

A NAVAL
BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY:

COMPRISING
THE LIFE AND SERVICES OF
EVERY LIVING OFFICER IN HER MAJESTY'S NAVY,
FROM THE RANK OF
ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET TO THAT OF LIEUTENANT,
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thrown overboard. While in the same ship, Mr. Dougal had the misfortune to lose the sight of his right eye, in consequence of a marine firing a musket across his face, while he was in the act of saving a drunken man from falling overboard. For this injury, however, he was never able to procure a pension. The THESEUS being put out of commission in Sept. 1805, he next, for short periods, joined the POWERFUL 74, Capt. Robt. Plampin, SALVADOR DEL MUNDO 110, Capt. John Loring, and SAMSON and DIADEM 64's, flag-ships of Rear-Admiral Chas. Stirling. After witnessing, in the latter vessel, the fall of Monte Video, Mr. Dougal, as Acting-Lieutenant, assumed command, 22 April, 1807, of the DOLORES schooner of 8 guns, in the Rio de la Plata, where he very gallantly repelled, 2 June following, a simultaneous night-attack made upon that vessel by two Spanish vessels of 6 and 8 guns each. He subsequently assisted in battering the sea-defences of Buenos Ayres, at the time of its unfortunate investment by Lieut.-General White-locke. On eventually returning home in the AFRICA 64, Capt. Henry Wm. Bayntun, he obtained a commission dated 9 June, 1808; a few days after which he joined the SERPEN 16, Capts. Jas. Gifford and John Sanderson Gibson, under whom we find him frequently skirmishing with the Baltic gun-boats. His next appointments were—6 April, 1810, as First-Lieutenant, to the APÉLLES 14, Capts. Thos. Oliver and Fred. Hoffman—and, 15 Jan. 1813, to the ESPÉGLE 18, Capt. John Taylor, on the Home and West India stations. The former vessel, on 3 May, 1812, ran on shore near Boulogne, and fell into the hands of the French; but Lieut. Dougal (who was wounded in the left arm by a grape-shot) contrived, with several others, to effect a timely flight in the boats. He left the ESPÉGLE 19 March, 1814; and, since his promotion to the rank of Commander, 13 June, 1815, has been on half-pay.

DOUGLAS. (LIEUTENANT, 1846.)

ARCHIBALD HENRY DOUGLAS passed his examination 5 Oct. 1840. We subsequently find him employed, as Mate, on the Mediterranean and Home stations, of the INDUS 78, Capt. Sir Jas. Stirling, FORMIDABLE 84, Capts. Sir Chas. Sullivan and Geo. Fred. Rich (flag-ship for some time of Sir Edw. W. C. R. Owen), ALBAN steam-vessel, Lieut.-Commander Fred. Lowe, and SUPERB 80, Capt. Armar Lowry Corry. He obtained his commission 10 March, 1846; and, since the 20th of the same month, has been attached to the CHILDERS 12, and SNAKE 16, Capts. John Chas. Pitman and Thos. Bourmaster Brown, on the East India and Cape of Good Hope stations.

DOUGLAS. (COMMANDER, 1829.)

THE HONOURABLE ARTHUR JAMES DOUGLAS, born 12 Jan. 1802, is fourth son of the late Hon. John Douglas, by Lady Frances Lascelles, eldest daughter of Edward, Earl of Harewood; brother of the present Earl of Morton, and of Lieut.-Col. Hon. E. G. Douglas Pennant, M.P. for Carnarvonshire; brother-in-law of the Earl of Aberdeen, and of Lieut.-Gen. the late Hon. Sir Wm. Stewart, G.C.B.; and uncle of the Marquess of Abercorn, of Lieut. Hon. Geo. Henry Douglas, R.N., and of Lieut. Wm. Grant Douglas, R.N.

This officer entered the Navy 24 Feb. 1816; passed his examination in 1822; obtained his first commission 28 Feb. 1825; and was afterwards appointed—4 March, 1825, to the TARTAR 42, Capt. Thos. Brown, on the South American station—and, 20 Nov. 1829, to the BRITON 46, Capts. Geo. Fras. Seymour and Hon. Wm. Gordon, employed on particular service. Since his last promotion, which took place 20 Nov. 1829, Commander Douglas has not been afloat. AGENTS—Messrs. Stilwell.

DOUGLAS. (COMMANDER, 1844.)

CHARLES HENRY DOUGLAS entered the Navy 9 April, 1827; passed his examination in 1835; obtained his first commission 9 May, 1839; was after-

wards appointed, 3 Jan. 1840, and 11 March, 1841, to the BLENHEIM 72, and DRUID 44, Capts. Thos. Maitland and Henry Smith, on the East India station; and was advanced to the rank he now holds 10 July, 1844. He has since been on half-pay. AGENTS—Messrs. Stilwell.

DOUGLAS. (LIEUTENANT, 1846.)

COLIN DOUGLAS passed his examination 4 July, 1838; was appointed Mate, in 1843, of the LARNE 18, Capt. John Wm. Douglas Brisbane, off the coast of Africa; removed, in 1845, to the TORROISE store-ship, Capt. Arthur Morrell, at Ascension; was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant 15 Jan. 1846; joined, 4 March following, the WANDERER 12, Capt. Philip Hodge Somerville, fitting at Portsmouth; and from 23 April, until Aug. in the same year, was employed in the East Indies on board the CHILDERS 12, Capt. John Chas. Pitman. He has since been on half-pay.

DOUGLAS. (LIEUTENANT, 1844.)

THE HONOURABLE GEORGE HENRY DOUGLAS, born 5 Oct. 1821, is second son of the Earl of Morton, by Frances Theodora, eldest daughter of the Right Hon. Sir Geo. Henry Rose, G.C.B.; brother-in-law of Viscount Milton; and nephew of Commander Hon. Arthur Jas. Douglas, R.N.

This officer was officially noticed for his services on the coast of Syria, when Midshipman of the CARYSFORT 26, Capt. Henry Byam Martin.* He passed his examination 29 July, 1841; served afterwards in the East Indies on board the THALIA 42, Capt. Chas. Hope, and WANDERER 16, Capt. Geo. Henry Seymour; and, on 22 Oct. 1844, was promoted to his present rank, while in the VICTORIA AND ALBERT yacht, Capt. Lord Adolphus Fitz-Clarence. His appointments have since been—16 Nov. 1844, to the CALEDONIA 120, flag-ship at Devonport of Sir David Milne—and, 11 March, 1845, to the HIBERNIA 104, bearing the flag of Sir Wm. Parker, under whom he is now serving in the Mediterranean.

DOUGLAS. (LIEUT., 1815. F-P., 11; H-P., 31.)

HENRY DOUGLAS entered the Navy, in Oct. 1805, as Fst.-cl. Vol., on board the BELLEISLE 80, Capt. Wm. Hargood; with whom, after witnessing the destruction of the French 74-gun ship *L'Impétueux* off Cape Henry, 14 Sept. 1806, he removed, in 1807, as Midshipman, to the NORTHUMBERLAND 74. During the three following years, we find him successively employed on the West India and Mediterranean stations. He then joined the ASTREA, of 42 guns and 271 men, Capt. Chas. Marsh Schomberg; and on 20 May, 1811, contributed (while cruising off Madagascar in company with the PHEBE and GALATEA, frigates about equal in force to the ASTREA, and 18-gun brig RACEHORSE) to the capture—after a long and trying action with the French 40-gun frigates *Renommée*, *Clorinde*, and *Néréide*, in which the ASTREA had 2 men killed and 16 wounded—of the *Renommée*. On 25 of the same month, he was further present at the surrender of the *Néréide*, and of the settlement of Tamatave. From Oct. 1813, until May, 1814, he next served on the Guernsey station in the FYLLA 22, and VULTURE bomb, bearing each the flag of Rear-Admiral Wm. Hargood. Mr. Douglas, whose commission bears date 4 Feb. 1815, appears to have been further employed, from Sept. 1814 until Nov. 1816, on the Lakes of Canada, under the orders of Sir Jas. Lucas Yeo and Sir Edw. W. C. R. Owen. He has since been on half-pay. AGENTS—Hallett and Robinson.

DOUGLAS. (COMMANDER, 1845.)

HENRY JOHN DOUGLAS entered the Navy 27 Jan. 1833; and obtained his first commission 14 Feb. 1840. He was afterwards appointed—13 Oct. following, to the HASTINGS 72, Capt. John Lawrence—1 April, 1841, to the PRINCESS CHARLOTTE 104,

* Vide Gaz. 1840, p. 2607.

flag-ship of Sir Robt. Stopford—18 June, 1841, to the POWERFUL 84, Capt. Geo. Mansel—and, 9 Nov. 1841, to the FORMIDABLE 84, Capt. Sir Chas. Sullivan and Geo. Fred. Rich, flag-ship latterly of Sir Edw. W. C. R. Owen—all employed on the Mediterranean station. He attained his present rank 28 Feb. 1845; and since 29 June, 1846, has been in command of the PANTALOON 10, on the coast of Africa. AGENTS—Messrs. Ommanney.

DOUGLAS, formerly STODDART, M.P. (LIEUTENANT, 1815.)

JAMES DOUGLAS STODDART DOUGLAS was promoted to a Lieutenant in the DORIS 36, Capt. Robt. O'Brien, then on the East India station, 15 June, 1815.

He is a Lieutenant of Yeomanry Cavalry, and Representative in Parliament for Rochester. AGENTS—Messrs. Stilwell.

DOUGLAS. (LIEUTENANT, 1826.)

JOHN DOUGLAS entered the Navy 14 April, 1812; passed his examination in 1818; and obtained his commission 21 June, 1826. His appointments appear to have been—18 Sept. 1823, to the Coast Blockade, while in which service his name was successively borne on the books of the RAMILLIES and TALAVERA 74's, Capt. Hugh Pigot—15 April, 1831, to the Coast Guard—and 16 Dec. 1835, 24 Sept. 1836, and 5 Aug. 1841, to the command, on the Channel, South American, and Falmouth stations, of the SPEEDY cutter, COCKATRICE schooner, and SWIFT brig, the latter of which he left in Jan. 1847. Lieut. Douglas was awarded, 18 Dec. 1843, a pension for wounds of 12*l*.

DOUGLAS. (ADMIRAL OF THE RED, 1838.)

JOHN ERSKINE DOUGLAS is son of the late David Douglas, Esq., by Miss Thompson; grand-nephew of James, second Earl of Queensberry; and cousin of the present Marquess of Queensberry. His elder brother, William, a Colonel in the Army, died in May 1831.

This officer obtained his first commission 21 April, 1778; acquired the rank of Commander, in the TROMPEUSE sloop, 24 May, 1794; and was made Post 10 June, 1795. He then assumed command of the GARLAND 28, in which he served on the North Sea station, until his removal, in 1798, to the BOSTON 32. While in that vessel, on the American station, he appears to have captured and destroyed several of the enemy's ships, and to have blockaded for several months the *Semillante*, a French frigate of far superior force. After cruising for some time in the West Indies and off Halifax, Capt. Douglas, on his return home, in 1804, was appointed to the IMPETUEUX 80, attached to the Channel fleet. Exchanging, early in 1805, into the BELLONA 74, he subsequently assisted, off Cape Henry, at the destruction, 14 Sept. 1806, of the French 74-gun ship *L'Impétueux*—was intrusted with the command, during the summer of 1806, of a squadron stationed in the Chesapeake—served under Lord Gambier at the destruction of the French shipping in Aix Roads in April, 1809—and, on 18 Dec. 1810, captured, in the North Sea, *Le Héros du Nord* privateer, of 14 guns and 44 men. When in the PRINCE OF WALES 98, to which ship he was appointed in the spring of 1812, Capt. Douglas witnessed Sir Edw. Pellew's partial actions with the French fleet out of Toulon, 5 Nov. 1813, and 13 Feb. 1814. Being promoted to Flag-rank 4 June, 1814, he was next, from 1815 to 1818, employed as Commander-in-Chief at Jamaica. He has since been on half-pay. He became a Vice-Admiral 27 May, 1825, and a full Admiral 28 June, 1838.

He married, in 1818, Mrs. White, and has, with other issue, a daughter, Helen Catherine, who married, 21 Nov. 1843, Capt. Colin Mackenzie, Hon. E.I.C.S.

DOUGLAS. (CAPTAIN, 1811. F-P, 21; H-P, 29.)

PETER JOHN DOUGLAS was born 30 June, 1787. His father, Admiral Billy Douglas, who died in 1817, commanded the STATELY 64, at the reduction of the Cape of Good Hope, in 1795, and afterwards at the surrender of the Dutch squadron in Saldanha Bay, 17 Aug. 1796.

This officer entered the Navy, 17 Jan. 1797, as Fst.-cl. Vol., on board the AGAMEMNON 64, Capt. Robt. Devereux Fancourt; and during the next six years served, on the Channel, Cape of Good Hope, and North Sea stations, chiefly as Midshipman, in the FIRM 12, Capt. Patrick Campbell, SANDWICH 98, Capts. Billy Douglas and A. Guyott, THESEUS 74, Capt. John Bligh, ENDYMION 40, Capts. Philip Chas. Durham and Henry Garrett, CONCORDE 36, Capts. Robt. Barton and John Wood, JUPITER 54, Capt. Geo. Losack, and GALYKHEID and RUBY 64's, flag-ships of Rear-Admiral Edw. Thornbrough. In March, 1804, he was appointed Acting-Lieutenant of the BEAVER 18, Capt. Chas. Pelly; and for his conduct in proceeding up the river Elbe with the boats of that sloop, and capturing five vessels which had forced the blockade, he was confirmed, 11 June following, into the SURVEILLANTE 38, Capt. John Bligh, at Jamaica. On next joining the FRANCHISE 36, Capts. Hon. John Murray and Chas. Dashwood, we find him frequently landing at Curaçoa, where he received a lasting injury in the foot from the receding of a gun, while in the act of dragging it up a steep acclivity, 20 June, 1805. On 25 Oct. following Mr. Douglas commanded one of the ship's boats at the capture, on the north side of Jamaica, of *Le Général Ferrand* privateer, of 1 gun and 2 swivels; and, on the night of 6 Jan. 1806, he had charge of the barge, and elicited the highest approbation for his promptitude and gallantry, as second in command under Lieut. John Fleming, at the taking, in Campeachy Bay, of *El Raposa* Spanish corvette, carrying (besides swivels and co-horns) 12 guns and 75 men, which, after an obstinate conflict of 10 minutes' duration, and a loss to the enemy of 5 men killed and 26 wounded, was boarded and carried by the British, who, in three boats, with 64 men, of whom only 7 were wounded, had also to contend against a brig of 20 guns, a schooner of 8 guns, and seven gun-vessels.* Being among the wounded on the latter occasion, Mr. Douglas was presented by the Patriotic Society with a sword valued at 50 guineas. Prior to leaving the FRANCHISE he further served in the boats at the capture of *El Carmen* Spanish schooner, on being sent to cruise in which vessel he succeeded in making two prizes, and in driving an armed vessel on shore. When afterwards detached in the BRUTUS, a prize schooner of 1 gun and 30 men, he engaged, 1 July, 1806, and beat off, with a loss on his own side of 7 men wounded, two of the enemy's vessels (the larger mounting 5 guns, with a crew of 60 men) which had been sent from Curaçoa for the express purpose of re-capturing the BRUTUS. After serving for three months on board the LARK 18, Capt. Fred. Langford, Mr. Douglas was rewarded for his gallantry at the capture of *El Raposa* by being promoted to the acting-command, 9 Oct. 1806, of the SHARK 18, bearing the flag at Jamaica of Vice-Admiral Jas. Rich. Dacres. Previously, however, to the receipt of his Commander's commission, which bears date 17 Feb. 1807, he appears to have been again employed, from March to July in that year, as Lieutenant and Acting-Commander, in the FERRER 18, Capt. Hon. Geo. Cadogan. Assuming at length the official command, on 24 of the following Aug., of the REINDEER 18, Capt. Douglas had the good fortune to capture four privateers within as many months. He subsequently served under Capt. Chas. Dashwood at the capture, towards the close of 1808, of the town of Samana, St. Domingo—made prize, on his passage to England, of *La Mouche* French man-of-war schooner, 9 March, 1809—and co-operated with Commodore Owen's advanced division in the East Scheldt during the ensuing expedition to the

* Vide Gaz. 1806, p. 464.

Walcheren. Having returned to the West Indies, he was there promoted to the command, 26 Nov. 1811, of the POLYPHEMUS 64, which ship he brought home and paid off 16 Nov. 1812. From that period Capt. Douglas was unable to re-procure employment until 19 Jan. 1836, when he commissioned the MELVILLE 74, and hoisted the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Halkett, Commander-in-Chief in North America and the West Indies, on whose promotion to the rank of full Admiral he returned to England in Aug. 1837. On 30 March, 1838, he was next appointed Commodore of the second class on the Jamaica station, with his broad pendant in the MAGNIFICENT 74. In Nov. following he was nominated Commodore of the first class; and being sent in command of a large squadron to the Gulf of Mexico, for the purpose of mediating between the French and Mexican governments, had the fortune to effect an amicable adjustment of their differences, for which service he was rewarded with the approbation of the Admiralty. He afterwards, during the intervals occasioned by the premature deaths of Vice-Admirals Sir Chas. Paget and Sir Thos. Harvey, officiated, from 29 Jan. to 24 May, 1839, and from 28 May to 1 Oct. 1841, as Commander-in-Chief on the North America and West India station. In acknowledgment of his services Commodore Douglas—who also received an address from the merchants and a vote of thanks from the House of Assembly at Kingston, besides a letter in his favour to Lord Stanley from Sir Chas. Metcalfe, the Governor-in-Chief—was allowed to return to Spithead with his red pendant flying, which he ultimately hauled down on 7 Nov. 1841. He has not since been afloat.*

He married Lydia, eldest daughter of Vice-Admiral Sylvester Moriarty, by whom he has issue, with four daughters, two sons, of whom the eldest, William Manners Wellington, is a Commander R.N. His eldest daughter is wife of Capt. Wm. Campbell Onslow, Superintendent of Coorg, in the East Indies; his second, of Robt. Pollock, Esq., second son of the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer; and his third, of Alex. Henry Gordon, Esq., of the Indian Navy. AGENTS—Pettet and Newton.

DOUGLAS. (COMMANDER, 1814. F-P., 20; H-P., 33.)

PRINGLE HOME DOUGLAS was born 18 Sept. 1784. This officer entered the Navy, 7 Jan. 1794, as Fst.-cl. Vol., on board the AFRICA 64, Capt. Roddam Home, employed on the Halifax and Jamaica stations. In March, 1797, he became attached, with Capt. Home, as Midshipman, to the CESAR 80, flag-ship afterwards of Sir Jas. Saumarez, by whom, for his conduct as Master's Mate at the battle of Algeiras, 6 July, 1801, on which occasion he received a slight wound, he was promoted, on the night of the action, to a Lieutenantancy in the AUDACIOUS 74, Capt. Shulldham Peard. On next returning from Minorca, whither he had been immediately sent with despatches in a row-boat privateer, Mr. Douglas, then in the SIR THOMAS PASLEY hired brig, of 16 guns and 54 men, Lieut.-Commander Wm. Wooldrige, assisted, on 21 July, in beating off, after a close and severe contest of an hour and a quarter, a Spanish man-of-war xebec of 22 guns. We subsequently find him contributing to the capture, we believe, of the *Virgen del Rosario*, carrying 10 heavy guns and 94 men—a vessel that was boarded and carried, at the close of an animated action of an hour, and of a sanguinary hand-to-hand struggle of about 15 minutes, during which the British lost 3 men killed and 8 wounded, and the enemy 21 killed and 13 wounded. Mr. Douglas, whose appointment to the AUDACIOUS was confirmed by commission dated 9 Oct. 1801, afterwards served, during the whole of the late war (except from 13 April, 1805, to 8 Aug. 1806, when he appears to have been employed in the Mediterranean under Capt. Chas. Ogle of the UNITÉ 36), on board the MAJESTIC,

* Capt. Douglas's services in the West Indies extend over a period of more than 13 years and a half.

SATURN, and ROYAL OAK 74's, commanded on the Home station by Lord Amelius Beauclerk. While in the latter ship he officiated, in 1809, as Senior Lieutenant of the advanced division of gun-boats at Walcheren, and took part in much active boat service in Basque Roads and off L'Orient. After discharging the duties for 18 months of Flag-Lieutenant to Lord Amelius Beauclerk, who had been promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral, he was advanced, on that officer striking his flag, to the rank of Commander, 28 May, 1814. He has since been on half-pay.

He married, 20 March, 1817, Miss Salisbury, and has issue a son and two daughters.

DOUGLAS. (COMMANDER, 1823. F-P., 21; H-P., 27.)

RICHARD DOUGLAS entered the Navy, 14 Aug. 1799, as Fst.-cl. Vol., on board the ROYAL GEORGE 100, Capt. Wm. Domett, bearing the flag in the Channel of Lord Bridport, in which ship he continued until shortly after his attainment of the rating of Midshipman, 1 Oct. 1800. In July, 1803, he re-embarked on board the VILLE DE PARIS 110, Capt. Tristram Robt. Ricketts, flag-ship subsequently of Hon. Wm. Cornwallis; on removing from which to the ACHILLE 74, Capt. Rich. King, he appears to have been wounded at the battle of Trafalgar 21 Oct. 1805, and to have been with a squadron under Sir Sam. Hood at the capture of four French frigates off Rochefort, 25 Sept. 1806. In Jan. 1809, Mr. Douglas joined the NEPTUNE 98, bearing the flag in the West Indies of Sir Alex. Cochrane; after serving under whom at the reduction of Martinique, he was appointed, 15 March following, Acting-Lieutenant of the SURINAM brig, Capt. John Lake. He was next transferred, in a similar capacity, to the INTREPID 64, Capt. Geo. Andrews; and, being confirmed on 18 Sept. in the same year, was afterwards appointed, on the Home station—30 June, 1810, to the COQUETTE, Cpts. Robt. Forbes and Geo. Hewson—3 Dec. 1811, to the BELLONA 74, Cpts. John Erskine Douglas and Geo. M'Kinley—and 21 Nov. 1814, and 7 Dec. 1815, to the NAMUR and BULWARK 74's, flag-ships of Sir Chas. Rowley, in which he successively served until 21 Oct. 1817. His next appointments were—20 Nov. 1820, to the Coast Blockade, as Supernumerary-Lieutenant of the SEVERN 40, Capt. Wm. M'ulloch; and, 22 Jan. 1822, to the Coast Guard. Acquiring the rank he now holds 5 Sept. 1823, Commander Douglas, in 1831-2, again served in the Coast Guard, and from 26 Aug. 1840, until the autumn of 1843, commanded the POICTIERS 72, guard-ship at Chatham. He has not since been employed.

He married, 22 Sept. 1830, Jemima, daughter of Wm. Winchester, Esq., of Stoke, niece of Alderman Winchester, M.P., of Hawkhurst, and sister-in-law of Commander Wm. Walker, R.N., by whom he has issue.

DOUGLAS. (LIEUTENANT, 1845.)

STEPHEN FRANCIS DOUGLAS passed his examination 1 Sept. 1841; and served as Mate, on the East India and Mediterranean stations, in the BELLEISLE troop-ship, Capt. John Kingcome, and CORNWALLIS 72, and HIBERNIA 104, flag-ships of Sir Wm. Parker. He obtained his commission 30 Sept. 1845; and still serves in the HIBERNIA, in the capacity of Additional-Lieutenant.

DOUGLAS. (LIEUTENANT, 1846.)

WILLIAM GRANT DOUGLAS, born 25 Feb. 1824, is second son of the Hon. and Rev. Chas. Douglas, of Earlsgift, co. Tyrone (brother of the present Earl of Morton), by Isabella, daughter of Arthur, second Earl of Arran; and nephew of Commander Hon. Arthur Jas. Douglas, R.N.

This officer passed his examination 7 May, 1845; and until promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, 7 Oct. 1846, served at Portsmouth as Mate of the EXCELLENT gunnery-ship, Capt. Sir Thos. Hastings, and VICTORIA AND ALBERT steam-yacht, Capt.

Lord Adolphus FitzClarence. He has been employed, since 2 Nov. in the latter year, on board the GEYSER steam-sloop, Capt. Fras. Thos. Brown.

DOUGLAS. (COMMANDER, 1841. F-P., 14; H-P., 6.)

WILLIAM MANNERS WELLINGTON DOUGLAS, born 21 June, 1814, is eldest son of Capt. Peter John Douglas, R.N.

This officer entered the Royal Naval College in Aug. 1827; and embarked, 15 Aug. 1829, as Fst.-cl. Vol., on board the BRITON 46, Capt. Hon. Wm. Gordon, whom he ultimately accompanied to the West Indies. In May, 1830, he there removed to the BLANCHE 46, bearing the broad pendant of Sir Arthur Farquhar; from which ship he appears to have been subsequently lent, from Feb. 1832, to Jan. 1833, to the ARIADNE 28, Capt. Chas. Phillips. Towards the close of the latter year Mr. Douglas sailed for the Mediterranean in the THUNDERER 84, Capt. Wm. Furlong Wise. Having passed his examination 24 June, 1834, he next joined the TRINCULO 16, Cpts. Jas. Rich. Booth and Henry Joseph Puget, stationed off the coast of Africa; where, up the river Bonny, with the assistance of a prize-slaver under Mr. Fiddes, Master's Assistant, we find him, in Dec. 1835, very gallantly repelling, in a pinnace with only 10 hands, an attack made upon him by 13 large canoes full of armed men. He afterwards served in the West Indies on board the MELVILLE and CORNWALLIS 74's, bearing the flags in succession of Sir Peter Halkett and Sir Chas. Paget; of which latter ship he was confirmed a Lieutenant 30 Jan. 1839. His next appointments were—22 Oct. 1839, to the STAG 46, Commodore Thos. Ball Sullivan—and, 26 June and 10 Oct. 1841, to the WINCHESTER 52, and SERINGAPATAM 46, each bearing the broad pendant of his father. Since his last promotion, which took place 12 Nov. in the latter year, Commander Douglas has been on half-pay.

He married, 10 Jan. 1843, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Edw. Hawes, Esq., of Woodford, co. Essex. AGENTS—Pettet and Newton.

DOW. (LIEUTENANT, 1814. F-P., 14; H-P., 27.)

WILLIAM Dow, born 23 May, 1794, in the island of Antigua, is fourth son of Archibald Dow, Esq.

This officer entered the Navy, 28 July, 1806, as Sec.-cl. Vol., on board the ROYAL WILLIAM 100, Capt. Hon. Courtenay Boyle, bearing the flag at Spithead of Admiral Montagu. On 17 Dec. 1808, he became Midshipman of the CHRISTIAN VII. 80, Capt. Joseph Sydney Yorke, flag-ship afterwards of Sir Edw. Pellew, with whom he removed, in 1811, to the CALEDONIA 120. From Nov. 1812, to March, 1814, Mr. Dow was employed next in the UNDAUNTED 38, Cpts. Rich. Thomas and Thos. Ussher. He served, during that period, in the boats under Lieut. Aaron Tozer, at the storming and capture, 18 March, 1813, of a battery of 6 guns at Carri, near Marseilles—was at the taking, in open day, of two settees, within pistol-shot distance of a battery on Cape Croisette, on which occasion the boats sustained a severe loss—contributed, on 31 of the same month, to the gallant capture and destruction, by the boats of the UNDAUNTED, VOLONTAIRE, and REDWING, of two strong batteries and 14 sail of vessels, at Morjean—was further present, 2 May following, with the boats of the UNDAUNTED, VOLONTAIRE, and REPULSE, at the cutting-out of a well-protected convoy in the same harbour—and, besides figuring in other dashing affairs, again served in the boats on 9 Nov. and assisted in escalading a vigorously defended tower at Fort Nouvelle, where seven French vessels, lying under the protection of several batteries, were destroyed. For these services, Mr. Dow was appointed, 26 May, 1814, Acting-Lieutenant of the CASTOR 32, Capt. Chas. Dilkes, to which frigate he was confirmed 17 June following. Being paid off in Sept. 1815, after having visited the West Indies, and been employed the last eight months as First-Lieutenant, he subsequently joined, 14 Feb. 1825, in the latter capacity, the DORIS 42, Capt. Sir John

Gordon Sinclair, with whom he served on the South American station until 1829. His next appointment was to the command, 11 March, 1836, of the CARRON steam-vessel; in which, after conveying a body of marine artillery to join the force under Lord John Hay on the coast of Spain, he proceeded to the West Indies; whence in consequence of two severe attacks of yellow fever, which deprived him of the use of his limbs, he invalided home, in Oct. of the same year. He has not since been afloat.

Lieut. Dow married, 18 Jan. 1830, Caroline, third daughter of Sam. Enderby, Esq. of Croom's Hill, Blackheath, co. Kent, by whom he has issue four daughters. AGENTS—Messrs. Ommanney.

DOWDEN. (LIEUT., 1812. F-P., 13; H-P., 31.)

WILLIAM GIBBS DOWDEN entered the Navy, 30 Sept. 1803, as Fst.-cl. Vol., on board the REPULSE 74, Cpts. Hon. Arthur Kaye Legge and John Halliday, with whom he successively served, as Midshipman and Master's Mate, until Feb. 1811. The REPULSE, during that period, bore a part in Sir Robt. Calder's action, 22 July, 1805—was with Sir John Duckworth at the passage of the Dardanelles, in Feb. 1807—accompanied the expedition to the Walcheren, in Aug. 1809—and, on 30 Aug. 1810, most gallantly rescued the PHLOMEL sloop from capture, by interposing herself between that vessel and an advanced division of the Toulon fleet, which she compelled to put back. After a further attachment to the MONTAGU 74, Capt. John Halliday, and CALEDONIA 120, flag-ship of Sir Edw. Pellew, Mr. Dowden was promoted, 16 June, 1812, to a Lieutenancy in the CEPHALUS 18. Being next appointed, 27 Nov. 1813, to the EDINBURGH 74, Capt. Hon. Geo. Heneage Lawrence Dundas, he witnessed the unsuccessful attack on Leghorn, in Dec. of the same year, and was present, in March and April, 1814, at the surrender of the fortress of Santa Maria, with the enemy's other forts and defences in the Gulf of Spezia, and also of the town of Genoa. On 17 June, 1815, Mr. Dowden, who had been appointed, 24 Dec. 1814, to the PILOR 18, Capt. John Toup Nicolas, contributed to the defeat, near Cape Corse, of the French corvette *Légère*, of 28 guns, who made off at the close of a valiant conflict of two hours, in which the British vessel sustained a loss, besides being otherwise disabled, of 1 man killed and 15 wounded, and the Frenchman of 22 killed and 79 wounded. He has been on half-pay since 12 July, 1816. AGENTS—Hallett and Robinson.

DOWN. (REAR-ADMIRAL, 1846. F-P., 18; H-P., 36.)

EDWARD AUGUSTUS DOWN, born 16 Feb. 1777, is son of a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, who was Midshipman of the ROYAL CHARLOTTE yacht, Capt. Sir Peter Dennis, when that vessel brought the late Queen Charlotte to England in 1760.

This officer entered the Navy, 30 April, 1793, as Ordinary, on board the PRINCE 98, Capt. Cuthbert Collingwood, flag-ship of Rear-Admiral Geo. Bower; on accompanying whom, as Midshipman, into the BARFLEUR 98, he served in Lord Howe's actions of 29 May and 1 June, 1794. He afterwards successively followed Capt. Collingwood into the HECTOR and EXCELLENT 74's; and in the latter ship was wounded while participating, as Master's Mate, in the victory gained by Sir John Jervis over the Spanish fleet, 14 Feb. 1797.* After serving for a short time with Lord St. Vincent, in the VILLE DE PARIS 110, Mr. Down was promoted to a Lieutenancy, 26 Dec. 1798, in the SANTA DOROTHEA 36, Capt. Hugh Downman; from which ship we find him transferred, in April, 1799, to the VINCEJO 18, Cpts. Geo. Long, Robt. Yarker, Geo. Chas. Mackenzie, and Jas. Prevost; under the first of whom, while at the blockade of Malta, he witnessed, among other captures, that of *Le Guillaume Tell* of 84 guns, 31 March, 1800. From 6 Dec. 1803, to May, 1804, he next, in the UTRECHT 64, officiated

* Vide Gaz. 1797, p. 2:2.