A Naval Biographical Dictionary — Warden, William

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WARDEN. (RETIRED COMMANDER, 1837.)

WILLIAM WARDEN entered the Navy, in Oct. 1779, as Midshipman, on board the Wells cutter, Lieut.-Commander Jas. Warden, stationed in the Downs. In Sept. 1780 he removed to the Belliqueux 64, Capts. Fitzherbert, Brine, Lord Cranstoun, and Sutherland: under the last-mentioned of whom he fought in Rodney's action 12 April, 1782. During his passage home in the course of the same year with Capt. J. Bourchier, in the Hector 74, one of the prizes taken on the latter occasion, he encountered a furious hurricane, in which the ship foundered, barely affording time for her crew to be rescued by a letter-of-margue in company. He served subsequently in the Princess Royal 98, Capt. Jonathan Faulknor, HECTOR, Capt. Sir John Hamilton, Saldanha cutter, and Melpomène 38, Capt. Sir Chas. Hamilton; and on 22 Feb. 1796 he was made Lieutenant into the Adamant 50, Capt. Darby. In that ship, the Defence 74, Capt. Wells, and San Ysidora, Capt. Williams, he was for about two years stationed oif Lisbon. Unable afterwards to go afloat, he was allowed to command a Signal-post on the coasts of Essex and Sussex. He was placed on the Junior list of Retired Commanders 26 Nov. 1830; and on the Senior 30 March, 1837.

Commander Warden is married and has issue.

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