

precipitation, and did not reappear. The stores found at Kinsale were then shipped without molestation: and having burnt the storehouses and other places, with two old schooners, and destroyed two batteries, the Rear-Admiral re-embarked, bringing away five prize schooners, a large quantity of tobacco, flour, &c. a field piece and a few prisoners. The American General Taylor was wounded and unhorsed, and escaped only through the thickness of the wood and bushes, into which he ran. The British had three men killed, and as many wounded.

The conduct of the officers and men on this occasion calls for the Rear-Admiral's particular commendation; with five hundred men they penetrated ten miles into the enemy's country, and skirmished back, surrounded by woods, in the face of the whole collected militia of Virginia, under Generals Hungerford and Taylor; and after this long march carried the heights of Kinsale in the most gallant manner.

August 8.—The Rear-Admiral states, that Coan River, a few miles below Yocomoca, being the only inlet on the Virginia side of the Potowmack that he had not visited, he proceeded on the 7th to attack it with the boats and marines; after a tolerably quick fire on the boats, the enemy went off precipitately with the guns: the battery was destroyed, and the river ascended, in which three schooners were captured, and some tobacco brought off.

August 13.—The Rear-Admiral gives an account of his having, on the 12th, proceeded up St. Mary's Creek, and landed in various parts of the country about that extensive inlet, but without seeing a single armed person, though militia had formerly been stationed at St. Mary's Factory for its defence; the inhabitants of the state appearing to consider it wiser to submit than to attempt opposition,

August 15.—The Rear-Admiral reports his having again on that day landed within St. Mary's Creek, but found on the different parts of the country, the same quiet and submissive conduct on the part of the inhabitants, as in the places visited on the 12th.

Throughout the whole of these operations, Rear-Admiral Cockburn repeats the highest encomiums on all the officers and men of the ships and marines under his orders. Although from the nature of the country and the excessive heat of the climate, these services must have been most harassing, they were carried on with the greatest cheerfulness and perseverance. The Captains of His Majesty's ships, on all occasions volunteered to accompany the Rear-Admiral. To Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm, and Major Lewis, of the royal marines, he expresses his obligations, as well as to the other officers of that corps.

The conduct of the men was also deserving of the greatest praise: and though the re-embarkations frequently took place in the night, yet, during the whole of the operations, neither a sailor nor a marine was reported missing.

In transmitting the reports of these services, which come down to the period of the arrival of Sir Alexander Cochrane in the Chesapeake, the Vice-Admiral expresses the very high sense he en-

tertains of the arrangement, zeal, and activity which have on all occasions been shewn by Rear-Admiral Cockburn, during the time he has commanded in the Chesapeake, under the Vice-Admiral's orders.

BANKERS' LICENCES.

Stamp-Office, London, September 17, 1814.

Notice is hereby given, that by the Stamp Act, 48 Geo. 3, c. 149, all licences granted to Bankers or others, to issue promissory notes, payable to the bearer on demand, and allowed to be re-issued, will expire on the 10th of October next, and that they must be renewed within one month from that day, or penalties will be incurred.

That a separate licence must be taken out for every place where the notes shall be issued; unless the persons to be licensed had issued their notes at several places before the 2d July 1808, and originally obtained one licence for all such places; in which case only, they will be again included in one licence.

That every licence must specify the names and places of abode of the persons to be licensed, and the name of the place or places where, and the name of the bank, firm, or title, under which the notes are to be issued; and licences to persons in partnership must specify the names, and places of abode, of all the persons concerned in the partnership, whether all their names appear in the notes or not; and in default thereof the licences will be void. With these particulars, a specimen of the notes must also be left at this Office, by persons applying for such licences.

That a penalty of £100 for every offence, is imposed on the issuing of promissory notes, of the description aforesaid, without a licence, or at any other place, or under any other firm or title, than is specified in the licence; and a penalty of £50 for every offence, is imposed on the issuing of promissory notes, of any description, or bills of exchange, not duly stamped, and on the re-issuing of promissory notes, not allowed to be re-issued, as well as on the re-issuing of notes, allowed to be re-issued, after the period fixed for that purpose, viz. three years from the date thereof.

The Commissioners of Stamps having had occasion to prosecute several Country Bankers, this notice is given that all persons concerned may in future conform to the law, and avoid the penalties for which they will otherwise be prosecuted; and that persons, applying for licences, may come prepared with all the requisite particulars to be inserted therein, without which the licences cannot be filled up, so as to protect the parties against penalties.

By order of the Commissioners,
Wm. Kappen, Secretary.

Portsea Island and Farlington Water-Works.

Notice is hereby given, that application will be made to Parliament in the next session, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Company of