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DOWNING STREET—June 1, 1801.

A dispatch, addressed to the Right Hon. HENRY DUNDAS, of which the following is a copy, was this day received at the Office of the Right Honourable Lord Hobart, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from Lieut. General TRIGGE, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's forces in the Leeward and Windward Charibbee islands.

SIR, Martinique, April 27, 1801.

LOSE not a moment in having the honour to communicate the information which has been just now received, of the islands of St Eustatius and Saba having surrendered on the 21st instant, to a detachment of the 3d regiment of foot, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Blunt, and Captain Perkins, of his Majesty's ship Arab.

The enclosed extract of a letter from Mr President Thomson, commanding at St Christopher's ordering Lieutenant-Colonel Blunt to proceed on that service, and of Lieutenant-Colonel Blunt's official letter, acquainting me with the result, will explain to your satisfaction all such circumstances as you may wish to be informed of.

I have only to add, that the officers charged with the conducting of this service, have acquitted themselves with such judgment and promptitude as to merit and receive my entire approbation.

I have the honour to enclose to you herewith, copy of the terms on which these islands were surrendered, and have been placed under his Majesty's Government; but am unable to transmit by this opportunity the return of ordnance, as there is not sufficient time at present to have it made out correctly.

I have the honour to be, &c.

THO. TRIGGE, Lieut. Gen.

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel BLUNT, of the 3d regiment of foot to Lieutenant-General TRIGGE, dated St Eustatius, 22d April, 1801.

I have the honour to enclose an order addressed to me by the President of St Kitt's, in con-

sequence of which I embarked on board his Majesty's ship Arab, Captain Perkins, and an armed schooner, his prize, 100 men of the buffs, with Lieutenant Brown and 10 men of the royal artillery; we summoned the island of St Eustatius on the morning of the 21st, which surrendered by capitulation; the terms of which accompany this, and I hope will not be disapproved by your Excellency. They had no provisions in the garrison, and very little in possession of the inhabitants.

From the extent of the batteries it will not be in my power to forward, by this opportunity, Lieutenant Brown's report of the ordnance.

I have the honour to be, &c.

RICH. BLUNT, Lieutenant-Colonel, Buffs.

Extract of a Letter from the President of St Kitt's to Lieutenant-Colonel BLUNT of the 3d regiment of foot, dated Basseterre, 20th April, 1801.

I have just received information that the island of Saint Eustatius was evacuated by the French on the 16th instant.

Under these circumstances, and considering that a favourable opportunity now presents itself to acquire the possession of that island, and thereby give security to the islands in its neighbourhood, and recover a number of negroes who have eloped from hence, and which may be lost by delay; you will therefore embark, with 100 men of the Buffs, on board of his Majesty's ship Arab, Captain Perkins, and take possession of the island of St Eustatius, which you will retain until his Excellency General Trigge's pleasure thereupon be known.

I have, &c.

ROB. THOMSON.

Articles of Capitulation proposed to Lieutenant-Colonel Blunt, commanding the 3d regiment of foot, and John Perkins, Esq. Commander of his Britannic Majesty's ship Arab, off this island, by Daniel Roda, Captain Commandant of the island of St Eustatius.

Art. I. The inhabitants of St Eustatius shall enjoy full security to their persons, and the free exercise of

their religion, with the immediate and entire possession of their property of every denomination whatsoever. The ancient laws and usages which have hitherto been observed in the colony, continuing in force. Answer—The inhabitants shall enjoy full security for their persons, the free exercise of their religion, and continue in possession of their private property. The present laws and usages will be continued in force until his Majesty's pleasure is known.

Art. II. In case the island of St Eustatius remains in the possession of his Britannic Majesty at the conclusion of a general peace, it shall enjoy every right and every commercial privilege enjoyed by the British colonies in the West Indies. Answer—Agreed.

Art. III. In case this island should be attacked by the Dutch forces or their allies, the inhabitants shall not be obliged or forced to take up arms, but remain neutral and quiet.—The same privilege has been always granted to the British born subjects, who lived formerly, in great numbers, in this island. Answer—Agreed.—The inhabitants who reside to take an oath not to assist the enemies of his Britannic Majesty, while the island remains under British Government.

Art. IV. A free exportation of produce made in this island. Answer—The commerce of St Eustatius to be subject to the same restrictions as the other conquered islands.

Art. V. The garrison placed here shall be at the expense of his Britannic Majesty. Answer—The garrison to be upon the same footing as the British forces in the other conquered islands.

Art. VI. The garrison in this island will surrender the fortresses to his Britannic Majesty's forces, and march out with the honours of war, and shall be provided every one according to his rank, until a vessel is prepared to carry them to Holland. Answer—The forts to be surrendered at five o'clock this evening.—The garrison to march out with the honours of war; the men to lay down their arms; officers retain their side-arms, and be provided with a passage to Martinique, where their Excellencies the Commanders in Chief will determine on the latter part of the article.

Art. VII. All ammunition and magazines, with an inventory thereof, shall be given up to Commissaries. Answer—Proper persons will be appointed to receive in charge warlike stores of every description.

Art. VIII. The property of the military shall be respected, as that of the inhabitants. Answer—Their private property will be secured to them.

Art. IX. Their shall be given at least a month's time to the officers of the military to settle their pri-

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