole, promoted. Dated as above.

Ensign Moore to be Lieutenant, vice Watson, promoted. Dated as above.

Surgeon Keymer to be Ensign, vice Barton, appointed to the 39th Regiment of Foot. Dated as above.

Samuel Cole, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Herring, promoted. Dated August 9, 1805.

John Cockledge Bignold, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Kitson, resigned. Dated August 24, 1805.

*Loddon Company of Volunteer Infantry.*

Ensign Cook to be Lieutenant, vice Hotson, resigned. Dated August 9, 1805.

*Norwich Rifle Corps.*

Second Lieutenant Scott to be First Lieutenant, vice Cooke, resigned. Dated August 17, 1805.

James Moore, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant, vice Scott, promoted. Dated as above.

Richard Sharp, Gent. to be Ditto, vice Glegg, resigned. Dated as above.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Essex.*

*Western Battalion of Militia.*

Ensign George Cocke to be Lieutenant, vice Gazeley, resigned. Dated August 22, 1805.

Archibald Willson, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated June 5, 1805.

Thomas Vaughan, Gent. from the South Essex, to be Ensign, vice Cocke, promoted. Dated September 2, 1805.

*West Ham Volunteers.*

Richard Webb, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Wismill, resigned. Dated July 11, 1805.

*Walbamslow Volunteers.*

John Berthon, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated August 7, 1805.

*1st Essex Legion.*

*Western Battalion.*

Major John Richard Stotherd to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated August 14, 1805.

*Dedham Volunteers.*

Henry Pirkoff, Gent. to be Lieutenant, vice Mason, resigned. Dated August 22, 1805.

*1st East Essex Volunteer Cavalry.*

Captain Samuel Bawtree, from the Loyal Colchester Volunteers, to be Captain-Commandant, vice Gill, resigned. Dated August 25, 1805.

Admiralty-Office, September 7, 1805.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Baker, of His Majesty's Ship *Phoenix*, to William Marsden, Esq; dated Plymouth Sound, 3d September 1805.

SIR,

HEREWITH I have the Honor to transmit you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Copy of my Letter to Admiral Cornwallis, explaining the Capture of *La Didon* French Frigate by His Majesty's Ship under my Command, with a List of the Killed and Wounded.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

T. BAKER.

SIR, *Phoenix, at Sea, August 13, 1805.*

I CANNOT but exult in the Honor of imparting to you the extreme good Fortune of His Majesty's Ship under my Command on the 10th Instant, Latitude 43 Deg. 16 Min. N. Longitude 12 Deg. 14 Min. W., in the Capture of *La Didon*, a remarkable fine, and the fastest-sailing Frigate in the French Navy, of Forty-four Guns and Three Hundred and Thirty Men, which had sailed but a few Days from Corunna, and was upon a secret Cruise. The Action commenced at a Quarter past Nine in the Morning, (*La Didon* having waited my Approach to Leeward,) and lasted Three Hours, never without Pistol-shot, during which all our Ropes were cut to Pieces, our Main-top-sail Yard shot away, and most of our Masts and Yards severely wounded. The Necessity for our engaging to Leeward, in order to prevent the Possibility of the Enemy's Escape, exposed us to several taking Broad-sides before it could be prudent to return the Fire; and the Superiority of *La Didon*'s sailing, added to the adroit Manœuvres of Captain Milins, convinced me of the Skill and Gallantry I should have to contend with, which has been fully evinced by the stubborn Defence of his Ship until she became a perfect Wreck, and his subsequent honorable Department. Owing to the Lightness of the Wind, and *La Didon*'s Attempt to board, brought our Starboard Quarter in Contact with her Larboard Bow, in which Position we remained full Three Quarters of an Hour, subject to a galling Fire of Musketry, that robbed me of such Support of Officers and Men, as there could be no Compensation for but in complete Victory.

With Sorrow I transmit you a List of the Killed and Wounded; and have the Honor to be, &c.

T. BAKER;

To the Honorable Admiral Cornwallis, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

A List of the Killed and Wounded on board the *Phoenix* and *La Didon*, on the 10th August 1805.

*Phoenix*.—12 killed, 28 wounded.—Total 40.

*La Didon*.—27 killed, 44 wounded.—Total 71.

Difference, 15 killed, 16 wounded.—Total 31.

Names of the Killed and Wounded on board the *Phoenix*.

*Killed.*

John Bounton, Lieutenant.

George Donelan, Master's-Mate.