

and Volunteer Corps, with the Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army while so employed. Joseph Hollingworth Adams, Gent. to be an Assistant-Commissary of Stores, Provisions, and Forage to the Forces.

*The King's German Legion.*

1st Regiment of Dragoons, Harlow Phibbs, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Issendorf, promoted.

3d Regiment of Light Dragoons, Cornet Ivan Baron Hodenberg to be Lieutenant, vice Linfingen, who resigns.

Cadet Serjeant Francis Power to be Cornet, vice Hodenberg.

MEMORANDUM.

Lieutenant Benjamin Webster, of the 2d West India Regiment, is superseded, being absent without Leave.

*The undermentioned Officers, who were superseded in the Gazettes of the 12th March and 30th April 1808, are reinstated in their Rank; viz.*

17th Light Dragoons, Captain David Supple and Lieutenant John Blake.

2d West India Regiment, Ensign John Murray Wegg.

*Foreign-Office, May 4, 1808.*

THE Right Honourable George Canning, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has this Day notified to the Ministers of Friendly and Neutral Powers resident at this Court, that His Majesty has judged it expedient to establish the most rigorous Blockade of the Port of Copenhagen, and of all the other Ports in the Island of Zealand; and that the same will be maintained and enforced in the strictest Manner, according to the Usages of War acknowledged and allowed in similar Cases.

*Commissions in the Dorsetshire Yeomanry Cavalry, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

Lieutenant-Colonel Frampton to be Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant, vice the Earl of Dorchester, deceased. Dated April 12, 1808.

Captain T. Bowyer Bower to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Frampton, promoted. Dated April 13, 1808.

Captain Travers to be Major. Dated April 12, 1808.

Cornet Sir William Oglander, Bart. to be Captain, vice Travers, promoted. Dated as above.

Henry Stephen Earl of Ilchester to be Captain, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Frampton, who resigns the Command of his Troop. Dated April 15, 1808.

*Commissions signed by the Vice-Lieutenant of the East Riding of the County of York, and Town and County of the Town of Kingston-upon-Hull.*

*Pocklington Volunteer Corps of Light Infantry.*

George Clarkson, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated April 13, 1808.

Timothy Overend Groves, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated as above.

*Office of the Commissioners appointed by Act of Parliament, under the Convention with the United States of America.*

GENERAL ORDER.

ORDERED, That, for the better Information of all concerned, the following Statements be published in the London Gazette, and in such other Manner as the Board shall direct.

1st. That Claims were in due Time under the Act, that is, on or before the 1st Day of June 1804, presented to the Board, to the Amount of 5,408,766l. 6s. Sterling, on the Merits of which Claims the Board were, after full Investigation, in the first place to decide; and having so decided, to distribute the 600,000l. under their Charge, in proportion to the Sums they had adjudged to be good.

2dly. That besides a very great Number of interlocutory Resolutions and Orders, which the State of the Claims rendered absolutely necessary, many of them involving Questions on Points of leading Importance, and Details arising out of the Examinations of Documents or other Evidence in each particular Case, (such as with the Representations in pursuance of those Resolutions and Orders will be found to suggest sufficient Grounds for deciding, without much further Inquiry, many of those Cases in which Adjudications have not yet been given,) final Adjudications have been made by the Board, either on the whole or on Parts of Claims, to the Amount of 1,967,315l. 16s. 9½d.

3dly. That, of this Sum, Claims have been adjudged to be good to the Amount of 822,133l. 12s. 3d.; and on various Grounds rejected, disallowed, deducted, or struck off, to the Amount of 1,140,182l. 4s. 6½d.

4thly. That the Sums (comparatively of small Amount) which have been recovered by Claimants from their Debtors in America during the Investigation, chiefly by Means of Proceedings instituted or pursued in consequence of the General Orders of the Board, are included in the Sums which have been so deducted or struck off.

5thly. That on the above Sum of 822,133l. 12s. 3d. adjudged to be good, Dividends have been paid, or are ready to be paid, to the Amount of Twenty per Cent. or One-fifth part of the above Sum.

6thly. That although Losses have been unquestionably sustained by Subjects of His Majesty, as Creditors of Citizens or Inhabitants of the United States, from the Non-payment of Debts which were justly due to them at the Date of the Definitive Treaty of Peace in 1783, to a much greater Amount than even the large Sum for which Claims have come before the Board; yet the Investigation has shewn that much of that Loss was the necessary and unavoidable Consequence of the general Calamity, which, from the Ruin it had brought on Multitudes of those Debtors who were alive, and to be found at the End of the War, or the Confusion in which it had involved the Affairs of others who were dead, and whose Estates had fallen into the Hands of negligent, dishonest, or wasteful Administrators, would have prevented the Recovery of a great Proportion of those just Debts, though the ordinary Course of judicial Proceedings had gone on as before the War, that ordinary Course having at all Times there, as in other Countries, afforded to the Dishonest the Means,