

Admiralty-Office, November 25, 1806.

*Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral the Right Honourable Lord Collingwood, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board His Majesty's Ship the Ocean, off Cadiz, the 3d of November 1806.*

SIR,

WHEN the Convoy first appeared in the Streights, Rear-Admiral Purvis, who was at Gibraltar, sent out the Ships and Gun-Boats which were there; one of the latter, commanded by Lieutenant Foote, of the Queen, attempting to rescue a Vessel which was taken, unfortunately found the one which had her in Tow so superior, that, after a Contest, which was highly honourable to him and his Men, and having lost in killed and wounded a great Part of his Boat's Crew, he was obliged to surrender, and the Gun-Boat was taken. I inclose, to be laid before their Lordships, Lieutenant Foote's Letter, with a List of Killed and Wounded.

I am, &c. COLLINGWOOD.

SIR, Town of Tariffa, Oct. 26, 1806.

WITH heartfelt Anguish I acquaint you of the Capture of His Majesty's Gun-Boat Hannah Yesterday Forenoon, by a Spanish Privateer of Four Guns and Seventy Men;—trusting, after a circumstantial Account, which I feel it my Duty to write you on this melancholy Occasion, you will perceive the few brave Fellows I commanded, did their Duty, and that the British Flag was not tarnished on this Occasion.

Being off Cabaritta Point, I discovered a Latine rigged Vessel in the Middle of the Gut, a few Miles to leeward of me, towing a Merchantman towards the Spanish Coast, and conceiving it my Duty to endeavour to regain her, I made all sail after him, and upon coming within Gun-shot, I perceived she was a large Three masted Spanish Privateer, of much superior Force to the Gun Boat; I therefore, after exchanging a few Shot, and finding she knew her Superiority, by casting off the Tow, and tacking after me, endeavoured to escape—she soon however got so close as to do Execution with her Grape; and our Ammunition being nearly expended, I determined to try the Event by boarding her, but on coming alongside, such a Number of Men jumped into us as obliged us to act on the defensive. After fighting on the Deck about Ten Minutes, I looked around and saw scarce an Englishman standing, and another Privateer coming up close to us; I therefore determined to save the Lives of the few brave Fellows that were left, by striking the British Flag. I send this with Mr. Spargo, Midshipman, to whom I am indebted for writing this, (being wounded in my Left Arm, for which the Doctor has bled me in the other,) as well as for his Bravery during the Engagement, and I cannot finish without saying how much I owe to the Bravery of young Mr. Millett, Midshipman, and the Whole of the Crew. I herewith send you a List of Killed and Wounded, and I remain, Sir, &c.

(Signed) JOHN FOOTE.

To John Child Purvis, Esq; Rear-Admiral of the White, &c. &c. Gibraltar.

Killed.

Griffiths, Coxswain of the Gun-Boat.

William Marslin, Seaman.  
Dennis Bulcure, ditto.  
Patrick Saul, ditto.  
Matthew Sullivan, ditto.

*Drowned.*

James Robinfon, Seaman.  
Thomas Price, ditto.

*Wounded.*

John Haddock, Seaman, since dead.  
John Gustaff, Seaman, badly.  
Alexander Dickey, Seaman, ditto.  
Thomas Shepherd, Seaman, badly in several Places.  
Owen Morgan, Seaman, badly.  
Samuel Paul, Seaman, ditto.  
Daniel Carey, Seaman, ditto.  
James Pollet, Seaman, ditto.  
Peter Peterfon, Seaman, slightly.  
Noble Ducham, Seaman, ditto.  
Adam Davison, Seaman, ditto.

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7th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Lieutenant Samuel George Dukinfield to be Captain of a Troop, by Purchase, vice Champion, promoted in the 5th West India Regiment.

14th Ditto, Cornet Charles Reade to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Stevenson, who retires.

19th Ditto, Cornet Robert John Edgar to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Cobb, who retires.

1st Regiment of Foot.

To be Ensigns,

W. T. Graham, Gent. by Purchase, vice Gibson, promoted.

— M'Donald, Gent. without Purchase, vice Galbraith, promoted.

John Ingram, Gent. without Purchase, vice Hare, appointed to the 3d Garrison Battalion.

6th Ditto, Captain Robert D. Pattison, from Major-General Ramsay's Regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice Steel, who exchanges.

Lieutenant Clement Peat, from the 54th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Barlauld, who exchanges.

7th Ditto, Ensign William Smith, from the 59th Foot, to be Lieutenant, without Purchase, vice Crowder, promoted.

Ensign John Hamilton Colt, from the 24th Foot, to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Percy, promoted in the 6th West India Regiment.

14th Ditto, Captain Joshua Loring Winslow, from the 77th Foot, to be Major, without Purchase, vice Greaves, promoted in the 5th Garrison Battalion.

17th Ditto, Lieutenant William Croker to be Captain of a Company, by Purchase, vice Sanders, who retires.

26th Ditto, Hugh Law, Gent. to be Ensign, by Purchase, vice Chevers, promoted.

31st Ditto, James Girdlestone, Gent. to be Ensign, by Purchase, vice Hutton, promoted.

43d Ditto, George Houlton, Gent. to be Ensign, by Purchase, vice Pollock, promoted.

44th Ditto, Charles Mortimer, Gent. to be Ensign, without Purchase, vice Garland, promoted in the 27th Foot.

49th Ditto, Lieutenant Frederick Heriot to be Captain of a Company, by Purchase, vice Plenderleath, promoted.