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A Letter, of which the following is a Copy, was this Day received by the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, from General Sir Charles Grey. K. B. dated from Martinico the 16th of March, 1794.

Camp before Fort Bourbon, Island of Martinico, March 16, 1794.

SIR.

IN my Dispatch of the zd Ultimo I had the Honour to acquaint you, that the Force destined for the Expedition was then embarked, in Carlisse Bay, at Barbadoes; and, having sailed very early in the Morning of the 3d, I have now the Satisfaction to add, that we are in Possession of the whole Island of Martinico, excepting Forts Bourbon and Royal, which I hold completely and closely besieged; the latter being, however, entirely in our Power to destroy at Pleasure.

Having made Dispositions for Three separate Landings, distant from each other, not only for the Purpose of dividing the Enemy's Force and Attention, but to alarm him in every Quarter at the same Time, I have the Pleasure to say they all succeeded, viz. At La Trinité, by a Division under Major-General Dundas and Commodore Thompson, on the 5th and 6th of February; at Caise de Navire, to Leeward, by another, under Colonel Sir Charles Gordon, assisted by Colonel Myers, and Captain Rogers of the Navy, on the 8th following; and near Trois Rivieres, St. Luce, Cul de Sax Marin,

where Lieutenant-General Prescott and I were. All these Services were executed with great Spirit and Ability by the Officers who severally commanded, and were well supported by the Troops.

Major-General Dundas immediately advanced, with Colonel Campbell of the 9th Foot, Lieutenant-Colonel Coote of the 70th, and the 1st Battalion of Light Infantry, and carried Morne Le Brun, under a heavy Fire of Musquetry, on the 6th; and instantly detaching Licutenant-Colonel Craddock with the 2d Battalion of Grenadiers, and Major Evatt with Three Companies of Light Infantry, to attack Trinité Fort, the Enemy fled, and our Troops got Possession of it, with the Cannon, Stores, &c. During the same Night, Bellegarde, the popular Leader of the Mulattoes and Blacks, evacuated the Fort bearing his Name, and, leaving his Artillery, &c. fet Fire to the Town of Trinité; great Part of which was, however, faved by the Activity of Captain Salisbury and the Seamen. Proceeding to the Gros Morne. he gained that Post by Twelve o'Clock at Night of the 7th, Major Skerrett being left to command at Trinité Fort. Pushing forward again, he seized Morne Bruneau at Noon of the 9th, the Enemy retreating at his Approach; and detaching Lieutenant-Colonel Craddock, with Three Companies of Grenadiers, he took Possession of Fort Matilde, which covered a good Landing within Two Miles of his Left. The 10th following, he detached Colonel Campbell, with Five Companies of Light Infantry, who seized Colon during the Night. Lieutenante Colonel Craddock being reinforced the fame Even-