

Majesty. And those Ladies who are to be presented are hereby informed, it is absolutely necessary that their names, with the name of the Lady who is to present them, should be sent in to the Lord Chamberlain's-Office on Saturday the 25th or Monday the 27th instant, before three o'clock, in order that they may be submitted for the King's approbation, it being His Majesty's command, that no presentations at the Drawing-Room shall hereafter be made by the Lord in Waiting, but by the Lady whose name, with that of the Lady to be presented, shall appear on the card to be delivered as before directed, corresponding with the names sent in to the Lord Chamberlain's-Office.

No Lady can be received by His Majesty at the Drawing-Room, but in conformity with the above regulations.

The state apartments will not be open for the reception of company coming to Court, until half past one o'clock.

Admiralty-Office, April 16, 1829.

COMMODORE COLLIER has transmitted to the Right Honourable John Wilson Croker, a letter from Lieutenant Henry Downes, commanding the Black Joke, tender to His Majesty's ship Sybille, reporting that, on the 1st of February last, the Black Joke captured, on the Coast of Africa, after a long chase and a gallant action, a Spanish slave vessel, called the Almirante, with four hundred and sixty-six slaves on board.

The Black Joke carried two guns and fifty-five men; the Almirante, fourteen guns and eighty men; and Commodore Collier expresses in high terms his sense of the gallant and skilful conduct of Lieutenant Downes, and of the zeal and courage of the officers and men under his orders, in this successful action against a vessel of very superior force.

The Spanish vessel had fifteen killed, including her Captain and First and Second Mates; and thirteen wounded.

The following is a return of the loss on board the Black Joke:

Mr. T. P. Le Hardy, Admiralty Mate, wounded.
Mr. Richard Roberts, Mate (of His Majesty's ship Medina), wounded.
Thomas Barley, gunner's crew, wounded.
John Byatt, able seaman, wounded.
Jeremiah Johnson, able seaman, wounded, since dead.
James Allyett, able seaman, wounded, since dead.

War-Office, 16th April 1829.

MEMORANDUM.

The under-mentioned Officers upon half-pay have been allowed to retire from the Service, and their half-pay has been cancelled from the 17th April 1829, inclusive, on receiving a commuted allowance for their commissions:

Lieutenant John Dolbell, half-pay 4th Dragoons.

Ensign George Crawford, half-pay unattached.
Ensign Alexander Charles Baillie, half-pay 81st Foot.
Lieutenant William Wright, half-pay 2d Garrison Battalion.
Ensign John Green, half-pay 27th Foot.
Ensign Thomas Whitley, half-pay 81st Foot.
Ensign Charles Augustus Cooke, half-pay 90th Foot.
Lieutenant George Schindler Brown, half-pay unattached.
Second Lieutenant George Ogle King, Ensign half-pay unattached.
Ensign Robert Hancock, half-pay 30th Foot.
Ensign William Macbean, half-pay 89th Foot.
Lieutenant Robert Spence Knox, half-pay unattached.
Lieutenant James Maynard Goodiff, Cornet half-pay 18th Light Dragoons.
Lieutenant Thomas Radcliff, half-pay 27th Foot.
Lieutenant Thomas Robert Fletcher, half-pay 6th West India Regiment.
Lieutenant Alexander Clayhills, half-pay 67th Foot.
Ensign Robert Allatt, half-pay 26th Foot.
Ensign William Roberts, half-pay 5th Garrison Battalion.
Ensign William Hatch, half-pay Cape Regiment.

Commission in the 2d or Eastern Regiment of Norfolk Militia, signed by His Majesty's Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk.

Charles William Marsham, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Sharpe, promoted. Dated 27th March 1829.

Whitehall, April 10, 1829.

WHEREAS it hath been humbly represented unto the King, that, on the evening of Tuesday the 31st ultimo, the farm buildings of Mr. William Chalk, at Linton, in the county of Cambridge, were wilfully and maliciously set on fire and destroyed by some evil-disposed person or persons unknown;

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to justice the persons concerned in the felony before mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious pardon to any one of them (except the person who actually set fire to the said premises) who shall discover his accomplice or accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

ROBERT PEEL.

And, as a further encouragement, a reward of THREE HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered to any person (except as aforesaid) who shall discover the said offender or offenders, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted of the said offence.—Such reward to be paid on application to Mr. Good, of Saffron Walden, Treasurer to the Linton Association.

WHEREAS the Professorship of Chemistry, in the University of Dublin, will become vacant on the 16th day of May next, by the ex-