

*Whitehall, January 10, 1800.*

The King has been pleased to grant unto Boyd Darby, of Castle-Court, Budge-Row, in the City of London, Merchant, and his Issue, His Royal Licence and Authority to assume and take the Surname of Miller only, pursuant to the Desire of his late maternal Grandmother: and also to order that His Majesty's Concession and Declaration be recorded in his College of Arms.

*Westminster, January 8, 1800.*

The Lord Chancellor has appointed John Higson, of Manchester, in the County-Palatine of Lancaster, Gentleman, to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

*Admiralty-Office, January 11, 1800.*

*Extract of a Letter from Mr. Robert Hoffer, Commander of the Private Schooner of War the Revenge, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Viana, the 16th December 1799.*

I Have the Honor to acquaint you, for the Information of their Lordships, that on the 4th Instant, at Five A. M. in Vigo-Bay, I was attacked by Four Spanish Privateers, Two Schooners, a Brig, and a Lugger, mounting from Four to Fourteen Guns. The Wind being Southerly, I kept up a running Fight till I got clear of the Islands to the Northward, which lasted about Fifteen Minutes, when one of the Schooners having lost her Mainmast, gave up the Chace, and the other Three immediately hauled their Wind; having suffered very much in our Rigging and Sails, it was not in my Power to chace them to Windward, I therefore made sail to the N. W. At Two P. M. saw a Schooner to the Westward, gave Chace; at Three got close alongside, saw she had Spanish Colours flying, desired them to strike; on making no Answer gave them our Broadside, which they returned, and a smart Fire was kept up on both Sides about an Hour, when she blew up close alongside. Our Boat being very much shattered, it was some Time before I could get her ready to hoist out, and I am sorry to say I was enabled to save but Eight of the Crew, who informed me she was the new Privateer Brilliant, Ramo de Castillo, Master, of Eight Guns, Six and Twelve-Pounders; had, when she began the Action, Sixty-three Men; had failed from Pontevedra that Morning on a Cruise off Oporto, which I am happy in having prevented, as there are at this Time Fifty Sail of Vessels off that Bar, who cannot get in, owing to the Badness of the Weather.

*Admiralty-Office, January 11, 1800.*

*Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Keith, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Queen Charlotte, at Gibraltar, December 22, 1799.*

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I N justice to the intrepid Behaviour of Lieutenant Bainbridge, I cannot resist reporting, for their Lordships' Information, that last Evening an English Cutter (the Lady Nelson,) was seen off Cabreta Point, surrounded by French Privateers and Gun-

Vessels all firing; I ordered the Boats from the Queen Charlotte and Emerald to row towards the Enemy; in Hopes it might encourage the Cutter to resist until she could get under our Guns, but she was boarded and taken in Tow by Two of the French Privateers, in which Situation Lieutenant Bainbridge in the Queen Charlotte's Barge, with Sixteen Men, run alongside the Cutter, and after a sharp Conflict, carried her, taking Seven French Officers and Twenty-seven Men Prisoners; Six or Seven more were killed or knocked overboard in the Scuffle: the Privateers cut the Tow-Ropes, and made off close under the Guns of Algaziras, pursued and attacked by Lord Cochrane in the Queen Charlotte's Cutter, which had by this Time got up. Had not the Darkness of the Night prevented the Boats acting in Concert, all the Privateers would have been taken. Lieutenant Bainbridge is severely wounded on the Head by a Stroke from a Sabre, and slighty in other Places, but I trust he is not in Danger.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

KEITH.

*War-Office, January 11, 1800.*

*Royal Regiment of Horse Guards, Major William Paul Cerjat to be Lieutenant-Colonel, without Purchase.*

Brevet Major John Dorien to be Major, vice Cerjat. Captain Henry Ware to be Major, without Purchase.

Captain-Lieutenant John Law to be Captain of a Troop, vice Ware.

Lieutenant John Elley to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Law.

Cornet William George Cherry to be Lieutenant, vice Elley.

B A R R A C K S.

Thomas Frazer, Gent. to be Barrack-Master at Fort George, vice Maclean, supereded.

M E M O R A N D U M.

The Appointment of Major James Wilkes, of the Royal Artillery, to be Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army, as stated in the Gazette of the 4th Instant, has not taken place.

*Ordnance-Office, January 5, 1800.*

*Royal Regiment of Artillery.*

Gentleman Cadet Alexander Mercer to be Second Lieutenant, vice T. A. Brandreth, promoted. Dated December 20, 1799.

Gentleman Cadet George Harben to be Second Lieutenant, vice P. Armstrong, promoted. Dated as above.

Gentleman Cadet James Llofd to be Second Lieutenant, by Augmentation. Dated as above.

Gentleman Cadet Henry Clintou Martin to be Second Lieutenant, by Augmentation. Dated as above.

Gentleman Cadet Nicholas H. Nicholas to be Second Lieutenant, by Augmentation. Dated as above.

Gentleman Cadet George Nutt to be Second Lieutenant, by Augmentation. Dated as above.