

*Lord Chamberlain's-Office, May 30, 1807.*

Notice is hereby given, that there will be a Drawing-Room at St. James's, on Thursday next, the 4th of June.

*Admiralty-Office, June 2, 1807.*

*Copy of a Letter from Admiral Lord Gardner to William Marsden, Esq; dated in Town, 30th May, 1807.*

SIR,

I DESIRE you will please to lay before their Lordships the inclosed Letter, which I received by this Post, from Captain Drummond, of the Dryad, (addressed to me as Commander in Chief on the Irish Station,) giving an Account of the Capture, by His Majesty's Ship Amethyst, with the Dryad and Plover Sloop in Company, of the French Schooner Privateer Josephine.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

GARDNER.

*My Lord, Dryad, at Sea, May 15, 1807.*

BEING in Company with His Majesty's Ships Amethyst and Plover, Scilly bearing E. N. E. Twenty Leagues, I made the former Ship's Signal to examine a strange Sail in the N. W. which she captured, and proved to be the Josephine, French Schooner Privateer, mounting Four Two-Pounders, and a Proportion of small Arms, manned with Forty-five Men, Ten of which were put on board the Jane of Greenwich, from Lisbon, the only Capture she had made. She sailed from the Ile des Bas on the 25th of April.

I am, &c. ADAM DRUMMOND.

*To the Right Hon. Admiral Lord Gardner, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c. at Cove of Cork.*

*Admiralty-Office, June 2, 1807.*

*Copy of a Letter from Captain Edward Chetbam, Commander of His Majesty's Armed Ship Sally, to William Marsden, Esq; dated in the Fair Water, near Dantzic, April 20, 1807.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to inclose you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Copy of a Letter I have transmitted to Admiral Lord Keith, respecting my Proceedings since quitting Elsinour, which I hope will meet their Lordships' Approbation.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

E. CHETHAM, Commander.

*His Majesty's Armed Ship Sally, Fair Water,*

*My Lord, near Dantzic, April 20, 1807.*

I HAVE the Honour to inform you of my Arrival here with His Majesty's Armed Ship Charles, Captain Clephane, on the 12th Instant, the Falcon Sloop of War having joined us on the same Day. His Excellency General Kalkreuth suspecting that the Enemy would be supplied with Provisions by Sea, I ordered the Charles to cruize between Rost Hind and Dantzic Bay, to intercept any such Vessels. Having suggested to his Excellency the Governor the Utility of having a Ship in the Fair Water, a Place of considerable Importance, and which had been frequently attacked by the Enemy, it met his warmest Approbation, and I was honoured

with his Thanks for having anticipated his Wish on this Occasion. I accordingly brought my Ship in the Fair Water on the 16th, and moored her in a flanking Position on an Isthmus, which the Enemy would be obliged to pass in order to make an Attack thereon. On the following Day, finding the Communication stopped between Fair Water and the City of Dantzic, the Enemy having posted themselves on the left Bank of the River Vistula, called the Nehrung, I determined to endeavour to force a Communication, and by great Exertions on the Part of my Officers and Ship's Company, I got the Ship lightened that Evening so as to enable her to heave through the Sluice, the Mouth of the River Vistula.

At half past Six P. M. on the same Day, I commenced Action with the Enemy at the Great Hollandu, on the Nehrung, who opposed to us a very strong Force of Musketry, supposed to be about Two or Three Thousand Men, in their Intrenchments, and sheltered by the Ruins of Houses lately burnt, with Three Pieces of Artillery, assisted by a small Battery on the Right Bank of the River called the Legan. The Action continued within Pistol-Shot until Nine o'Clock, when several of our Gun-Breechings being shot and carried away, and having no Wind to maintain our Position, I endeavoured to get the Starboard Broadside to bear upon the Enemy, but without Effect, the Current setting down. I then hauled down the River to resume my Position at the Fair Water. The gallant Conduct of my Officers and Seamen was such as ever characterizes British Seamen; and though my Efforts were not completely successful, from the Wind failing us, I have the Satisfaction of saying that it appears to have a good Effect in inspiring the Inhabitants here, and at the City, with additional Energy and Confidence in the Cause which we are engaged in, and I have been honoured with a very handsome and flattering Letter from His Excellency General Kalkreuth, Governor of Dantzic, on this Occasion, in which I am happy to have anticipated his Views. I am sorry to add that my Loss has been considerable, having my First Lieutenant and nearly half my Ship's Company wounded by the incessant Fire of Musketry, Mizen-Mast shot through, Sails and Rigging much cut, and upwards of a Thousand Musket Shot in the Hull.

The Loss of the Enemy, by every Information we can obtain, between Four and Five Hundred Men in killed and wounded, besides One Piece of Artillery completely dismounted, which was also observed from the Ramparts.

I must beg Leave to mention the Names of my Officers whose Conduct give me much Satisfaction. Lieutenant Eastman, who was wounded; Lieutenant Young, Mr. Ellworth, the Master; Mr. Elphinstone, a Volunteer, who, on every Occasion, has afforded me much Assistance. Captain Sanders, Mr. Oldfield, First Lieutenant, and Mr. Jemmott, Purser of His Majesty's Sloop Falcon, handsomely volunteered their Services on this Occasion.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) E. CHETHAM,

His Majesty's Armed Ship Sally.

*List of the Wounded.*

*Badly, but not dangerous.*

Lieutenant Eastman; Mr. Elder; Thomas Chief-