

prospect of bringing the contest in which His Majesty is engaged to a successful termination.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The approaching expiration of the charter of the East India Company, renders it necessary that I should call your early attention to the propriety of providing effectually for the future government of the provinces of India.

In considering the variety of interests which are connected with this important subject, I rely on your wisdom for making such an arrangement as may best promote the prosperity of the British possessions in that quarter, and at the same time secure the greatest advantages to the commerce and revenue of His Majesty's dominions.

I have derived great satisfaction from the success of the measures which have been adopted for suppressing the spirit of outrage and insubordination which had appeared in some parts of the country, and from the disposition which has been manifested to take advantage of the indemnity held out to the deluded by the wisdom and benevolence of Parliament.

I trust I shall never have occasion to lament the recurrence of atrocities so repugnant to the British character; and that all His Majesty's subjects will be impressed with the conviction that the happiness of individuals, and the welfare of the State, equally depend upon a strict obedience to the laws, and an attachment to our excellent Constitution.

In the loyalty of His Majesty's people, and in the wisdom of Parliament, I have reason to place the fullest confidence. The same firmness and perseverance which have been manifested on so many and such trying occasions, will not, I am persuaded, be wanting at a time when the eyes of all Europe, and of the world, are fixed upon you. I can assure you, that in the exercise of the great trust reposed in me, I have no sentiment so near my heart as the desire to promote, by every means in my power, the real prosperity and lasting happiness of His Majesty's subjects.

Whitehall, December 1, 1812.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to grant the dignity of a Baronet of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto Roger Hale Sheaffe, Esq. Major-General of His Majesty's Forces, and Lieutenant-Colonel in the 49th (or the Hertfordshire) Regiment of Foot, and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

War-Office, December 1, 1812.

3d Regiment of Dragoons, Cornet Mark Johnstone to be Lieutenant, vice Massey, deceased.

William Bull Stapleton, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Johnstone.

15th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Lieutenant A. J. Cloete to be Captain of a Troop, by purchase, vice Griffith, promoted.

19th Ditto, Lionel Goldsmid, Gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Lucas, promoted.

1st Regiment of Foot Guards, Ensign Henry Milnes to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Robinson, who retires.

Coldstream Regiment of Foot Guards, Ensign John Talbot to be Lieutenant, vice E. Harvey, killed in action.

To be Ensigns,

Ensign William Kortright, from the 68th Foot, vice Talbot.

Henry Armytage, Gent. vice Burgess, killed in action.

To be Battalion Surgeon,

Assistant-Surgeon John Rose, vice Coombes, placed upon half-pay.

To be Quarter-Master,

Ensign and Adjutant B. Selway, from the Surrey Local Militia, vice Holmes, placed upon the Retired List.

3d Regiment of Foot, Ensign John Home to be Lieutenant, vice M^r Arthur, dismissed the service.

4th Ditto, Ensign James White to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Keating, who resigns.

To be Ensigns, without purchase,

George Gabb, Gent. vice M^r Veagli, who resigns.

Ensign Edward Town, from the Portuguese service, vice White.

7th Ditto, Lieutenant J. H. Westcott, from the 73d Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Meade, who exchanges.

21st Ditto, Second Lieutenant James Rynd to be First Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Gordon, promoted.

Robert Crawford, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Rynd.

31st Ditto, Serjeant — Astier, from the 32d Foot, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Kirkbank, who resigns.

36th Ditto, Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel John R. Ward, from the 27th Foot, to be Major, without purchase.

38th Ditto.

To be Captains of Companies,

Lieutenant William Willshire, vice Owens, killed in action.

Lieutenant T. P. Minchin, vice Todd, killed in action.

To be Lieutenants,

Ensign George Young, vice M^r Pherson, killed in action.

Ensign John Anderson, vice Willshire.

Ensign Alexander Campbell, vice Minchin.

To be Ensigns,

Volunteer Robert Macalpine, from the 1st Foot, vice Young.

Gregory, Gent. vice Anderson.

Thomas Evans, Gent. vice Campbell.