

of attacking the enemy's shipping, and of occupying and diverting the fire of any armed vessels stationed at the place; Lieutenant Westphall, First of the Sceptre, was entrusted with this division, supported by Captain Ross with the rocket-boats.

Captain Patterson, of the Fox, commanded the division of flat and heavier boats, with as many of the 102 regiment, artillery, &c. &c. as they could carry, which were destined to attack and occupy such positions on the surrounding lands, as circumstances and the enemy's means of defence might point out the propriety of after daylight. The third and last division was composed of the Conflict, the armed tenders, and small vessels, which were directed to take the remainder of the troops on board, and to follow the boats into the harbour, as fast and as far as might be found practicable: Captain Ross of this ship was charged with the general superintendence of the whole arrangement, and Captains Knight and Maule, with much laudable zeal, also attended to render me their personal assistance wherever circumstances might require it.

The whole moved from the ships towards the shore about two o'clock this morning, but owing to the great distance from the bar to the harbour, and the heavy swell which was running, it was considerably after daylight before the advanced division turned a projecting shoal point, behind which the vessels lay, and round which is the only possible way by which the shore can be approached with safety; the enemy, therefore, had some little time to prepare for defence, which he did not fail to avail himself of, and immediately the boats doubled the point, a heavy fire was opened on them from a brig and schooner, which hoisted American colours, and were soon discovered to be the only armed vessels here; Lieutenant Westphall, therefore, with his division pulled directly and resolutely for these, under cover of some rockets, which were thrown by Captain Russel with admirable precision.

The fire of the brig now began to slacken; and on Mr. Westphall's approaching her bow with the advanced boats, the enemy cut her cable and abandoned her, and the schooner struck her colours.

The troops in the mean time having effected a landing, without further opposition, took possession of Portsmouth and Ocracoke Island, where all surrendered to our mercy.

The brig captured proves to be the Anacondo,

mounting eighteen nine-pound long guns, is a most beautiful vessel, coppered, and perfectly fit for His Majesty's service.

The schooner is the Atlas letter of marque, of two hundred and forty tons, mounting ten guns, is also a fine vessel, and fit for His Majesty's service.

It now becomes my pleasing duty to mention to you, Sir, the good conduct of the several officers and men you have placed under my command, who were indefatigable in their exertions in carrying forward and effecting this service; and I beg also to mention to you the truly cheerful, ready, and able co-operation I have invariably experienced from Lieutenant-Colonel Napier, of the 102d regiment, and the officers and troops under his orders.

*Commission in the Royal Cheshire Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

William Putland Meyrick, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated August 18, 1813.

*commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lincoln.*

*Royal South Lincoln Militia.*

Joshua John Moore, Gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated August 14, 1813.

William Knight, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated August 22, 1813.

Joseph Taylor, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated August 23, 1813.

*Commissions in the 1st Regiment of Argyshire Local Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

Major H. T. Campbell to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated June 17, 1813.

Colin McDougall, Esq. to be Captain. Dated as above.

Arthur MacNicol, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated as above.

J. MacNicol, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated as above.

J. MacNicol, Gent. to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated as above.

*Commissions in the Anglesey Local Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Anglesey.*

Ensign James Harris to be Lieutenant. Dated May 7, 1813.

Richard Griffith, Gent. to be ditto. Dated August 9, 1813.

Hugh Thomas, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated May 7, 1813.

John Boggie, Gent. to be ditto. Dated May 8, 1813.

John Jackson, Gent. to be ditto. Dated May 10, 1813.

John Jones, Gent. to be ditto. Dated August 9, 1813.

John Roberts, Gent. to be ditto. Dated May 10, 1813.