

made Seven Captures, mostly Droghers; during the Chace she hove Two of her Guns overboard.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

TIMOTHY CLINCH.

Rear-Admiral the Hon. A. Cochrane.

Northumberland, Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes,
SIR, September 13, 1805.

I ENCLOSE, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Robert Peter, commanding His Majesty's Armed Sloop Dominica, (whose Exertions and Activity entitle him to great Credit,) giving an Account of the Capture of Two small Privateers. I have the Honor to be, &c.

A. COCHRANE.

His Majesty's Armed Sloop Dominica,
SIR, off Roseau, Sept. 5, 1805.

I HAVE the Honor to inform you His Majesty's Armed Sloop Dominica, under my Command, captured on the 25th Ultimo, after a Chace of some Hours, under the Lee of this Island, La Ravanche, a French Row-Boat Privateer, mounting a Twelve-Pounder Carronade in the Bow, and several Swivels; having on board at the Time of Capture but Fifteen Men. She had been Eight Weeks from Guadaloupe, and had taken Three small Vessels:

Also, on 2d Instant, at Eight A. M. the Saints bearing N. E. by E. distant about Five Leagues, another Row-Boat, named La Prudente, having got within Reach of the Dominica's Guns without discovering her to be an Armed Vessel, it being calm, I dispatched Mr. Jackson, Midshipman, with Eight Men, all Volunteers, to attack her in the Boat, at the same Time annoying her in her Retreat by a Fire of Grape and Cannister from the Sloop. At Ten, when about Two Leagues from us, the Boat came up with her, and, after exchanging a few Volleys of Musketry, the Enemy struck. She was one Day from the Saints, having on board Sixteen Men, well equipped. I am happy to say that only One Man was hurt on the Occasion, James Morgan, whose Collar-Bone was broke.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) ROBERT PETER.

The Honorable Rear-Admiral Cochrane,
Esq. Esq. Esq.

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

John Graham, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated July 19, 1805.

Richard Nicholson, Gent. to be ditto. Dated July 26, 1805.

John Bell, Gent. to be ditto. Dated September 28, 1805.

Commissions in the Lymington Volunteer Infantry, signed by the Lord Lieutenant of Hants. Dated November 13, 1805.

Major John Abel Walter to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Sir H. B. Neale, Bart. resigned.

Captain Samuel Cleaveland to be Major, vice Walter, promoted.

Lieutenant James Brown to be Captain, vice Cleaveland, promoted.

Ensign John Colborne to be Lieutenant, vice Brown, promoted.

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Thomas Young, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Colborne, promoted.

Charles James Oviatt, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Rose, deceased.

Abraham Attwood, Gent. to be Surgeon.

Commission in the Royal Regiment of Devon and Cornwall Miners, signed by the Lord Warden.

John Whitchurch Bennett, Gent. to be Ensign.

Dated November 4, 1805.

PROCLAMATION for pardoning Deserters from His Majesty's Regular Forces.

War-Office, October 8, 1805.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the King, that there are, at this Time, several Deserters from His Majesty's Regular Land Forces who might be induced to return to their Duty by an Offer of His Majesty's gracious Pardon, and that such an Instance of His Royal Clemency would have a due Influence upon their future Behaviour; His Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant His Free Pardon to all Deserters from His Regular Land Forces who shall surrender themselves, on or before the Eighth Day of December next, to any of His Majesty's Civil Magistrates, to the Commanding Officer of any Regiment, to any of the Superintending Field Officers of the Recruiting Service, whose Stations are mentioned in the Margin hereof, or to the Inspector-General of the Recruiting Service in the Isle of Wight.

Such Deserters, if able-bodied Men, and fit for Service, shall be appointed to such Regiment as His Majesty may be pleased to command, and, when so placed, shall not be liable to be claimed by any other Corps to which they may formerly have belonged.

Every Deserter not actually serving in any of His Majesty's Regiments is to surrender himself for General Service.

Deserters serving in other Corps, (Militia, and Army of Reserve excepted,) are to continue therein upon declaring themselves to their respective Commanding Officers, who are to report the Circumstance to the Secretary at War and the Adjutant-General, and they shall not be liable at any future Time, to be claimed by the Regiments in which they formerly served: but this Clause is not to extend to Deserters enlisted by the Corps for raising Recruits for general Service, which Deserters are only to be entitled to their Pardon, on declaring themselves to be such, and will be transferred to such Regiments as His Majesty may be pleased to command.

The Magistrate to whom any Deserter from His Majesty's Regular Forces may surrender himself, is authorized and required to certify the Day on which such Deserter surrendered himself, which Certificate is to continue in force until the Arrival of the Deserter at the Head-Quarters of the nearest Military Post, provided he proceed at the Rate of Ten Miles a Day, unless prevented by Sicknefs, to be certified by some Medical Practitioner on the