

PROMOTIONS.
From the LONDON GAZETTE, May 15.
War-Office, May 19, 1798.

First Regiment of Dragoons, Alexander Bruce Donnellson, gent., to be colonel, by purchase, vice Vernon, promoted.
14th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Cornet William Cooper, from the 25th Light Dragoons, to be cornet, vice Armstrong, who exchanges.
18th ditto, Captain Henry Yonson, from the 60th foot, to be captain, by purchase, vice Preston, promoted in the 13th Light Dragoons.
20th ditto, Ensign Clement Briggs, from the 56th foot, to be cornet, by purchase, vice Walton, removed to the 4th Dragoons.
21st ditto, Major William Lytton Kaye to be lieutenant-colonel. Captain William Mayne, from the Queen's Rangers, to be major, vice Kaye.
25th ditto, Cornet Thomas Armstrong, from the 14th Light Dragoons, to be cornet, vice Cooper, who exchanges.
Regiment of Foot Guards, The Hon. Thomas William Coventry to be ensign, by purchase, vice Lord Blansy, promoted in the 31st foot.
7th Regiment of Foot, Right Hon. William Earl of Mansfield to be lieutenant, by purchase, vice Haliburton, promoted.
21st ditto, Ensign Robert Fulton from the 20th foot, to be lieutenant.
35th ditto, William Hedley, gent. to be ensign, by purchase, vice Campbell, promoted.
46th ditto, Walter McGibbon, gent. to be ensign, by purchase, vice Campbell, promoted.
57th ditto, Ensign Francis Shanley, from the 60th foot, to be lieutenant, by purchase, vice Ross, who retires.
60th ditto, Ensign John Farquar to be lieutenant. Charles Hawke, gent. to be ensign.
62nd ditto, James Agnew, gent. to be ensign.
66th ditto, James Baird, gent. to be ensign.
71st ditto, Lieutenant Francis Grant, from Colonel French's Corps, vice Grant, removed to the 75th foot.
75th ditto, Lieutenant Thomas Grant, from the 71st foot, to be lieutenant, vice Kemble, who retires on the half-pay of Colonel French's corps.
78th ditto, Robert Northcote, gent. to be ensign.
79th ditto, Quarter Master Sergeant John M'Arthur to be ensign.
81st ditto, Henry Sullivan, gent. to be ensign.
82d ditto, Ensign James Campbell, from the 87th foot, to be lieutenant, by purchase, vice Macken, who retires.
83d ditto, Captain Robert William Ostry, to be major, by purchase, vice Gordon, who retires.
Royal Garrison Battalion.
Ensign Thomas Cole, from the Independents, to be ensign, vice Chayne, who retires on the half-pay of the Independents.
ad West India Regiment.
Thomas Christie, gent. to be ensign, by purchase, vice Stokes, promoted in the 43d foot.
6th Regiment of Irish Brigade.
Captain-Lieutenant Patrick Jennings to be captain, vice O'Kennedy, deceased. Lieutenant Eugene Devlin to be captain-lieutenant, vice Jennings.
INVALIDS.
Quarter Master William White, from the late Corps of Waggoners, to be ensign in Major Gordon's Independent Company of Invalids at Alderney, removed to Guernsey.
Berwickshire Fencible Cavalry.
J. T. H. Hopper, gent. to be cornet.
Essex Fencible Cavalry.
Cuthbert Sharp, gent. to be cornet.
Royal Grenadier Volunteers.
Lieutenant—Cockran, from the Royal Lancashire Militia, to be lieutenant and adjutant, vice Hanby, who resigns.
Northern Regiment of Fencibles.
James Bluff, gent. to be ensign, vice Allan Cameron, who resigns.
Thomas Bennett, gent. to be ensign, vice Gordon, who resigns.
Baldern Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.
Ralph Boardman, gent. to be ensign.
West Essex Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.
Cornet John Hopkins to be lieutenant, vice the Hon. George Perce, deceased. Thomas Rutherford Aday, gent. to be cornet, vice Hopkins.
Hertsfordshire Gentlemen and Yeomanry.
Sir John Sanders Schricht, bart. to be captain. John Rooper, gent. to be lieutenant. Thomas Dorris, gent. to be cornet.
Norhamptonshire Gentlemen and Yeomanry.
Cornet Thomas Squire to be lieutenant, vice Henfon, who resigns. Henry Chiles, gent. to be cornet.
First Corps of Shropshire Gentlemen and Yeomanry.
Cornet William Clummett, gent. to be captain.
Richard Emery to be lieutenant, vice Eyton, promoted.
William Edwards, gent. to be cornet, vice Emery. Lieutenant—Lytton to be captain of a troop. William Biscoe, gent. to be lieutenant. John Pigott, gent. to be cornet.
Second Corps of Shropshire Gentlemen and Yeomanry.
The Hon. William Hill to be captain of a troop. William Hemmer, gent. to be lieutenant. John Potts, gent. to be cornet.
West Middlesex Light Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.
Richard Foquet, jun. eq; to be captain. James Cole, gent. to be lieutenant. John Abbin, gent. to be ensign.
Essex Militia.
Samuel Warren, gent. to be ensign, vice Black, promoted.
Newport (Isle of Wight) Volunteers.
James Barlow, eq; to be captain. Henry Blake, gent. to be lieutenant. James Blake, gent. to be ensign.
Thames Volunteers.
William Henderson, gent. to be lieutenant, vice Davidson, who resigns.
Abingdon Volunteer Infantry.
Samuel Selwood, eq; to be captain. William Tomkins, jun. gent. to be lieutenant. Thomas Nash, gent. to be ensign.
Essex Militia.
John White, eq; to be captain. John Saunders, gent. to be lieutenant. William Dams, gent. to be ensign.
Cheshire Volunteers.
James Harrison, jun. eq; to be captain. Edward Dale, gent. to be lieutenant. Henry Harrison, gent. to be ensign.
Leicestershire Volunteers.
John Fortier, eq; to be lieutenant-colonel commandant. Mayow Wynell Mayow, eq; to be major.
To be Captains of Companies—Abraham Constable, eq; John Ruffell, eq; John Trimbey, eq; John Pasfall Larlins, eq;.
To be Captain-Lieutenants—Methusalem Davies, eq; James Bewidge, gent.
To be Ensigns—Andrew Burnside, gent. Thomas Watson Barker, gent. John Willmot, gent. Hutchison Hotherhall Brown, gent. Thomas Litter, gent. James Kerr, gent.
To be Adjutants—Thomas Latham, gent.
To be Quarter Masters—James Hasley, gent.
To be Sergeants—Methusalem Davies, eq;.
Manfield Volunteers.
Jeffery Brock, eq; to be captain. George Wragg, gent. to be lieutenant.
Benjamin Barstow, gent. to be ensign.
Newark Volunteers.
Captain Samuel Oliver to be major commandant. Lieutenant Richard Marshall to be captain.
Cheshire Militia.
Sir Digby Mackworth, bart. to be lieutenant-colonel. Christopher Pegge, M. D. to be major.
To be Captains of Companies—John Parfon, eq; James Cooke, eq;.
To be Lieutenants—John Ireland, gent. William Polker, gent. John Lock, gent. John Bygote, gent.
To be Ensigns—Henry Paffins, gent. Richard Cox, gent. Edward Hutchings, gent. William Haswell, gent.
To be Adjutant—John Bygote, gent.
Stanford Abbe Volunteers.
Nicholson Calvert, eq; to be captain. Thomas Blackmore, gent. to be lieutenant. William Booth, gent. to be ensign.
Ryde Volunteers.
John Cooper, eq; to be captain. William Atkey, gent. to be lieutenant. Richard Waville, gent. to be ensign.

IRELAND.

Dublin, May 15. To-morrow the adjourned meeting of the Militaries will take place, to consider the necessity of proclaiming the metropolis—but as it has never been in a more quiet state, and as it is immediately under the eye of a vigilant Government, which can scarcely derive any new powers under a proclamation, the general supposition is, that the Magistracy will not determine on a measure which might be productive of panic and alarm, if the necessity of doing be not very imperious indeed.

The Camp of Lehaunstown is now converted into a barrack, and under the direction of the Barrack Board. The English Artillery have been ordered on the route from Lehaunstown to Camp. The nightly guards of the Yeomanry are still continued.

Before the latter end of this month, encampments will take place generally throughout the kingdom, and depôts of ammunition, stores, &c. will be established. To each camp will be attached a train of artillery, and the number of troops encamped will not be less, it is supposed, than 100,000 men, to be disposed and divided, as to be able to form a junction, if necessary, with the utmost promptitude.

In the Irish House of Commons on Tuesday, Dr. Duigenan presented a petition from the printer of a London Newspaper, called The Sun, to solicit the prosecution of whom an address was some time since voted to his Majesty by the House, which was ordered to lie on the table.

On Saturday last Thomas Query, book-binder, of Belfast, was committed to Carrickfergus Gaol, by Major-General Barber, charging him with wearing a soldier from his allegiance, advising him to desert, providing him with clothing, and means to effect the same.

Saturday evening persons were apprehended in Carrickfergus and neighbourhood, and sent on board the tender, concealed arms having been found in their possession.

LONDON.

HOUSE OF LORDS. Monday, May 21.
Received the report of the Committee on the Militia Office Bill.—Ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow, and the House to be summoned.
The other regular business being done, the House was adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. Monday, May 21.
A message from the Lords informed the House, that their Lordships had agreed to the Bill for refusing 500,000l. to the Commissioners for liquidating the National Debt, and also to several private Bills.

FINANCE.
The order of the day was for taking into consideration the report of the Committee of Finance.—This report stated that three of the Prothonotaries of the Common Pleas, and some of the Assistant Curriers of the Court of Chancery, had refused to give in a list of their fees to the Committee.

Mr. Abbot observed, that this was a circumstance which called on the House for its most serious consideration. The Committee had not come to any resolution, but waited the instruction of the House. He moved, that the report be taken into consideration to-morrow.—Ordered.

TAX ON CONVAYS.
Mr. Hobart brought the report of the Committee of Ways and Means on this subject.

Sir F. Baring said, that there was no advantage which the Minister could suggest as desirable from his measure, which would compensate for the severe restrictions which it went to impose on the trade of this country. He thought it much more advisable to leave the trade of the country as it stood at present, abandoning the proposed taxes on imports and exports.

Mr. Pitt expressed his regret that he was not able to attend his duty in Parliament when this measure was first introduced. The Honourable Baronet was undoubtedly very conversant in matters of trade, but it happened, that on this occasion he differed in opinion from every commercial man with whom he (Mr. Pitt) had conversed. The subject had not been for some months before the country, and though there was some difference as to the detail, yet the measure, broadly considered, had given much satisfaction. He was persuaded that would diminish the rate, it not do away the amount of the insurance, in a variety of instances. It was highly gratifying to observe, that even under the present circumstances, our trade was every day extending; it could therefore be no hardship to call on the merchant to pay for this protection under which, and in despite of the war, our trade continued to flourish. In his opinion, the burden would not fall on the merchant, the manufacturer or trader of this country, but ultimately on the foreign consumer; it was, therefore, a relief which, in his opinion, ought to be looked to with the utmost satisfaction.

After a few words from Mr. Buxton, leave was given to bring in a Bill, founded on the report.
The Bill for the better regulation of the port of London was ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

SHIP-OWNERS BILL.
Mr. Alderman Lushington moved the further consideration of the report of this Bill.

Sir W. Dolben wished that the House would give a precedence to the consideration of the Slave Carrying Bill. If the latter was further delayed, there was some danger, that, in this late period of the Session, the Bill might be lost.

Mr. Wilberforce coincided in this opinion.
Mr. Lushington admitted the importance of the Bill to which allusion had been made; but it was in the moment to one which involved the whole trade of the empire.

A division took place on Mr. Lushington's motion, Ayes, 41 | Noes, 23.

A long conversation ensued on what is called the responsibility clause. Mr. Lushington, Mr. Bragge, the Master of the Rolls, Lord Hawkebury, Mr. Percival, Mr. H. Browne, and several others spoke.
Mr. Buxton moved as an amendment, that the operation of this clause should not be retrospective. On this a division took place.

Ayes, 24 | Noes, 19 | Majority, 5.

After the above division, several others occurred on the various clauses of the Bill, when strangers were ordered to withdraw. At length the clause attaching "responsibility" in certain cases, and that requiring on the part of the owners "proof of neglect," were both withdrawn, and the Bill was ordered to be read a third time.

SLAVE CARRYING BILL.

On the motion for considering this Bill being read, *Colonel Parke* suggested it as his opinion that there were not 40 Members present, on which the House was counted; but 41 appearing, they proceeded to hear *Mr. Leno*, as counsel against the said Bill, and he entered into arguments to that effect; but *Colonel Castles* observing that gentlemen were departing fast, and came entirely defeated by the council was employed by the majority, moved, that the House be counted out, when only 33 appearing, the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 24.

From the LONDON GAZETTE, May 22.

Admiralty-Office, May 22.

CAPTAIN WINTHROP, of his Majesty's ship *Circus*, arrived here this day with a dispatch from Captain Home Riggs Popham, of his Majesty's ship Expedition, to Evan Nepean, esq. secretary of the Admiralty, of which the following is a copy.

His Majesty's Ship Expedition, Offend Roads, May 20, 1798.

I beg you will do me the honour to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that I proceeded to sea the 14th, with the ships and vessels named in the command of Major-General Coote, for the purpose of blowing up the bafon gates and sluices of the Broges canal, and destroying the internal navigation between Holland, Flanders, and France. On the 18th, P. M. I spoke the *Fairy*, when Captain Horton told me he had taken a cutter from Flushing to Offend, and he understood from the people on board, that the transport *Chryseis* fitting at Flushing were to go round immediately if it was impossible that any information could be obtained; and that the troops forming this enterprise, and the energy and exertion of the officers and seamen under my command, yet it convinced Major-General Coote and myself that it was of the greatest importance not to lose any time, but to attempt, even under an increased degree of risk, an object of such magnitude as the one in question; and as the weather appeared more favourable than it had been, I made the signal for Captain Bazely, in the *Hary*, to go a-head, with the vessels appointed to be as beacons N. W. of the town of Offend, and for Captain Braddy, in the *Ariadne*, to keep between the Expedition and *Hary*, that we might approach as near the coast as possible, without the chance of being discovered from the shore.

At one A. M. we anchored; soon afterwards the wind shifted to the west, and threatened so much to blow, that the General and myself were deliberating whether it would not be better to go to sea and wait a more favourable opportunity, when a boat from the Vigilant brought a vessel along-side, which she had cut out from under the light-house, battery, and the information obtained from the persons who were on board her, under separate examination, convinced us of the small force at Offend, Newport, and Broges, that Major-General Coote begged he might be landed to accomplish the great object of destroying the canal, even if the Surf should prevent his retreat being so successful as he could wish. I of course acceded to his spirited proposals, and ordered the troops to be landed as fast as possible, without waiting for the regular order of debarkation. Many of the troops were on shore before we were discovered, and it was not till a quarter past four that the batteries opened on the ships, which instantly returned in a most spirited manner. Captain Mortlock, of the *Wolverine*, Lieutenant Edmonds, of the *Asp*, and Lieutenant Norman, of the *Biter*. The Hecla and Tartarus bombs very soon opened their mortars and threw their shells with great quickness and precision. The town was on fire several times, and much damage was done to the ships in the bafon. By five o'clock all the troops ordered to land, except those from the *Minerva*, were on shore with their Artillery, Mines, wooden towers, tools and gunpowder; and before six o'clock the *Wolverine*, *Asp*, and *Biter*, Lieutenant Edmonds, of the *Asp*, and Lieutenant Norman, of the *Biter*. The Hecla and Tartarus bombs very soon opened their mortars and threw their shells with great quickness and precision. 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