

His Majesty's Vessels, I was determined on landing and taking it by Storm, having previously made the necessary Preparations for that Purpose.

At Daylight on the Morning of the 5th, I disembarked with Captain Watts of the Ephra, and the Commanding Officers, Seamen, and Marines, of the respective Vessels; the first Boats that landed were fired upon by the Enemy's advanced Post, and they then retreated to the Battery, we marched on to Storm, but from our Appearance the Enemy thought proper to retreat, about Eighty in Number, so that we took the Battery (which had Six Guns, Twenty-four Pounders, and surrounded by a wet Ditch) without Opposition; His Majesty's Colours were then hoisted on the French Flag-Staff, and afterwards those of Hamburg on the Castle of Kitzbettle, we then dismounted the Guns and put them on board of Vessels lying in the Harbour, as well as several other small Pieces of Cannon, with all the Shot and Military Stores. The Battery was then undermined, and, by a Variety of Explosions, blown up. I then gave the Town of Cuxhaven in truit to the Civil Governor, and embarked all the Seamen and Marines.

Two French Gun Boats, with Two Guns each, which were lying in the Harbour, were also taken Possession of.

Although we did not meet with the Opposition that was expected (as the French had sometimes Five Hundred Men, at other Times about One Hundred at Cuxhaven), yet I think it my Duty to inform you of the Activity and good Conduct of the Commanders, Commanding Officers, Seamen, and Marines, on this Occasion, as it was partly from their Regularity in forming and marching, that induced the Enemy to retreat.

Captain Pettett of the Brifeis commanded afloat, and got that Vessel under Weigh to assist, had it been necessary.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Fife.*

*1st Battalion of Fifeshire Local Militia.*

- James Balfour Wemyss, Esq; to be Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant. Dated September 24, 1808.
- George Aitken, Esq; to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated as above.
- Andrew Jameson, Esq; to be Major. Dated as above.
- John Raitt, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.
- George Tod, Esq; to be Captain. Dated as above.
- Frederick Johnston, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.
- Alexander Anderson, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.
- James Thomson, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.
- David Lyal, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.
- David Methuen, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.
- David Melville, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.
- James Carstairs, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.
- James Thomson, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated as above.
- James Dempster, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.

- William Pratt, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated September 24, 1808.
  - David Todd, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - Michael Philp, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - James Wilson, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - James Livingston, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - Peter Painter, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - Robert Tullis, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - John Givan, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - William Kyd, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - George Fernie, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - William Tod, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - Steven Williamson, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - James Carstairs, jun. Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - Andrew Aitken, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - James Dempster, jun. Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - Robert Methuen, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - James Thomson, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated as above.
  - George Johnston, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - Robert Maule, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - Bartholomew Cockburn, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - James Stark, jun. Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - Charles Grace, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - James Stark, Gent. to be Quarter-Master. Dated as above.
  - Alexander Anderson, Gent. to be Adjutant, with the Rank of Captain, by Brevet. Dated as above.
  - Charles Grace, Gent. to be Surgeon. Dated as above.
- 2d Battalion of Fifeshire Local Militia.*
- Robert Anstruther, Esq; to be Colonel. Dated September 24, 1808.
  - Thomas Melville, Esq; to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated as above.
  - George Forrester, Esq; to be Major. Dated as above.
  - Stuart Grace Esq; to be Captain. Dated as above.
  - James Mercer, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - George Mitchell, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - John Hedderwick, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - John Adamson, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - William Haig, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - John Cowie, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - Alexander Beveridge, Esq; to be ditto. Dated as above.
  - Alexander Thomson, Esq; to be Supernumerary ditto. Dated as above.