

Black Corps. 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 4 Serjeants, 29 Rank and File, 1 Ditto sick.

Legion. 1 Lieutenant, 6 Rank and File.

Royal Artillery. 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 3 Serjeants, 42 Rank and File, 15 Ditto sick.

Royal Engineers. 1 Lieutenant, 1 Serjeant, 3 Rank and File.

Total. 1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 9 Captains, 11 Lieutenants, 3 Ensigns, 2 Aides de Camp, 1 Fort Major, 3 Surgeons, 2 Mates, 1 Assistant Commissary, 45 Serjeants, 6 Drummers or Fifers, 481 Rank and File, and 45 Ditto sick.

N. B. Captain Grant, Adjutant Warner, and Three Volunteers, not included in the above; also Two Serjeants and Four Corporals of the 56th Regiment, additional Gunners, not included.

(Signed) Rob. Prescott, Lieut. Gen.

Admiralty-Office, February 14, 1795.

*Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Caldwell, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the Leeward Islands, to Mr. Stephens, Secretary of the Admiralty, dated on Board the Majestic, off Martinique, January 3, 1795.*

**T**HE Ganges and Montagu arrived at Fort Royal the 29th of November last.

On the 30th of October, being then about Thirty Leagues to the Westward of Cape Finisterre, they fell in with and captured the Jacobin, a Ship of War, in the Service of the French Government, carrying Twenty-four Twelve-Pounders, and Two Hundred and Twenty Men, and brought her with them to this Island. She had been Nine Days from Brest, and taken nothing.

The Zebra returned to Fort Royal on the 4th of December, with the Carmagnols French Schooner, of Ten Guns and Thirty-five Men, which she took off St. Lucia the 30th of November; and Captain Faulknor, of the Blanche, informs me of his having chased an armed Schooner on Shore near Port Louis, Guadeloupe, which he afterwards got off, and found she was laden with Gunpowder, and sent her to St. John's, Antigua. The Crew effected their Escape. And, by his Letter of the 31st of December, he acquaints me of his having, the Day before, chased a large Schooner into the Bay of Defcada, where she anchored close under a Battery and a long Range of Musquetry on the Shore; and that, from the Annoyance such Vessels have rendered the Trade, he thought it expedient to anchor, to silence the Battery and bring the Schooner out, which, after some little Time, he effected by the Crew of the Schooner abandoning her, and the Musquetry from the Shore not giving further Molestation. By the Papers found on Board, she was a National Corvette, commanded by a Lieutenant de Vaisseaux, senior Officer of a Detachment from Pointe à Pitre. The Blanche has suffered but little in her Hull, Masts, or Rigging. A Midshipman and One Man were killed, and Five wounded. The Enemy at the Battery and on Board the Schooner suffered considerably. Captain Riou, of the Beaulieu, also informs me, by Letter of the 2d Instant, of his having captured a fast-sailing Sloop, of Ten Guns and Forty-one Men, commanded by an Ensign de Vaisseaux, and carried her into Barbadoes. She

failed from Pointe à Pitre in Company with Three other Privateers.

*Extract of another Letter from Vice-Admiral Caldwell to Mr. Stephens, dated off Martinique, January 3, 1795.*

**I** Have the Honour to inclose you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, Copies of Rear-Admiral Thompson's and Lieutenant-General Prescott's Letters, giving an Account of the Evacuation of Fort Matilda, Guadeloupe, which was happily effected with infinitely less Loss than could have been expected, by the able and judicious Arrangement made by the Lieutenant-General and Rear-Admiral; executed by Captain Bowen of the Terpsichore, with uncommon Judgment; too much Praise cannot be given him, meriting every Thing that can be said of a gallant, active, diligent, good Officer.

*Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Thompson to Vice-Admiral Caldwell, dated on Board the Vanguard, off Guadeloupe, December 11, 1794.*

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**Y**ESTERDAY Morning Captain Bowen, of his Majesty's Ship Terpsichore, accompanied by Captain Thomas, Aid-du-Camp to Lieutenant-General Prescott, brought me a Letter from the General, saying that he had held out at Fort Matilda as long as possible (indeed from the Ships we could perceive that the Walls of the Fort were much shattered, and many of the Guns dismounted) and requested that I would make an Arrangement for taking off the Troops, who would be ready at the Waterside by Seven o'Clock that Evening. On my mentioning to Captain Bowen that it would be necessary an Officer of Rank should conduct the Embarkation; he, in a very handsome Manner, offered to undertake the Service, provided I thought him equal to it. Knowing his Abilities, I accepted his Offer with Pleasure, and he performed it very much to my Satisfaction, bringing the whole Garrison off without any Loss on their Part; unfortunately, in rowing along Shore to enquire after an Out-Picket, (which there was some Doubt about, but which had been called in and was embarked) Captain Bowen received a bad Wound in the Face. A Mate and one Man were killed in the Alarm's Launch, in consequence of her being thrown on the Beach by the Surf. This was all the Loss we sustained, although the Enemy kept up a smart Fire of Musquetry, and from some of their Batteries. Two Men from the 60th deserted on being ordered to the Waterside, who, it is thought, gave the Enemy Information of our Intentions. Considering the short Notice, every Thing succeeded beyond my Expectations, and I felt myself much obliged to all concerned, Officers and Men; but Captain Bowen I beg Leave particularly to recommend on the present Occasion, and for his Exertions during the whole Siege, of which I have no Doubt but Lieutenant-General Prescott can bear ample Testimony.

We are now employed arranging the Troops, in order to send them for the Protection of the different Islands. When that is finished, I shall make the best of my Way to join you at Martinique. I have the Honour to be, &c.

C. THOMPSON.