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Copy of a Letter from Brigadier-General Ogilvie to the Right Honourable Henry Dundas, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, dated Island of St. Pierre, May 18, 1793. Received June 30.

S I R,

I Have the Honor to acquaint you, that the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon surrendered at Discretion to His Majesty's Forces on the 14th Instant.

In Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, signified to me in your Letter of the 15th of February, having consulted at Halifax with Captain Affleck, commanding His Majesty's Ship Alligator, I embarked, without Loss of Time, for the Attack of these Islands, with a Detachment of the Royal Artillery, and 310 Rank and File, with Officers and Non-commissioned Officers in Proportion of the 4th and 65th Regiments, on board that Ship, a King's Schooner, and Three Transports, and sailed on the 7th Instant.

On the 14th, about Day-break, we made the Island of St. Pierre; and Captain Affleck having made a Disposition to proceed by the Channel of Miquelon, a convenient Place in that Strait for debarking the Troops offering, and our Information from different Quarters (however imperfect) giving us Reason to suppose that a French Frigate was in the Harbour, and of the further Defences, of which we had not been able to gain any real Intelligence, I proposed to Captain Affleck to land the Troops, that an Attack by Sea and Land might be made at the same Time, with which he perfectly coincided; and accordingly I landed, with great Part of the Troops, in the Auce à Savoyard, about Five Miles to the Westward of the Town, and proceeded towards it, sending a Summons from Captain Affleck and myself to the Commandant for the immediate Surrender of the Island; when an Answer being returned, demanding Terms of Capitulation, they were decidedly refused. The Troops continued their March, and having reached, without Opposition, the Heights above the Town, the Alligator at the same Time appearing in Sight of the Harbour, the Commandant,

Monseur Danville, (who from Circumstances was under the Direction of the Commune of the Island) surrendered the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon at Discretion, and Possession was immediately taken of the Battery and Places of Defence near the Town and Harbour.

The Garrison consisted of between 80 and 100 Men only, but there were upwards of 500 French Fishermen (exclusive of the Inhabitants) in the Town, who, had they been prepared and well armed, might have made great Opposition. They had likewise begun to put in a State of Defence the Battery of Eight Twenty-six Pounders, which effectually defended the Harbour.

If, from fortunate Events, no Opportunity offered for the Troops to distinguish themselves, it would be doing the greatest Injustice both to Officers and Men if I did not, in the strongest Terms, mention their good Conduct, Discipline and Regularity, the slightest Depredation not having been committed on any of the Inhabitants by the Troops I have the Honor to command, in a Place taken in the Manner above stated.

I inclose a Return of the Ordnance and Military Stores taken on the Island, and have the Honor to be,

With the greatest Respect,

S I R,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

James Ogilvie, Brig. Gen.

The Right Hon. Henry Dundas, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, &c. &c. &c.

Return of Ordnance and Military Stores, taken at the French Island of St. Pierre, the 14th of May, 1793, by the King's Troops, under the Orders of Brigadier-General Ogilvie.

	Service-able.	Unserviceable.
Iron Ordnance (French) 26 Pounder	8	—
Ditto, 4 ditto	3	5
Ditto, 3 ditto	—	2
Ditto, 1 ditto	3	—
		Garrison