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Admiralty-Office, October 22, 1308.

Copy of a Letter from Captain R. Hawkins, of His Majesty's Ship Minerva, to Admiral Lord Gambier, dated Corunna, September 25, 1808.

My Lord, BEG Leave to inform you, that in execution of your Lordship's Orders on the 23d Instant, in Latitude 45° 35', Longitude 9° 19' West, I fell in with and chaced a Brig near Twenty five Leagues to the S. W. Soon after I came in Shot of her; had fired at her twice; she hoisted French Colours, and shortly after overset, the Wind having fresh-ened to a heavy Gale. I immediately brought to, and sent the Barge with Mr. Carter, Master's Mate, to endeavour to fave the People; they fucceeded, by great Exertion, in faving Sixteen of the Crew; they informed us, (the Captain and Officers being drowned,) that she was the Josephina, Letter of Marque, pierced for Eighteen Guns, and mount-ing Eight, with Fifty Men, from St. Sebastian, bound to Guadaloupe, with a Cargo of Flour, Brandy, Wine, and Cloathing; and intended, after delivering her Cargo, to cruize against our Trade in the West-Indies; she was a very sast failing Vessel, has been long employed as a Privateer, and done considerable Mischief.

I have the Honour to be. &c. (Signed) R. HAWKINS, Captain.

War-Office, Odober 22, 1808. 3d Regiment of Dragoons, Cornet David Moncrieffe to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Foster, who

10th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Major George Quintin to be Lieutenant-Colonel, without Pur-

Captain Lord Charles S. Manners to be Major, vice Quintin.

Lieutenant Rowland E. Williams to be Captain of a Troop, vice Lord Charles Manners.

Cornet Simon Henry Stuart to be Lieutenant, vice Williams.

Andrew Finucane, Gent. to be Cornet, by Purchale,

vice Harding, promoted.

15th Ditto, Affiltant-Surgeon Henry Davies, from the 48th Foot, to be Affistant-Surgeon, vice Plenderleath, promoted in the Royals.

16th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Cornet Thomas Penrice to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Smith, who retires.

Cornet Henry Bence Bence to be Lieutenant, without Purchase.

To be Corneis,

Charles Twilleton Bilhop, Gent. vice Penrice.

Bell Lloyd, Gent. vice Bence.

Honourable Charles Gore, without Purchase, vice Upton, promoted in the oth Light Dragoons.

19th Ditto, John Lucas, Gent. to be Cornet, by Purchale, vice Burton, promoted.

20th Ditto, Cornet Henry Lecky to be Lieutenant, without Purchase.

Cornet William Upton, from the 16th Light Dragoons, to be ditto.

Coldstream Regiment of Foot Guards, Michael Wats, Gent. to be Ensign, by Purchase, vice Dickenson, promoted.

th Regiment of Foot, Affiliant-Surgeon John John-fon, from the 63d Foot, to be Affiliant-Surgeon. Affiliant Surgeon Richard Hanby, from the 44th Foot, to be Affistant-Surgeon.

8th Ditto, Lieutenant Andrew Black, from the North Devon Militia, to be Enfign.

9th Ditto, Ensign George Stirling, from the 85th Foot, to be Lieutenant, without Purchase.

Enfign T. M. Luscombe, from the 66th Foot, to be ditto.

Gentleman Cadet George Cooke, from the Royal Military College, to be Enfign, without Purchafe, vice Lord Glentworth, who religns.

11th Ditto, Lieutenant James Stewart, from the

North Down Militia, to be Ensign.

25th Ditto, Henry White, Gent. to be Ensign, without Purchase, vice James White, whose Appointment has not taken place.

27th Ditto, Nicholas Pike, Gent. to be Enfign, without Purchase, vice Ahmuty, whose Appointment has not taken place.

35th Ditto, Aralander Tennent, Gent. to be Enfign,

by Purchafe, vice Sharrock, promoted.
39th Ditto, Serjeant Major Thomas Browne to be Adjutant, with the Rank of Enfign, vice Brown, who refigns the Adjutantcy only.

43d Ditto, George Crompton, Gent. to be Enfign, without Purchase, vice Watson, whose Appointment has not taken place.