

private Signal, their not answering it induced me to conclude they were Enemies.

In the face of so superior a Force, I thought it most prudent to continue my Course under all Sail, as by altering it they might be inclined to chase me. I am happy to say, that by so doing the Enemy were so far intimidated as to tack and make all Sail from me to the N. N. E. At Noon the Corvette having much outtailed her Consorts, tacked and stood to the Southward. I now carried all possible Sail in chase of the Two Brigs, and at half past Three the headmost Brig tacked and passed me to Windward about Two Guns' Shot Distance; at Five the remaining Brig hoisted French Colours, and began to engage me with her Stern Guns. At Twenty Minutes after Five, having got within Pistol Shot of her, I commenced close Action, which she sustained for Twenty Minutes, and being then much disabled, hauled down her Colours to the Comet.

She proved to be the French National Brig Sylphe, (commanded by M. Louis Marie Clement Capitaine de Frigate, and a Member of the Legion of Honour) mounting Sixteen Twenty-six Pounder Carronades, and Two long Nines, with a Complement of Ninety-eight Men.

Her Second Lieutenant, and a Midshipman, and Five men, were killed in the Action, and Two Midshipmen, and Three Men wounded, most of them severely.

She is a very fine Vessel of her Class, Copper-bottomed and Copper-fastened, reported to be an excellent Sailer, abundantly found in Stores, Four Years old, about Three Hundred Tons Burthen; and in my Opinion, very fit for His Majesty's Service; her Consorts (who so shamefully deserted her) were the Diligente of Twenty-two Guns and One Hundred and forty Men, and the Espiegle of Eighteen Guns and One Hundred Men; they had left L'Orient Two Days before, having each a Quantity of Flour on Board, and I have reason to believe they were bound to Martinique.

I am happy to say no Person belonging to His Majesty's Sloop under my Command was hurt; but her Main and Main-Top-Masts were badly wounded, and her Sails and Rigging cut.

I beg Leave to recommend to your Lordship's Notice Lieutenant Tomkinson, First of the Comet, for his Zeal and Activity in this Contest, and to represent, that the Conduct of every Officer and the Ship's Company, (the latter chiefly consisting of new raised Men,) was such as to merit my highest Approbation.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) C.F. DALY.

To Admiral Lord Gambier, Commander
in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of Aber-
deenshire.

Aberdeenshire Militia.

John Gordon, Esq; to be Major, vice Lord Alexander Gordon, deceased. Dated June 14, 1808.

To be Captains,

Lieutenant John Grant, vice Marshall, appointed to the Line. Dated June 14, 1808.

Lieutenant Alexander Macpherson, vice Stuart, resigned. Dated as above.

Lieutenant Donald Cameron, vice R. Gordon, resigned. Dated June 14, 1808.

To be Lieutenants,

Ensign James Willson, vice Grant. Dated June 14, 1808.

Ensign John Fleming, vice MacPherson. Dated as above.

Ensign John Dick, vice Cameron. Dated as above.

Ensign Charles John Johnston, vice Logan. Dated as above.

Ensign Peter Macleachlan, vice Reid. Dated as above.

Ensign John Gordon, vice Taylor. Dated as above.

Ensign Harry Gordon. Dated as above.

To be Ensigns,

James Forbes, Gent. Dated June 14, 1808.

George Cameron, Gent. Dated as above.

William Winton, Gent. Dated as above.

Donald Farquharson, Gent. Dated as above.

Charles Gordon, Gent. Dated as above.

John Farquharson, Gent. Dated as above.

To be Assistant-Surgeon,

— Gilbert, Gent. vice A. Macpherson. Dated June 14, 1808.

1st Regiment of Aberdeen Volunteers.

To be Lieutenants,

George Davidson, Gent. vice Mackenzie, promoted. Dated June 14, 1808.

Gordon Macrobie, Gent. vice Turrett, deceased. Dated as above.

Maxwell Gordon, Gent. Dated as above.

To be Assistant-Surgeon,

James Morison, Gent. vice Ligertwood, resigned. Dated June 14, 1808.

Aberdeen Light Infantry Battalion.

Hector M'Lean, late of the 42d Regiment, to be Adjutant, vice Elmslie, appointed to the Line. Dated June 18, 1808.

Commissions in the Royal Lancashire Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

To be Deputy Lieutenants,

Thomas Earle, Esq. Dated September 3, 1807.

William Earle, Esq. Dated as above.

William Nicholson, Esq. Dated as above.

William Horton, Esq.

1st Battalion.

Edmund Winstanley Rigby, Esq; to be Major. Dated February 18, 1808.

John Steuart, Esq; to be Captain. Dated as above.

James Hilton, Esq; to be ditto. Dated April 11, 1808.

John Hayes, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated as above.

2d Battalion.

James Atherton, Esq; to be Captain. Dated July 22, 1808.

Thomas Norris, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated April 8, 1808.

Joseph Myers, Gent. to be ditto. Dated April 9, 1808.

Thomas Crouchley, Gent. to be ditto. Dated June 17, 1808.