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*The Queen's Palace, St. James's Park,
February 23, 1779.*

THIS Morning, between Three and Four o'Clock, the Queen was happily delivered of a Prince. His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, several Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and the Ladies of Her Majesty's Bed-Chamber were present.

This great Event was made known by the Firing of the Tower Guns.

Her Majesty is, God be praised, as well as can be expected; and the young Prince is in perfect Health.

Whitehall, February 22, 1779.

*Extract of a Letter from Valentine Morris, Esq;
Governor of the Island of St. Vincent, to
Lord George Germain, dated St. Vincent, Ja-
nuary 1 and 3, 1779.*

MY Duty and the Times oblige me to be very troublesome in my Correspondence, but as I have great Reason to believe Admiral Barrington is too closely blocked up at St. Lucia to give your Lordship any Information respecting himself, I suffer, notwithstanding the present Embargo, a Vessel to sail from hence bound to Lancaster, in order to acquaint your Lordship, additional to what my last of December 29, and the inclosed Newspaper, which is pretty exact, that, on the 28th Instant, Admiral Barrington was still so close blocked up at St. Lucia, that two different Vessels I have sent to give him Intelligence, and to receive such, could not get to him. On the 29th another Vessel I had sent to Barbados, to learn if Admiral Byron was arrived, when within Six Leagues of Land, as another Dutch Vessel with Dutch Papers were chased by Cunningham, (who lately infested the British Seas) quite to the Ports of this Island, the Dutch Vessel having been brought to, and long detained by Cunningham. The Captain and a Passenger learnt from the Crew that Byron was not yet arrived, although Eight of his Vessels only were by the French expected hourly; and Cunningham was with others cruising there, to carry the News to D'Estaing when he should arrive.

I have another swift-sailing Schooner, which I sent with Letters from Admiral Barrington to Barbados, and which he entreated me, if possible, to get conveyed thither. I have directed the Captain of her to proceed to the Admiral, if possible, after going to Barbados. I wish he may be able to effect it.

January 3. Nothing could have happened more opportunely, for the Immediate Safety of this Island, than the happy News the Inclosed contains, of which I beg Leave to congratulate your Lordship. It came by a Person whom I had sent to the Admiral. A French Frigate arrived from Boston to Martinico, which occasioned the French Fleet and Troops quitting St. Lucia.

*Extract from the St. Vincent Gazette and General
Advertiser of Saturday December 19, 1778, re-
ferred to in the above Letter. Kingston, Decem-
ber 19, 1778.*

ON Thursday the 10th Instant arrived at Barbados from New York a considerable Body of very fine Troops, commanded by Major-Ge-

neral James Grant, under Convoy of the following Vessels, viz. the *Pre'on* of 50 Guns, Commodore *Hobam*, St. Alban's of 64, Captain *Onslow*, Monmouth of 64, Captain *Griffith*, *Lis* of 50, Captain *Esyaer*, Centurion of 50, Captain *Eraithwaite*, the *Caracas Bomb*, some Frigates, &c. and on the Saturday following they sailed (joined by Admiral Barrington and his Fleet) on an Expedition against St. Lucia, where they arrived the next Day, and landed the Troops without Opposition, at l'Ance Chec, a little to Windward of the Carenage.

On the Evening of the 13th the Pearl Frigate, Captain *Lindsay*, arrived at Barbados from Rhode Island. She was dispatched by Admiral Byron the 17th of November, to apprise Admiral Barrington, that d'Estaing, with Fifteen Ships, sailed from Boston the 3d of November, as was supposed for these Seas. The Pearl arrived at Antigua the 4th of December, and not finding Admiral Barrington there, proceeded immediately for Barbados. About Seven Leagues to Windward of Antigua she fell in with a Dutchman, who had been boarded the Night before Eighteen Leagues to Windward of Defeada by One of Seven French Men of War from Boston. Captain *Lindsay*, to be certain of the Fact, sent for the Captain and his Log-Book, in which he found the Circumstances clearly related. The French Ships were cruising, and when they spoke the Dutchman standing to the Northward, but afterwards put about, and stood to the Southward. It is presumed the Rest of d'Estaing's Squadron were cruising to Windward of Barbadoes, as some Vessels were seen from thence the Day the Fleet failed, which caused an Alarm to be fired there. Byron's Squadron, it seems, was driven from the Mouth of Boston Harbour, in a Gale of Wind, the 1st of November, and went to Rhode Island, from whence he was to sail in Two or Three Days after Captain *Lindsay*; so that, in all Probability, ere this, he is arrived at Barbados, which is the Place of Rendezvous. Immediately after the Arrival of the Pearl, who was much disabled, the Boreas failed with Captain *Lindsay's* Dispatches to the Admiral. The Boreas went away with the Fleet, but sprung her Fore-top Mast, which obliged her to put back.

On Tuesday Morning last, Admiral Barrington was attacked at St. Lucia by a Part of D'Estaing's Fleet, who had with them a Number of Privateers and Small Vessels, with Troops to the Number it is said of 5000. This Fleet was intended for the Reduction of this Island and Grenada, whither they were proceeding, when they observed our Attack on St. Lucia. Notwithstanding Admiral Barrington's Inferiority in Point of Ships, he beat the Frenchmen off twice that Day, and has hitherto successfully withstood with very little Loss all their Attempts.

On Friday they had collected 14 of their Capital Ships, and were in Sight. General Grant is in Possession of the Carenage, and of the Heights about it. Admiral Barrington with the Fleet lies at the Grand Cul de Sac. Several very capital Batteries are erected on Shore, one in particular of 12 of the Boyne's Lee Lower Deck Guns, which are 32 Pounds. These Batteries are of essential Service to our Ships in repelling the Enemy, and will, with the Blessing of God, keep them employed until the Arrival of Admiral Byron.