

merly resided in the Island, and whose Acquaintance with the Country, Inhabitants, and Languages, rendered his voluntary and able Services of the most essential Benefit, as Private Secretary to me during the Expedition.

I have the Honour to be, &c.
(Signed) H. L. CARMICHAEL, Major-General, commanding His Britannic Majesty's Forces at the City of St. Domingo.

No. 1.

*Head-Quarters, Ferand's-House,
June 29, 1809*

SIR,

IN obedience to your Orders, I proceeded to meet the Flag of Truce sent out of the City of St. Domingo this Day, and have now the Honour to report to you the Result of that Interview. The French Commissary acquainted me, that he had been sent out by General Barquier to propose that proper Persons should be appointed by you and himself to treat for a Surrender of the City. I told him, before you consented to such Measures, it was your Desire to know generally on what Terms that Negotiation was to be founded; finding he hesitated, I judged it most explicit to inform him of the Terms on which only you would negotiate, an unconditional Surrender of the Garrison.

He then proceeded to inform me of those on which his General would alone treat, to march out with all the Honours of War, not as Prisoners, to be sent to France or America by the British, as also such of the Inhabitants as wish to accompany the Garrison, or those who did not do so in the first Instance, to be allowed a given Time to evacuate; the City to be occupied by the British until these Articles are fulfilled; and upon such Terms, General Barquier would have no Objection to the Spaniards being included in the Negotiation.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

C. MYERS, Lieut. Col. Deputy Quarter-Master General.

Major-General Carmichael, commanding His Majesty's Forces in St. Domingo.

P. S. I have further to acquaint you, that in the Course of this Conference with the French Commissary, I did not fail to impress upon him that the sole Object of the British Force in this Island was to expel the French from the City, and to replace it in the Hands of our Allies the Spaniards, and that in no Manner of Case would a Negotiation be entered into wherein that Nation and its Interests were not most fully taken into Consideration, as the Allies and Friends of the British.

(Signed) C. MYERS.

No. 2.—(Translation.)

Army of St. Domingo.

*Head-Quarters, St. Domingo, June 30, 1809.
Barquier, General of Brigade, Commander in Chief, and Administrator-General, performing the Duties of Captain-General, to His Excellency General Carmichael, commanding the Land Forces of His Britannic Majesty.*

GENERAL,

I HAVE sent on board His Britannic Majesty's Ship Polyphemus, two Officers, whom I have or-

dered to propose to Commodore Pryce Cumby, a Suspension of Arms for Three Days, with a View to facilitate Communications between us.

I make you the same Proposition, in order that this Armistice may be general. If you agree to this, let me know it by the Officer who is the Bearer of this Dispatch.

Accept, Sir, the Assurance of the high Consideration with which, &c

(Signed) BARQUIER.

No. 3.

Head-Quarters, June 30, 1809.

SIR,

I HAD the Honour to receive your Excellency's Letter respecting a Proposition for an Armistice for Three Days, which I feel great Concern that the Honour of His Britannic Majesty's Service does not admit of.

The Answer that your Excellency gave to the Summons of Captain Cumby, commanding His Britannic Majesty's Naval Forces before the City of Saint Domingo, induced me to repair to this Island to support the Arms of my Sovereign, and to aid the Cause of His Allies, the Spaniards, who are also maintaining the Rights of Ferdinand the Seventh.

From the respectable Force under my Command, exclusive of those Spanish Troops I found investing the City, it would be inconsistent with my Duty to my King and His Allies to enter into any Suspension of Hostilities, unless by an unconditional Surrender of the Garrison as Prisoners of War.

The Military Secretary who accompanies the Officer, from whom I had the Honour to receive your Letter, will convey your Excellency's Answer to me. I have the Honour to be, &c

HUGH LYLE CARMICHAEL,
Major-General, commanding His Britannic Majesty's Force before the City of St. Domingo.

No. 4.—(Translation.)

Army of St. Domingo.

*Head-Quarters St. Domingo, 30th June 1809.
Barquier, General of Brig. de, Commander in Chief, and Administrator-General, performing the Duties of Captain-General, to His Excellency General Carmichael, Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces before St. Domingo.*

SIR,

THE Suspension of Arms which I have had the Honour to propose to you, having been intended only with a View to give Facility to the Communications concerning the Basis of a definitive Capitulation, I think it my Duty to reply with Freedom to the Letter which your Excellency has done me the Honor to write to me.

Desirous to stop the Effusion of Blood, and to put an End to the War which desolates this unhappy Colony, I am ready to treat with you for the Evacuation of this Place; but the Garrison of St. Domingo, which has undoubtedly acquired Respect from its Enemies, ought to expect honourable Conditions from them, and can accept of no other.

In consequence, if it be agreeable to you, Conferences shall be opened To-morrow at the Hour and Place which you may appoint, by Commissioners named on each Side, in order to stipulate the Articles of Capitulation.

