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PARLIAMENT-STREET, August 14, 1794.

Dispatches, of which the following are copies, have this day been received by the Right Hon. Henry Dundas, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from Lieutenant-General Simcoe, commanding his Majesty's troops in the Island of St. Domingo.

SIR, Port au Prince, June 20, 1797.

I do myself the honour of inclosing Brigadier-General Churchill's report of the attack made by the enemy on the Grand Anse, and the repulse they met with in that quarter.

The Brigadier-General acknowledges, in the strongest manner, the important services which Captain Ricketts, of the *Magicienne*, with the squadron under his command, effected in the destruction of the vessels of the enemy in Carcaffé Bay. I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. G. SIMCOE.
 Right Hon. Henry Dundas,
 Sec. &c. &c.

SIR, Jeremie, April 30, 1797.

The Republican General Rigaud, thinking the moment favourable to make a second attempt on Irois, collected his very best troops, to the amount of 1200 men: On the night of the 20th of April, at 12 o'clock, they attempted to storm the fort, in which were only at the time five and twenty of the 17th infantry, with their officers, commanded by Lieutenant Talbot of the 82d regiment, and about 20 Colonial Artillery-men, commanded by Captain Brucil. The attack was one

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of the most formidable and determined I ever heard of, the attacking party, turning to the charge three several times with such increased vigour, that many of them were killed in the fort; but, to the immortal honour of the brave defenders, they were repulsed with great courage and intrepidity, which gave rise to Colonel D'Arville, with 350 men of Prince Edward's Black Chasseurs, to gain the fort from the Bourg below from whence they were obliged to take their way. This reinforcement saved the place, for it would have been impossible for the English and Cannoniers to have withstood much longer the persevering and repeated attacks of the most daring and desperate enemy, which never ceased until morning, when they retired (leaving the fort surrounded with their dead) to a higher ground, where they made a stand, in spite of a sortie that was immediately made with some advantage. Here they continued till the 22d inst. when they made an incursion into the interior of our Cordon, took and burnt the Bourg Dance Marie, and made an attack upon the fort of L'Islet, from whence they were driven with great loss. In the mean time they were making every disposition for a regular siege of Irois, when, fortunately, the *Magicienne* frigate attacked their small fleet in the Bay des Carcaffes, sunk three of their Barges, and took two of their Schooners, all loaded with cannon and military stores for the siege. The loss in their various attacks is generally estimated at 1000 men, it cannot be less than 800; before Irois alone were found upwards of 200 bodies, among which were many whites and mulattoes. Our

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