

more precarious; but as all the excursions of the enemy cost them many men, it is to be supposed that they cannot continue this warfare long without exposing their force to be cut off, which nearly happened a few days since at Mataro by the Baron de Eroles's division.

The siege of the Medas Island is also an occupation of the enemy; but I am happy to learn, that there are no apprehensions for its security.

The news from Aragon is very favourable; the entire defeat of one thousand men at Calatuyud, by the Empecinado, is confirmed; and, in addition to the confirmation of various small and successful actions of Mina, in the neighbourhood of Zaragoza, there is strong reason to believe a report, that he has lately attacked and routed six thousand recruits or conscripts, near Caparosso.

The French force in Aragon at present is very small, General Suchet having almost drained it to support him in Valencia, so that there is reason to suppose, from every information, that there does not exist more than very weak garrisons in Zaragoza, Daroca, and Jaca, and in those points absolutely necessary for communication.

*Office of Ordnance, January 20, 1812.*

*Corps of Royal Engineers.*

First Lieutenant Charles Dixon to be Second Captain, vice Holberton, deceased. Dated July 22, 1811.

*Corps of Royal Artillery Drivers.*

Second Lieutenant John Blair to be First Lieutenant, vice Abercrombie, deceased. Dated October 3, 1811.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County-Palatine of Lancaster.*

John Clarke, Esq; to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated July 6, 1811.

Sturthill Harrison, Esq; to be ditto. Dated July 25, 1811.

*Royal Lancashire Militia.*

*1st Battalion.*

William Crompton, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated December 18, 1811.

William Crompton, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated July 3, 1811.

James Taylor, Gent. to be ditto. Dated September 10, 1811.

John Morris, Gent. to be ditto. Dated October 30, 1811.

Richard Greenough, Gent. to be ditto. Dated November 1, 1811.

*2d Battalion.*

George Bigland, Esq; to be Major. Dated September 27, 1811.

Jonathan Peake, Esq; to be Captain. Dated August 18, 1811.

Bernard Denis Daly, Esq; to be ditto. Dated October 12, 1811.

Edward Meadow, Esq; to be ditto. Dated December 7, 1811.

John Wright, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated August 18, 1811.

George Ashton, Gent. to be ditto. Dated September 27, 1811.

James Grundy, Gent. to be ditto. Dated December 7, 1811.

Charles Harrison, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated December 27, 1811.

*3d Battalion.*

Robinson Shuttleworth Barton, Esq; to be Captain. Dated September 13, 1811.

Benjamin Peach, Esq; to be ditto. Dated November 1, 1811.

Robert Whalley, Esq; to be ditto. Dated November 30, 1811.

George Smith, Esq; to be ditto. Dated December 23, 1811.

John Peake, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated November 21, 1811.

Felix Ferdinand Frederick Fielding, Gent. to be ditto. Dated November 22, 1811.

William Jameson, Gent. to be ditto. Dated November 23, 1811.

F. F. F. Fielding, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated September 13, 1811.

William Jameson, Gent. to be ditto. Dated October 3, 1811.

William Mead, Gent. to be ditto. Dated November 15, 1811.

*Local Militia.*

*Lonsdale Regiment.*

John Armstrong, Esq; to be Captain. Dated December 11, 1811.

Robert Michaelson, Esq; to be ditto. Dated December 21, 1811.

Thomas Housman Higgin, Esq; to be ditto. Dated December 23, 1811.

George Burrow, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated as above.

*Newton and Failsworth Regiment.*

John Booth, Esq; to be Captain. Dated May 30, 1811.

*Oldham Regiment.*

Joshua Kay Robinson, Esq; to be Captain. Dated July 26, 1811.

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

*Wigan Regiment.*

James Hawarden, Gent. to be Surgeon. Dated August 15, 1811.

*Admiralty-Office, January 25, 1812.*

*Copy of a Letter from Captain Griffiths, of His Majesty's Ship the Leonidas, addressed to Vice-Admiral Thornbrough, and transmitted to John Wil- son Croker, Esq.*

SIR, *Leonidas, at Sea, Jan. 17, 1812.*

THIS morning, at daylight, we fell in with a schooner privateer, to whom we gave chase; our presence saving two merchant vessels then at