

Commissions in the King's Own Regiment of Staffordshire Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

Alexander Gardner, Gent. to be Lieutenant and Surgeon's Mate. Dated January 5, 1809.

J. M. Molineux, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated February 7, 1809.

Robert Phayre, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.

Ensign Canning to be ditto. Dated February 16, 1809.

Walter Newton, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated as above.

Admiralty-Office, March 11, 1809.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to the Honourable W. W. Pole, dated on board the Ocean, at Malta, the 26th of January 1809.

SIR,

THE Imperieuse having, with other Ships, been employed in the Bay of Rosas to assist the Spaniards in defending that Fortrefs, and Captain Lord Cochrane taken on him the Defence of Trinity Castle, an Outwork of that Garrison, I have received from him a Letter, dated the 5th December, a Copy of which is inclosed, stating the Surrender of the Citadel of Rosas by the Spaniards on that Day, and of his having embarked the Garrison of Trinity Castle on board the Ships, which Castle he had, however, destroyed.

The heroic Spirit and Ability which has been evinced by Lord Cochrane in defending this Castle, although so shattered in its Works, against the repeated Attacks of the Enemy, is an admirable Instance of his Lordship's Zeal; and the distinguished Conduct of Lieutenants Johnson, and Hoare of the Royal Marines, and the Officers and Men employed in this Affair under his Lordship, will doubtless be very gratifying to my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. I have, &c.

COLLINGWOOD.

*Imperieuse, Bay of Rosas,
December 5, 1808.*

MY LORD,

THE Fortrefs of Rosas being attacked by an Army of Italians in the Service of France, in pursuance of discretionary Orders that your Lordship had given me, to assist the Spaniards wherever it could be done with the most Effect, I hastened here. The Citadel, on the 22d Ultimo, was already Half invested, and the Enemy making his Approaches towards the South West Bastion, which your Lordship knows was blown down last War by the Explosion of a Magazine, and tumbled into the Ditch; a few thin Planks and dry Stones had been put up by the Spanish Engineers, perhaps to hide the Defect; all Things were in the most deplorable State, both without and within, even Measures for their Powder, and Saws for their Fuses were not to be had—Hats and Axes supplied their Place. The Castle of Trinidad, situated on an Eminence, but commanded by Heights, was also invested; Three Twenty-four-Pounders battered in Breach, to which a Fourth was afterwards added, and a Passage through the Wall to the lower Bomb-Proof being nearly effected, on the 23d the Marines of the Fame were withdrawn. I went to examine the State of the Castle, and, as the Senior

Officer in the Bay had not officially altered the Orders I received from your Lordship, to give every possible Assistance to the Spaniards, I thought this a good Opportunity, by occupying a Post on which the acknowledged Safety of the Citadel depended, to render them an effectual Service. The Garrison then consisted of about Eighty Spaniards, and were on the Point of surrendering; accordingly I threw myself into it, with Fifty Seamen and Thirty Marines of the Imperieuse. The Arrangement made I need not detail to your Lordship, suffice it to say, that about One Thousand Bags, besides Barrels and Pallisadoes, supplied the Place of Walls and Ditches; and that the Enemy, who assaulted the Castle on the 30th with a Thousand picked Men, were repulsed, with the Loss of their Commanding Officer, storming Equipage, and all who had attempted to mount the Breach. The Spanish Garrison being changed, gave good Assistance; and Lieutenant Bourman, of the Regiment of Ultonia, who succeeded to the Command of the Spanish Soldiers in the Castle on Captain Fitzgerald's being wounded in the Hand, deserves every Thing his Country can do for an active and gallant Officer. Inocenti Maranger, Cadet of the same Regiment, particularly distinguished himself by his Zeal and Vigilance. As to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines of this Ship, the Fatigues they underwent, and the gallant Manner in which they behaved, deserve every Praise. I must, however, particularly mention Lieutenant Johnson of the Navy, Lieutenant Hoare of the Marines, Mr. Burney, Gunner, Mr. Lodwick, Carpenter, and Messrs. Stewart, Stovin, and Maryat, Midshipmen.

Captain Hall of the Lucifer, at all Times and in every Way, gave his zealous Assistance. I feel also indebted to Captain Collins of the Meteor, for his Aid.

The Citadel of Rosas capitulated at Twelve o'Clock this Day. Seeing, my Lord, further Resistance in the Castle of Trinidad useless and impracticable against the whole Army, the Attention of which had naturally turned to its Reduction, after firing the Trains for exploding the Magazines, we embarked in the Boats of the Magnificent, Imperieuse, and Fame.

I have, &c.

(Signed) COCHRANE.

List of Killed and Wounded, between the 23d November and 5th December 1808.

John Lloyd, Marine, killed.
John Hitchins, ditto, ditto.
William Fawkes, ditto, ditto.
Four Seamen, and Three Marines, wounded.

Spaniards of the Regiment of Ultonia.

Two killed, Five wounded.

Admiralty-Office, March 11, 1809.

Extract of a Letter from the Honourable Rear-Admiral Stopford to the Honourable W. W. Pole, dated Cesar, at anchor, March 2, 1809, Chaffron Light-House S. E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. Eleven Miles, Balaine Light-House N. E. Four Miles. Wind North.

THE Enemy's Ships remain at Isle d'Aix. On the 28th I closely reconnoitered them in the Cesar, and only counted Ten Sail of the Line, Four Frigates, and the Calcutta. The Eleventh Ship of