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Whitehall, March 9.

EARLY this Morning Captain Walsingham arrived with the following Letter from Major General Monckton, dated from the Head Quarters in the Island of Martinico, January 20, 1762.

My Lord,

I Have the Honor to acquaint your Lordship, that we left Barbadoes the 5th Instant, anchored in St. Ann's Bay in this Island the 7th, the Ships of War having silenced some Batteries which the Enemy had erected there, and where I was in Hopes to have been able to have landed on the Western Side of the Bay, and to have crossed over to Port Royal Bay; but the Difficulties that would have attended our being supplied with Provisions and Stores, added to the scarcity of fresh Water in that Part, made me desist. I then thought that if I could get Possession of Pidgeon Island, a secure Anchorage might be had for the Fleet and Transports in Port Royal Harbour. For this Purpose I detached two Brigades of the Army under the Command of Brigadier Haviland, and Grant, to Ance Darlet, where they landed, and marched to the Ground opposite to the Island; but finding the Road impassable for Cannon, which were necessary for the Reduction of that Island, I judged it best for His Majesty's Service to proceed (having previously reconnoitred the Shore) and land near the Case des Navires; which we effected on the 16th, without any Molestation, the Ships of War having silenced the Batteries above us. I had forgotten, my Lord, to mention, that with the above Command were the Light Infantry under Lieutenant Colonel Scott, who were advanced the Night the Command remained there, and were attacked in the Night by three Companies of Grenadiers, some Free Booters, Negroes, and Mulattoes, which the Enemy had passed over from Port Royal; but they were so warmly received, that they retreated precipitately, leaving some dead; and a Serjeant and three of their Grenadiers taken Prisoners, without any Loss on our Side.

We are now encamped upon the Heights above Case des Navires; and I was in Hopes, before this Time, to have given your Lordship more satisfactory Accounts of our Operations. But the Ravines or Gullys we have to pass, are of such Depth and Difficulty of Access, and that in the Face of many Batteries and Redoubts, with the whole Country, as well as Mulattoes and Negroes, as Inhabitants, in Arms, and without being able to procure any material Intelligence, that I do not think it prudent to expose His Majesty's Troops, until I can erect Batteries to cover them, which we are at work upon with the utmost Expedition.

However, my Lord, I have the Pleasure to acquaint you, that the Troops continue healthy, although they have been necessarily exposed to laying on their Arms, and are in the highest Spirits; and I don't in the least doubt but that I shall be able to execute this principal Object of His Majesty's Commands, of which I shall give your Lordship the earliest Notice.

It gives me great Pleasure to acquaint your Lordship, how much I am indebted to Admiral Rodney, for the Assistance received from the Fleet under his Command: The utmost Harmony has subsisted hitherto, and I am persuaded will continue to do so.

This will be delivered to your Lordship by Captain Walsingham, who takes Home the Admiral's Dispatches.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

Robert Monckton.

Admiralty Office, March 9.

Copy of a Letter from Rear Admiral Rodney to Mr. Cleveland, dated on Board His Majesty's Ship the Marlborough in Cas Navire Bay, Martinico, the 19th of January, 1762.

I Desire you will acquaint their Lordships, that I arrived at Barbadoes on the 22d of November, having parted Company with the Squadron under my Command in a hard Gale of Wind, a few Days after we left the Channel.

The Foudroyant, Modeste, and Basilisk, joined me the 27th, the Nottingham and Thunder the 1st of December, and the Vanguard, with the Remainder of the Squadron, on the 9th. The Temeraire and Acton, with the Troops from Belleisle, arrived the 14th of December, and Major General Monckton, with the Forces from North America, on the 24th; and having remained a few Days to water the Ships, refresh the Men, and make the necessary Dispositions for our Enterprize, we arrived off Martinico the 7th of January; and on the 8th we all anchored in St. Ann's Bay, the Ships I had appointed (under Sir James Douglas) having silenced the Forts of that Coast; in performing which, we had the Misfortune to lose the Raifonnable, as she was leading in for one of the Enemy's Batteries, owing to the Pilots being ignorant of a little Reef of Rocks, which took her up. We have saved all her People, all her Stores, and I hope soon to get all her Guns.

Having, by this Motion of the Fleet and Army, taken Possession of an excellent Harbour, and secured a Landing on the weathermost Part of the Island, which might be made tenable at any Time, as likewise thereby greatly alarmed the Enemy, at General Monckton's Request, I dispatched Commodore Swanton, with a Squadron of Ships, and two Brigades, to the Bay of Petite Ance, in order to take Possession there. Captain Hervey of the Dragon having silenced the Battery of the Grand Ance, landed his Marines and Seamen, who attacked it also from the Shore, and took Possession of the Fort; and, on the 14th, I followed with the whole Fleet and Army, after destroying the Enemies Batteries at St. Ann's Bay, when (having reconnoitred the Coast with the General) we came to a Resolution to make an Attempt between Point Negroe and the Cas De Pilotte, which I ordered to be attacked on the 16th; and having very successfully and with little Loss silenced the Batteries, I landed General Monckton with the greatest Part of his Forces by Sun-set; and the whole Army was on Shore a little after

Day.