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*Admiralty-Office, December 12, 1826.*

A LETTER has been received from Commodore Bullen, Senior Officer of His Majesty's ships on the coast of Africa, addressed to John Wilson Croker, Esquire, and dated at Prince's Island, the 15th September last, in which he reports the capture of a slave vessel, under Brazilian colours, called the Prince of Guinea, by the Hope schooner, manned by a party of Officers and men from His Majesty's ship Maidstone, under the orders of Lieutenant William Tucker of that ship.

The Hope fell in with the Prince of Guinea on the 5th of August, shortly after she had sailed from Whydah with five hundred and seventy-eight slaves on board, and after a chase of twenty-eight hours the Hope came up with her on the 6th, and a severe action began between the two vessels.

The Hope was a schooner of one hundred and forty tons, armed with a long traversing twelve-pounder and four eighteen-pounder gower guns, and manned with thirty-two Officers and men, including eight native Africans.

The Prince of Guinea was a brig of two hundred and eighty American tons, recently built at Philadelphia, pierced for sixteen guns, but having only nine mounted; viz. a long traversing twenty-four-pounder, four long nine-pounders, two long six-pounders and two swivels, and manned with seventy-two men.

After upwards of two hours hard fighting, Lieutenant Tucker, having three out of his five guns disabled, from the heavy fire of the Prince of Guinea, resolved on boarding her, and the Lieutenant being prevented from leading the boarders by a very severe wound in his right foot, received at the commencement of the action (but notwithstanding which he continued throughout personally to fight the traversing gun), they were led, in the most gallant manner, by Mr. Robert Lamport Pengelly, Admiralty Mate of the Maidstone (who, in boarding, was wounded in the right side by a musket ball), and they succeeded in gaining a footing upon the vessel's decks, and, after a fight of several minutes, in getting possession of her, though not without considerable bloodshed.

The slave vessel had eleven seamen and two slaves killed, and fifteen seamen and twelve slaves

wounded, and one seaman and one slave were drowned in the boarding.

The Maidstone's party had none killed, and only three wounded, viz. Lieutenant Tucker severely, but not dangerously, Mr. Pengelly, the Mate, slightly, and William Newson, ordinary seaman, dangerously.

In making the report of this capture, Commodore Bullen passes the highest encomiums on the brave and gallant conduct of Lieutenant Tucker, Mr. Pengelly, and the men serving under the Lieutenant's orders in the Hope, and he notices the active exertions of Mr. George Williams, Assistant-Surgeon of the Maidstone, both during the action and afterwards, in his humane attendance on the wounded prisoners.

*War-Office, 11th December 1826.*

4th Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant Stratton Robert John Masham, from the 37th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Cuninghame, who exchanges. Dated 16th November 1826.

Bryan Burrell, Gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Vaughan, promoted. Dated 14th November 1826.

6th Ditto, Cornet Henry Richmond Jones to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Richards, promoted. Dated 14th November 1826.

Frederick Quayle Turner, Gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Jones. Dated 23d November 1826.

1st Regiment of Dragoons, Lieutenant Daniel Peplow Webb to be Captain, by purchase, vice Marten, promoted. Dated 12th December 1826.

9th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Captain James Alexander Lord Loughborough to be Major, by purchase, vice Richardson, promoted. Dated 12th December 1826.

Lieutenant Percy Burrell Williams to be Captain, by purchase, vice Lord Loughborough. Dated 12th December 1826.

Cornet Edward Spencer Trower to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Williams. Dated 12th December 1826.

11th Ditto, Lucius Henry French, Gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Pearson, promoted. Dated 16th November 1826.

17th Ditto, Major George Lord Bingham to be Lieut.