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Admiralty-Office, October 29, 1805.

Copy of a Letter from the Honorable William Cornwallis, Admiral of the White, &c. to William Marsden, Esq; dated Ville de Paris, at Sea, the 21st of October 1805.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to enclose, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter I have now received from Captain Lavie, of His Majesty's Ship Iris, giving an Account of his having fallen in with and captured the St. Pedro Spanish Corvette Privateer, and recaptured the Magdalen belonging to Greenock.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

W. CORNWALLIS.

SIR, Iris, at Sea, October 21, 1805.

I HAVE the Honor to acquaint you, that, at Daybreak on the 15th Instant, being off Les Roche Bonnes, Two Sail were discovered steering towards Bourdeaux. It was soon ascertained that one was a Schooner Armed Vessel, the other, a Merchant Ship, her Prize. Though it blew strong on the Shore, I was fortunate enough to cut off the Ship. She proved to be the Magdalen of Greenock, who had separated from the Leeward Island Convoy, and had been nearly a Month in Possession of the Enemy.

On the same Night a Ship opened his Fire upon me, and did not surrender until she had received several Broadfides. She proved to be the St. Pedro Spanish Corvette Privateer, mounting Sixteen Guns, Eight of which are Eighteen Pounders, the rest Spanish Six-Pounders, with One Hundred and Fifty Men on board when she failed, Part of whom were distributed in Five Vessels she had captured. I am sorry to add that we had one Man killed, and the Enemy Two killed and Four wounded. The senior Lieutenant, Mr. Ivie, and the rest of the Officers and Ship's Company, conducted themselves on this Occasion much to my Satisfaction.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) T. LAVIE.

William Cornwallis, Esq; Admiral of the White,
Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

War-Office, October 29, 1805.

3d Regiment of Foot Guards, John Aitchison, Gent. to be Ensign, by Purchase, vice Byrne, who retires.

To be Ensigns, without Purchase,

Charles Schiffner, Gent.

William Henry Scott, Gent.

1st Regiment of Foot, ——— Grainger, Gent. to be Ensign, without Purchase, vice Hardyman, whose Appointment is not to take place.

9th Ditto, Ensign James Daly, from the 3d Foot, to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Mercer, promoted.

27th Ditto, Major the Honorable George Carleton, from the 40th Foot, to be Major, vice Shaw, who exchanges.

To be Lieutenants, without Purchase,

Ensign John Geddes, from the 72d Foot.

Ensign John Mackay, from the 93d Foot.

William Henderson, Gent. to be Ensign, by Purchase, vice Sandon, promoted.

Alexander Davidson, Gent. to be Ensign, without Purchase, vice Pope, promoted.

Lieutenant William Galbraith to be Adjutant, vice Nethery, who resigns.

Quarter-Master William McLean to be Adjutant, with the Rank of Ensign.

37th Ditto, Captain Simon Hart to be Major, without Purchase, vice Beckwith, deceased.

40th Ditto, Major John Shaw, from the 27th Foot, to be Major, vice Carleton, who exchanges.

41st Ditto, Ensign Samuel Hughes to be Lieutenant, without Purchase, vice Milne, promoted in the 98th Foot.

Richard Bullock, Gent. to be Ensign, without Purchase, vice Hughes.

44th Ditto, Captain George Harding to be Major, without Purchase, vice Danser, deceased.

Lieutenant John Borwick to be Captain of a Company, vice Harding.

Ensign John Blakeney to be Lieutenant, vice Newport, promoted in the 8th Foot.

Volunteer C. F. McCarthy to be Ensign, vice Blakeney.

53d Ditto, Acheson O'Brien, Gent. to be Ensign, without Purchase, vice Salmon, whose Appointment is not to take place.