

Post before the Boats could get on Shore, although they rowed with all the Force and Animation which characterizes English Seamen in the Face of an Enemy. No Language of mine can express the Merit of Captain Faulknor upon this Occasion; but as every Officer and Man in the Army and Squadron bears Testimony to it, this incomparable Action cannot fail of being recorded in the Page of History. The Grenadiers and Light Infantry made good Use of their Field Pieces and Musquets, and, soon after the Surrender of the Fort, took Possession of the Town, by the Bridge over the Canal at the Back of it, while a strong Detachment from the Naval Battalions at Point Negro, under the Command of Captains Rogers, Scott, and Bayntun, in Flat Boats, Barges, and Pinnaces, approached the Beach in Front. M<sup>or</sup>. Rochambeau did not lose a Moment in requesting that Commissioners might be appointed to consider of Terms of Surrender; and the General and I named Commodore Thompson, Colonel Symes and Captain Conyngham, to meet Three Persons named by him at Dillon's Plantation, at Nine o'Clock on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and on the 22<sup>d</sup> the Terms were concluded. The rapid Success of His Majesty's Arms has been produced by the high Courage and Perseverance of his Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, in the most difficult and toilsome Labours, which nothing short of the perfect Unanimity and Affection between them and their Chiefs could have surmounted.

Commodore Thompson conducted the Enterprize on the Side of La Trinité like an able and judicious Officer. Captain Henry carried on the Business at Ance d'Arlet with great Energy, and has been indefatigable in forwarding all the Operations he has had a Share in. To Captains Brown, Nugent, Harvey, Markham, Faulknor, Sawyer, Carpenter, and Scott, I am greatly indebted for the Manner in which they conducted the Attack against St. Pierre. Captains Harvey, Kelly, Rogers, Salisbury, Inledon, Riou, Lord Garlies, Carpenter, Scott, and Bayntun, have gained great Reputation in the Army by the Conduct of the Naval Battalions, and Working Parties under their Command. Captain Berkeley (since the Arrival of the Assurance) has furnished a powerful Reinforcement of Men from that Ship. Captain Pierrepont has been very active in the Services allotted to the Scafflower. In Captain Grey I have found the Experience of Age, joined to the Vigour of Youth. The Captains of the 44 Gun Ships armed en Flute, of the Storeship and Hospital Ship, have done well.

For other Particulars I beg Leave to refer their Lordships to Captain Powlet, who carries this Dispatch, and to Captain Markham of the Blonde, who conveys him. They served with Commodore Thompson at La Trinité, and arrived on the South Side of the Island in Time to have a Share in most of the Transactions there.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,  
with great Consideration,  
Your most obedient  
humble Servant,

J. J E R V I S.

P. S. Inclosed also is a List of the Killed and Wounded belonging to the Squadron under my Command, also a Letter I received from Commodore Thompson.

*An Account of the Number of Officers and Seamen killed and wounded.*

Boyne. 1 Lieutenant and 5 Foremast-Men wounded;  
Vengeance. 2 Foremast-Men killed; 2 ditto wounded.  
Irrepressible. 1 Foremast-Man killed; 5 ditto wounded;  
Asia. 3 Foremast-Men killed; 5 ditto wounded.  
Veteran. 1 Foremast-Man killed; 1 Lieutenant and 3 Foremast-Men wounded.  
Winchelsea. 1 Foremast-Man killed.  
Quebec. 1 Foremast-Man killed; 1 Surgeon and 2 Foremast-Men wounded.  
Dromedary. 2 Foremast-Men killed; 1 Captain and 1 Foremast-Man wounded.  
Nautilus. 2 Foremast-Men killed.  
Avenger Sloop. 1 Captain killed.  
Zebra Sloop. 1 Foremast-Man wounded.

*Name of the Officer killed.*

Captain James Milne, of the Avenger:

*Names of the Officers wounded:*

Captain Sandford Tatham, of the Dromedary.  
Lieutenant Thomas Henry Wilson, of the Boyne.  
Lieutenant Thomas Clark, of the Veteran.  
Mr. Robert Lindsay, Surgeon of the Quebec.

Fort Royal, March 20, 1794.

S I R,

I HAVE the Pleasure to acquaint you, that the only Loss we have sustained in the Capture of Fort Royal is the Pilot of the Zebra killed and Four Seamen belonging to the same Ship wounded. So soon as I perceived she could fetch in, I gave Orders to Captains Nugent and Riou, who commanded the Flat Boats, which, with the Men embarked in them, were laying upon their Oars, to push in, and mount the Walls; when every Exertion was made, and the Boats seemed to fly towards the Fort. Captain Faulknor, in the mean Time, in a most spirited and gallant Manner, entered the Harbour through the Fire of all their Batteries; and laid his Sloop alongside the Walls, there being deep Water close to; when the Enemy, terrified at his Audacity, the Flat Boats full of Seamen pulling towards them; and the Appearance of the Troops from all Quarters, struck their Colours to the Zebra. A well-directed and steady Fire from the Gun-Boats under Lieutenant Bowen, as also from our Batteries, was of great Service. The Alacrity and Steadiness of the Officers and Seamen in general under my Command was such, that I had not the least Doubt of Success against the whole Force of the Enemy, had they disputed our Entrance.

The Fort is full of Ammunition and Stores of all Sorts, but the Buildings are in a miserable Condition from the Effects of our Bomb, the Gun-Boats, and Batteries.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient  
humble Servant,  
C. THOMPSON.

Vice-Admiral Sir John Jervis, K. B.  
Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.