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Whitehall, November 14, 1780.

COPY of a Letter from Sir Henry Clinton, K. B. to Lord George Germain, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, received by Captain St. George, One of Sir Henry Clinton's Aids de Camp, who arrived from New York in the *Fortunée* Frigate.

New-York, October 12, 1780.

MY LORD,

IN my separate Letter of Yesterday's Date, I had the Honor of informing your Lordship, that the American Major General Arnold had quitted the Rebel Service, and joined the King's Standard; and I at the same Time gave your Lordship a circumstantial Detail of the Reasons that induced him to take this Step, as well as of the unfortunate Failure of a Plan, which I had the most sanguine Hopes, if carried into Execution, would have been productive of the greatest good Consequences to His Majesty's Service, but which terminated most fatally for Major André, my Adjutant-General, who, being taken Prisoner, was tried by a Board of Rebel General Officers, and condemned by their Sentence to suffer Death; which Sentence was ordered by the Rebel General Washington, to be carried into Execution upon this unhappy Gentleman, on the 2d Instant. I sincerely lament the melancholy Fate of this Officer, who was a very valuable Assistant to me, and promised to be an Honor to his Country, as well as an Ornament to his Profession.

I had the Honor to transmit to your Lordship, in my Dispatch marked 104, a Copy of the Instructions I proposed giving to Major-General Leslie, whom I had appointed to command the Expedition to Chesapeak, in order that your Lordship might be informed as to the principal Objects of it.

This Expedition will certainly fail the first favorable Wind, the Troops having been embarked for some Days, and every necessary Arrangement made for that Purpose.

Your Lordship will receive herewith a State of the Troops under my Command of the 1st Instant, together with a Distribution of the same as they stood on the 6th of that Month.

I have the Honor to be,
with the greatest Respect,
Your Lordship's most obedient
and most humble Servant,
H. CLINTON.

Admiralty-Office, November 14, 1780.

CAPTAIN Brisbane, late Commander of His Majesty's Ship the *Alcide*, arrived at this Office Yesterday with Dispatches from Admiral Sir George Brydges Rodney and Vice-Admiral Arbuth-

not, giving an Account of the Arrival of the former at New York, on the 14th of September last, with Eleven Sail of Line of Battle Ships and Four Frigates, and of his having taken upon him the Command of His Majesty's Ships on that Station.

Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Arbuthnot to Mr. Stephens, dated on Board the Royal Oak, at Sea, October 17, 1780.

HAVING accidentally fallen in with the *Fortunée*, under the Orders of Admiral Sir George Rodney to proceed to England, I avail myself of the Opportunity to acquaint you, for their Lordships Information, that I put to Sea with this Squadron from Gardiner's Bay on the 10th Instant, intending to cruise between the East End of Long Island and Nantucket Shoals; but, on the 14th, falling in with the Transports and Victuallers under the Escort of the *Hyana*, (from which the *Adamant* had separated a few Days) I judged it expedient, on Account of the Numbers of Rebel Privateers fitted out to intercept it, to see them off Sandy Hook, which they entered Yesterday.

I am now proceeding to resume the Cruizing Station before mentioned.

The *Chevalier de Ternay* and his Squadron yet remain at Rhode Island.

The Squadron under my Command is in the best Order and ready for any Service.

Six Privateers, mounting Twenty Guns, and manned by upwards of 700 Seamen, have been, since my last, captured from the Rebels by His Majesty's Cruizers, and carried into New York: And this Day, after a Chase from the Squadron, by Signal, of Six Hours, the *Culloden* came up with and took the Privateer Ship *Washington*, of Boston, mounting Twenty Six pounders, and 120 Men.

On the 30th ult. the *Pearl*, being off Bermuda, fell in with the French Frigate *L'Esperance*, of Twenty-eight Twelve-pounders, which, after an Action of Two Hours, struck to the superior Gallantry and good Conduct of Captain Montagu. The Prize arrived at New York Two Days ago.

For the Particulars of the above-mentioned Action see the following Extract of Captain George Montagu's Letter to Admiral Sir George Brydges Rodney, dated off New York, October 13, 1780.

Extract of a Letter from Captain George Montagu, of His Majesty's Ship Pearl, to Sir George Brydges Rodney.

ON the 30th of September we fell in with a French Ship, who engaged us close for Two Hours, and maintained a running Fight for Two Hours and an Half more, when she struck. She proved to be *L'Esperance*, from Cape Francois, bound to Bourdeaux, a Frigate belonging to the King, but loaded by the Merchants, and having only

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