

Renfrewshire Yeomanry Infantry.

Lieutenant William Black to be Captain, vice Black, deceased. Dated October 1, 1806.

Ensign James Semple to be Lieutenant, vice Black, promoted. Dated as above.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of Hants.**Christchurch Volunteer Artillery.**To be Captains,*

First Lieutenant Richard Wright Sleat, vice Walcott, resigned.

First Lieutenant John Spicer, vice Lyons, resigned.

First Lieutenant John Sleat, vice Jopp, resigned.

First Lieutenant John Elliott, vice Quartley, resigned.

To be First Lieutenants,

Second Lieutenant George Aldridge, vice R. W. Sleat, promoted.

Second Lieutenant William Clapcott, vice Spicer, promoted.

Second Lieutenant John Aldridge, vice J. Sleat, promoted.

Second Lieutenant William Ward Wright, vice Elliott, promoted.

ERRATUM in a former Gazette.

For George Henry Rose, Esq; to be Lieutenant-

Colonel of the Christchurch Volunteer Artillery,

Read George Henry Rose, Esq; to be Lieutenant-

Colonel of the Christchurch Volunteer Infantry.

Admiralty-Office, October 17, 1806.

Copy of a Letter from Sir James Saumarez, Bart. and K. B. Rear-Admiral of the Red, to William Marsden, Esq; dated at Guernsey, October 15, 1806.

SIR,

I HEREWITH inclose, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter I have received from Captain Thicknesse, of His Majesty's Sloop Sheldrake, giving an Account of a gallant and spirited Attack made by the Constance, Sheldrake, and Strenuous Gun Brig, commanded by Lieutenant Nugent, on the French Frigate La Salamandre, which they succeeded in capturing, after a close and severe Action; the Enemy's Ship being supported by a strong Battery from the Shore, and numerous Troops with Field Pieces and Musketry.

Whilst I sincerely lament the Death of Captain Burrowes, with the other brave Men who have fallen in this Enterprize, I cannot too highly applaud the persevering Exertions made by Captain Thicknesse, the Officers and Men under his Orders, to prevent the Constance, after she had taken the Ground, from falling into the Enemy's Hands; and it is a Satisfaction to know that their Efforts so far prevailed, as to have rendered her totally useless to the Enemy, having left her a perfect Wreck under the Battery: The Salamandre having also grounded, they succeeded in destroying, by setting Fire to her. I am, &c. JAMES SAUMAREZ.

P. S. I inclose a Return of the Killed and Wounded, as far as Captain Thicknesse has been enabled to collect the Returns.

The Return of Missing has not yet been transmitted to me.

The Number of French Prisoners are Fifty-five, several of whom are wounded.

His Majesty's Sloop Sheldrake, St. Aubin's

SIR, *Bay, Jersey, October 14, 1806.*

I HAVE the Honor to inform you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that His Majesty's Ship Constance, in Company with the Sheldrake, Strenuous, and Britannia Hired Cutter, weighed on the 12th Instant, at Six A. M. from the Anchorage at Chansey, with the Tide of Ebb, and a light Breeze at S. E.; on standing in to reconnoitre St. Maloes, a Sail was discovered off Cape Frchel, to which the Squadron gave Chace, employing their Sweeps nearly the whole Way; it was soon discovered by her Manœuvres, the Chafe was an Enemy, who about Noon succeeded in getting into Bouche D'Arkie, hauling close in with the Rocks, and carrying out Bow and Quarter Springs, and otherwise preparing for an oblique Defence, covered by a strong Battery of Guns on the Hill, as well as Field-Pieces and Musketry employed by the Troops brought down for that Purpose; in this State they waited to receive us; their determined Appearance only increased the Ardor of the brave Captain Burrowes (who, I am sorry to add, fell gloriously by a Grape Shot in the Heat of the Action). The Sheldrake by superior sailing, had the good Fortune to lead into Action, followed by the Strenuous, the Squadron being anchored within Pistol-Shot of the Enemy, with Springs on their Cables; at Two P. M. a most spirited Fire commenced on both Sides, which was supported with great Gallantry and Obstinacy on the Part of the Enemy's Ship, till Four P. M. when it pleased God to give us the Victory; I sent my First Lieutenant to take Possession of her, and the British Colours were immediately hoisted. She proves to be the Salamander, a French Frigate-built Ship, mounted with Twenty-six long Twelve and Eighteen-Pounders, and manned, by their own Account, with One Hundred and Fifty Men, and was commanded by a Lieutenant de Vaisseau, who was killed in the Action; she was bound from St. Maloes to Brest, with Ship Timber.

His Majesty's Ship Constance having taken the Ground, and the Prize also a ground, every Exertion was used to get both Ships off, but I am sorry to add, without Success; the Fire of the Cannon and Musketry from the Shore becoming now so galling and tremendous, that the People could not shew themselves on Deck: The Constance having cut both Cables during the Action, and the Wharps which had been run out to heave her off, shot away; at the Moment of her floating she drifted with the Wind on Shore, further on the Rocks, which obliged the Officers and Crew to abandon her. (without firing her,) the Decks being filled with Wounded; observing however, as the Tide rose, she began to float. I was induced, great as the Risk was, to make another Attempt to save her, which also proved unsuccessful, those employed on this Service, being either killed or made Prisoners. Night now closing on us, it became necessary to consult the Safety of the Sheldrake and Strenuous, (the latter with her Foretop-Mast shot away,) at Break of Day I stood in to see if any Thing further could be done, and was happy to observe the Constance was high and dry on the Rocks under the Battery, and lying Keel up, a perfect Wreck; the Prize which had not drifted so far in, I succeeded in totally destroying by Fire, at low Water; I have saved about One