

English, with the Spanish Tirailleurs, in the Centre and Left. At about Eleven o'Clock A. M. a firing was heard, and our advanced Parties retired, closely followed by the French. The Marines composing our Out-Post, under Lieutenant Fennel of the *Arethusa*, retired in the most perfect Order. Very shortly the Enemy was observed advancing rapidly in Three Columns, one making for the Right, the other for the Left, keeping the third in Reserve; their principal Object appeared the Right, where the Spaniards were posted, but they were almost immediately checked by the Steadiness of the Reception they there met with, and a few Shot being fired from our Battery; the other Column on our Left scarcely advanced, but fired at a Distance; finding, probably, our Preparations made with more Strength than they imagined, they faced about and retired, leaving several killed and wounded.

The Enemy's Force appeared to consist of between Seven and Eight Hundred Men, and I have only to regret that they did not advance nearer, for had they done so, I am convinced a most complete and entire Destruction of their whole Force would have taken place.

Brigadier-General Poirier detached his Sharpshooters to harass their Rear; they succeeded in killing and wounding several, and making some Prisoners; on the whole I conceive the Loss of the French in the Three several Days, in Killed, Wounded, and Prisoners, amounts to about One Hundred and Fifty Men.

The whole of the Guns, &c. in Santona and Laredo are destroyed, consisting of Twenty-two Twenty-four-Pounders, and Four Thirteen-Inch Brass Mortars.

On the 8th in the Morning, according to your Directions, I withdrew the Guns and Ammunition, &c. and re-embarked with the People, without any Loss; the Spaniards only having Seven Men Wounded.

I have now to acknowledge the Obligation I am under to Captain Bowles, of the *Medusa*, for his indefatigable Activity in getting every Thing arranged, and having the Men in such perfect Order when the Enemy advanced, as well as to express the great Satisfaction I felt at the Steadiness and Firmness with which the Men awaited the Attack. Lieutenant Rees, of the Dryad, who did the Duty of Adjutant to the Battalion, has also my sincere Thanks for the Assistance he gave me in the different Directions, and for his unremitting Attention to the Order of the whole. The only Officers who had the least Opportunity to distinguish themselves were Lieutenants Desbrisay and Fennel, of the Marines, who commanded the advanced Guards during the Two little Affairs.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) F. W. AYLMER.

To Captain Mends, *Arethusa*.

CARMARTHEN CIRCUIT.

Samuel Heywood, Serjeant at Law, Chief Justice.

John Balguy, Esq. Second Justice.

Carmarthen, Monday, August 27.

Haverfordwest, Saturday, September 1.

Cardigan, Friday, September 7.

Whitehall, July 14, 1810.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that, in the Night of Friday the 29th of June last, between Twelve and One o'Clock, a Barn at Northall-Green, in the Parish of Elleborough, in the County of Buckingham, occupied by Mr. John Smith, and adjoining to an uninhabited Dwelling-House, was discovered to be on Fire, and that the same was entirely burnt down; and whereas in the Night of the following Wednesday the 4th Instant, about Twelve o'Clock, the said Dwelling-House was discovered to be on Fire, by which it was nearly consumed, and that there is every Reason to suppose the same were wilfully and maliciously set on Fire;

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the Felonies above-mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them (except the Person who actually set Fire to the said Barn and Dwelling-House) who shall discover his or their Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof. R. RYDER.

And, as a further Encouragement, a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as is before excepted,) to be paid on the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders, by Messrs. Grover and Smith, Solicitors, at Hemel Hempstead.

Navy-Office, June 25, 1810.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy hereby give Notice, that a Plan of Education has been established, at the Royal Naval College at His Majesty's Dock-Yard at Portsmouth, for a Superior Class of Apprentices to Shipwrights.

That the Number of Students in the Superior Class of Shipwrights' Apprentices shall, in the first Instance, be limited to Twelve, but will gradually be increased to Twenty-five. The period of Apprenticeship shall be Seven Years, but for a Student who may have previously served in the Inferior Class of Apprentices in His Majesty's Yards for the Space of Two Years, it shall be only Six Years, and only Five Years for a Student who may have previously served in the said Class for the Space of Three Years.

An Instructor in the Theory of Naval Architecture will be added to the present Establishment of the Royal Naval College, to assist particularly in the Instruction of this Class of Apprentices.

The Candidates for Admission must produce Certificates from two respectable Physicians or Surgeons that they are of sound Health and Constitution, and likewise Proof from the Register of the Parish in which they were born, of their being at least Fifteen, and not more than Seventeen Years of Age, excepting Candidates from among the Shipwrights' Apprentices of the Yard, who may be admitted if they shall not have served more than Three Years of their Time. Candidates shall be examined on the first Wednesday in November in each Year, by the Professor of the Royal Naval College, assisted by the Instructor in the Theory of Naval Architecture, in the Presence of the Commissioner of the Yard, the Lieutenant Governor of the College, and Master Shipwright, who shall jointly report the Result of the Examination to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, carefully inserting the Names of the

