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AT the Court at St. James's, the 10th of August, 1781.

P R E S E N T,
The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

W H E R E A S the Inhabitants of Demarara and the River Ifsequibo and Dependencies, having surrendered at Discretion to His Majesty's Arms, Sir George Brydges Rodney, Baronet, Knight of the Bath, Admiral of the White, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed and to be employed at Barbadoes, the Leeward Islands, and the Seas adjacent, and the Honorable General Vaughan, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Land Forces employed in the West Indies, did, by a Capitulation given under their Hands at St. Eustatius the 14th of March, 1781, grant unto the said Inhabitants at Demarara, the River Ifsequibo, and Dependencies, to remain in full Possession of their Property, and to be governed by their present Laws, 'till His Majesty's Pleasure is known: And whereas it was further granted and declared by the said Capitulation, that the Inhabitants should take the Oaths of Allegiance to, and should be admitted under, the Crown of Great Britain, and should be allowed to export their Produce to Great Britain, or the British Islands of Tobago and Barbadoes, in British Bottoms, and treated in all Respects as British Subjects, 'till His Majesty's Pleasure should be known; His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, is graciously pleased to confirm, and doth hereby confirm, in all Respects, the said Capitulation, bearing Date the 14th of March, 1781, granted by Sir George Brydges Rodney, Bart. and the Honorable General Vaughan, to the Inhabitants of Demarara, Ifsequibo, and their Dependencies, until His Majesty's further Orders shall be signified: And it is hereby further declared, That all British Ships bound from Demarara, Ifsequibo, and their Dependencies, and the Berbices, laden with the Produce of any or either of those Islands and Plantations, to Great Britain, or Ireland, or to any of His Majesty's West-India Islands, or to any other Part of His Majesty's Dominions, to which British Ships may lawfully trade, shall be considered in all Respects as Ships sailing from any of His Majesty's West India Islands, and shall not be liable to be detained or molested by any of His Majesty's Ships of War, or Merchant Ships having Letters of Marque, or General Reprizal.

Steph Cottrill.

St. James's, August 11.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. La Touche, (dated Bassora the 11th of June, 1781) to Sir Robert Anstie, His Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople, and by him transmitted to the Earl of Hillsborough, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in his Letter, dated the 16th of July; received this Day.

I HAVE the Pleasure to inform you, that by Letters from Madras, dated February the 1st, it appears, that the French Squadron, consisting of Six Ships of the Line, and Three Frigates, which I mentioned to you in my last, instead of entering the Road of Madras, as it was imagined they would, proceeded to Pondicherry. It farther appears, that this Squadron is in bad Repair, and has neither Transports nor Troops with them, except Marines, and consequently could not spare any to Hyder Ally, who has been obliged to raise the Siege of Wandewash and Velore, had lost Carangolly, and seemed to be collecting his whole Force, in order to try the Event of a Battle with Sir Eyre Coote. It was

expected that Sir Edward Hughes would leave Bombay, with his Squadron, in the Course of the Month of March; and that Peace would take Place with the Marrattas.

Whitehall, August 10, 1781.

Copy of a Letter from Peter Chester, Esq; late Governor of West Florida, to Lord George Germain, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, dated Charles Town, July 2, 1781.

MY LORD,

I HAD not an Opportunity, before I left Pensacola, of writing to your Lordship, to acquaint you of the entire Surrender of the Province of West Florida to the Arms of Spain. The Enemy appeared the 9th of March, and, in a few Days after, entered the Harbour of Pensacola: The whole Particulars of the Siege I must beg Leave to defer, till my Arrival in England, which I hope will be soon; as I shall embrace the next Opportunity of Sailing, either in the Flag of Truce that I came in from Pensacola, which is very leaky, and must be repaired before she can proceed to Sea, or in the next Packet, which ever is first ready. We were obliged to capitulate the 8th of May; the Articles were signed the 9th; (a Copy of which I now inclose your Lordship). The Capitulation would not have taken Place so soon, had it not been from a very fatal Accident on the Morning of the 8th, by having our principal advanced Work blown up by a Shell which entered the Magazine: Many Lives were lost; the few that remained unhurt spiked up the Guns, and retreated to the Fort. General Campbell thinking (as I imagine) that the Rest of the Works were not tenable against such a superior Force, with so large a Train of Artillery, hoisted the White Flag, and sent one of his Aid de Camps to the Spanish General to treat upon Terms of Capitulation, which I hope your Lordship will think as favorable as could be obtained in our distressed Situation. General Campbell, with Captain Deans of the Navy, are sent to the Havannah; and Major of Brigade Campbell is ordered to New Orleans. The Rest of the Prisoners of War are gone for New York, but were first to go to the Havannah for Provisions.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

PETER CHESTER.

ARTICLES of CAPITULATION between His Excellency Don Bernardo de Galvez, Knight, Pensioner of the Royal and distinguished Order of Charles the Third, Major-General of the Armies of His Catholic Majesty, Inspector, Intendant and Governor-General of the Province of Louisiana, and General of the Expedition, &c. &c. &c. His Excellency Peter Chester, Esquire, Captain-General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of West Florida, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. And His Excellency Major-General John Campbell, Commander of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province of West Florida.

Article I.

A LL the Forts and Posts, now in the Possession of the Troops of His Britannick Majesty, shall (upon a Time agreed upon) be delivered up to the Troops of His Catholic Majesty; the British Garrisons, including Soldiers and Seamen, to march out with all the Honors of War, Arms shouldered, Drums beating, Colours flying, Two Field Pieces, with Six Rounds of Ammunition, and the same Number of Rounds to each Soldier, to the Distance of Fifty Hundred Yards from their respective Posts, where they will pile up their Arms, Officers only reserving their Swords; after which they shall be embarked

