

The Outworks are not finished, notwithstanding they have constantly employed 1000 Men at Work for Twenty Years. It is the Key to the Bay of Honduras, and where the Register-Ships and Treasure are sent to from Guatimala in Time of War. The Morning of our Arrival the Treasure was conveyed into the Country, so that what we have found in the Military Chest, and what belonged to the Public, does not exceed 8000 Piastras, but the Register-Ships must be very valuable, if they arrive in Safety in England.

I send these Dispatches, with the Colours of Omoa, and also Plans of the Fortification, by Lieutenant Cardan of the 60th Regiment, who I appointed to act as Captain of Artillery and Engineer to this Expedition, and humbly beg he may be permitted to lay them at His Majesty's Feet. His Merit and Activity in forwarding the Works during the Expedition, contributed to the Reduction of this important Fortress: and I solicit your Lordship will recommend him to His Majesty's Protection. Your Lordship will find him intelligent relative to the Mosquito Shore, and the State of this Country. I also take the Liberty of mentioning Lieutenant Wightman of the Marines, who acted as my Aid de Camp, to be recommended to Lord Sandwich. This Gentleman was wounded in reconnoitring the Ditch the Evening before it was stormed. The Prisoners taken amount in all to 365, exclusive of Officers, as by the inclosed List.

Your Lordship will observe, that an Agreement has been made to exchange them for the Bay-men, who were inhumanly carried away, with their Families, to Merida, and we have brought off Two Priests and the Lieutenant-Governor, as Hostages for the Performance of this Agreement. I have also obliged them to exchange Two Mosquito Indians, one of whom has been forced to dive at Cartagena, for many Years, with Irons on his Limbs, and is confined in a Dungeon every Evening; and we have also released some unfortunate Englishmen, who were confined here, and made to work as Slaves.

I have to mention to your Lordship, that Mr. Concannen, a young Gentleman, a Midshipman, was the Third that mounted the Ladder, and Lieutenant Dundas, who was the Fourth, agreeable to my Orders, formed some Men before he advanced on the Spaniards. I have also to take Notice, that Lieutenants Walker and Dundas, who commanded the Seamen, preserved that Discipline and Promptitude in obeying Orders, which would do Honor to veteran Troops; and recommend that their Services may be mentioned to Lord Sandwich, that His Majesty may know such Officers as have gallantly distinguished themselves.

*Copy of the Convention between the Honourable John Luttrell and William Dalrymple, Esquire, on the Part of His Britannic Majesty, and Don Simon Desnaux and Don Juan Daftiex, on the Part of His Catholic Majesty, for the Officers and Garrison of Porto Omoa, October 24, 1779.*

ON Simon Desnaux, Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry, Engineer in Second to His Catholic Majesty, and heretofore Commandant of the Fort of Omoa, and Don John Daftiex, Engineer, Commandant and Captain of Infantry, having earnestly solicited the Commanders of His Britannic Majesty's Forces by Land and Sea, the Honourable John Luttrell, and William Dalrymple, Esquire, to treat for the Exchange of the Spanish Garrison at Omoa, on the Part of His Britannic Majesty, have set forth, that they are ready to treat on the Part of His Catholic Majesty for the same. The said Request is complied with upon the following Terms and Condition:

*First,* All the Spanish Officers, which bear His Catholic Majesty's Commission, shall be Prisoners of War, and admitted upon their Parole, that they shall not serve, directly nor indirectly, against the King of Great Britain, His Subjects or Allies, during the present War, unless they are before exchanged.

*Secondly,* That all the said Officers shall be permitted to chuse their Place of Residence, provided that they are not found beyond the Distance of Sixty Leagues from Omoa, nor nearer to Omoa than Forty

Leagues; until they be exchanged in the Mafries Hereinafter set forth.

*Thirdly,* That all the Mulattoes and People of mixed Colour; whether Men, Women or Children, as well as the Artificers, shall have Liberty to return Home, provided none of them take up Arms against the King of Great Britain, His Subjects or Allies, or be found within Thirty Leagues of Omoa; until this Agreement is fully accomplished.

*Fourthly,* That the said Don Simon Desnaux and Don John Daftiex, doth engage for the Governor of Merida, in case the English Prisoners captured in the Bay of Honduras are within his District; and if not, for the Governor of whatever Spanish District they may be in, that he shall return an equal Number of Mulattoes or People of mixed Colour, to those that have been liberated at Omoa; and of this Number such as were taken in the Bay of Honduras by the Spaniards, shall have the Preference: And it is further understood and agreed between the Parties to this Agreement, that all the Subjects of the King of Great Britain, taken in the Bay of Honduras, and now in the Custody of the said Governor of Merida, shall be exchanged, by giving Mulattoes for Mulattoes, Men for Men, Women for Women, Children for Children, and this Exchange to be made the Moment the said Governor of Merida can be made acquainted with this Convention; but at all Events not to exceed the Space of Three Months.

*Fifthly,* The Serjeants and Soldiers of the Regulars shall be exchanged for an equal Number of Serjeants and Soldiers of the British Army; and if the King of Spain shall not have such in His Possession, then to be exchanged for the principal Merchants and Traders, taken at George's Key in the Bay of Honduras; provided a sufficient Number of White People cannot be sent from Omoa to exchange them, and a Receipt to be given by the English Commissary, for such Number of Men as may have been captured by the Spaniards in the Bay of Honduras, as shall exceed the Number delivered from the Garrison of Omoa; such Receipt for the Surplus to be given by the Spanish Commissary, if the Balance is in Favor of England. The Spanish Seamen to be exchanged in like Manner for English Seamen, as is specified by the Parties respecting the Serjeants and Soldiers.

*Sixthly,* The Honourable John Luttrell and William Dalrymple doth covenant, that the Spanish Garrison at Omoa, shall be embarked within the Space of Three Days, on board of Vessels properly provided, and shall be conveyed, without Loss of Time, to the Castle of St. Philip, within the Gulph of Dulce, or to some adjacent Spanish Post, and there delivered at the sole Charge of His Britannic Majesty. And the said Don Simon Desnaux and Don John Daftiex doth covenant, that the Officers, Soldiers, Merchants, Artificers, Mulattoes, and People of White or mixed Colour, Subjects of His Britannic Majesty, which, since the Commencement of the present War with Spain, have been taken in the Bay of Honduras, shall be embarked within the Space of Three Months, from the Day the said Don Simon Desnaux and Don John Daftiex shall be landed in the Gulph of Dulce, and sent to Omoa; or the next nearest English Settlement, at the sole Expence of the King of Spain; provided the said English Prisoners, or any of them, are within the Jurisdiction of the Governor of Merida; but should they have been sent to the Havannah, then the said Don Simon Desnaux and Don John Daftiex doth covenant, that the Governor of the Havannah shall embark them from thence, and land them at the Expense of the King of Spain as aforesaid, at Jamaica, within the Space of Six Months from the Date hereof. Provided always, that if every Article of this Agreement is not strictly performed on the Part of the Court of Spain, We, Don Simon Desnaux and Don John Daftiex, were fully bound for ourselves, and for all the Spanish Officers of the Garrison, to repair without Loss of Time, and by the shortest Mode of Conveyance, to Omoa, or to the nearest English Settlement, there to deliver themselves up as Prisoners of War. And for the further Security hereof, the said Don Simon Desnaux and Don John Daftiex will deliver up as Hostages, Colonel Antonia Fernandez, Second Commandant of the Garrison;