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HIS Morning Lieutenant-Colonel Whitelocke arrived from Port au Prince in the Ifland of St. Domingo with a Difpatch from Brigadier-General Whyte to the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, of which the following is a Copy.

Port au Prince, June 8, 1794.

SIR,

IN the Letter which I had the Honour of writing to you from the Mole, by the last Pacquet, I acquainted you of the very critical Situation in which I had found this Country, and of the numberlefs Detachments that were obliged to march for the Defence of the different Pofts : That the neighbouring Parishes of Bombarde, &c. to the Mole had deferted our Caufe; and that, with the fmall Body of 'froops within, the Garrison, though strong to a Degree in the Sea Front, was totally defencelefs to the Land. Having obviated this Defect, by a Chain of Redoubts and Flêches, which defended each other, and fceing that Two Frigates, with a Garrifon fufficient for the Security of the Mole, was all that was wanted there, I determined on bold and decided Measures to fave the Country; and, with the Concurrence of Commodore Ford and Lieutenant-Colonel Whitelocke, who had commanded here with

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fo much Credit, I refolved to attack Port au Princes the Refidence of the Commissioners, and the Capital of this Side of the Island; and proceeded with the Three Regiments, viz. the 22d, 23d and 41ft, (except their Flank Companies, which had been left at Martinique) in their Tranf, orts, with a Detachment from the Flank Companies of the Regiments here, in all One Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty-Five Rank and File fit for Duty, efcorted by One 74, Two 64, One 50, Three Frigares, and Three Sloops, I left the Mole for that Purpole. The Commodore was unfortunately feized with a Fever foon after our Sailing. We picked up what fmall Craft we could along Shore, and arrived in the Bay of Port au Prince on the 31st of May, where, feeing the Situation favourable to our Plan of Attack, (which was on both Flanks and Center at the fame Time, as near as Circumitances would admit) the Militia Cavalry of Leogane was ordered to move from their Quarters, and to advance on the Bizotton Road, where the Right Attack was to be made ; the L'Arcahaye Cavalry by the Left, to the Salines, where the Enemy was posted, and entrenched with Cannon. This Difpolition having been made, I ordered Major Spencer, with Three Hundred Bruith and fome of the Colonial Troops, to land within One Mile of Fort Bizatton, covered by Two Stoops

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of War. As foon as the Two Line of Battle Ships and a Frigate, ordered against this, had filenced the Fire, which they effected in Four Hours, the Troops landed, and advanced, through a different Road, towards the Fort, with little Opposition. On their Arrival within a small Distance of the Spot, a violent Thunder Storm took Place, and, taking Advantage of the lucky Minute afforded to them by fo favourable a Circumstance, the advanced Troops rushed forward with their Bayonets, and carried the Place by Affault. Unfortunately we lost a gallant young Man, Captain Wallace, of the 22d; and Captain Daniel, of the 41st, was wounded.

This great Point being carried, I repaired (with Lieutenant-Colonel Whitelocke, whom I ordered to take the Command_of the Center) to the opposite Side of the Bay; and, having landed Major Handfield with Two Hundred British Troops, to support the Attack on the Poft of Salines, (the Frigates fcouring the Beach and enfilading the Entrenchments) he attacked and carried the Poft without Lofs, and, continuing his March, the next Day he turned the Batteries which defended the Landings near to and on the Left of Port au Prince. The Enemy being thus hemmed in on all Sides, excepting in the Rear, and perceiving Numbers moving out, by a Road called the Charbonier, we determined on a general Affault, and the Fleet and Army advanced; when the Enemy, perceiving our Motions, ftruck their Flags, and abandoned the Place, having previously spiked their Cannon on the Land Defences ; and the Two Commissioners from France, Pulverele and Santhonax, with the Black General Monbrune, (who was wounded with a Bayonet at Bizotton) efcaped, and I have not fince been able to learn any certain Accounts of them; but being informed that a Body of the Enemy had affembled near to this Place, with Nine Pieces of Cannon, I gave Orders to attack them, which was accordingly done; they were foon difperfed, with the Lofs of their Guns. Another Party, at the Croix de Bouquet, on the further Side of the Plain, and bordering on the Spanish Territories, was also dispersed. The Inhabitants of this Part of the Island infifting on the British Colours being erected, 'twas accordingly done.

The Importance of this Conquest to Great Britain you, Sir, must know: There is more Sugar now nearly ready to cut than in all Jamaica.

I was fent here with difcretional Orders by Sir Charles Grey, and defired to communicate with

Major-General Williamfon. The Orders of the Fleet were to affettible at Tiburoone Bay, and, if no Orders had arrived from Jamaica, they were to proceed there; but comparing the different Reports received from the Mole, as well as what I faw of their Danger at Tiburoone, I called upon the Commanding Officer of the Fleet, and requefted he would immediately fail for the Mole: From the Reafons I flated to him, he most readily acquicfied, and we were welcomed on our Arrival there by all as their Deliverers. I hope, Sir, my Conduct may meet with my Sovereign's Approbation.

Allow me, Sir, to express how fensible I am of the Zeal and Activity which the Navy and Army have shewn on this interesting Occasion, and how uniform their Unanimity has been on every Occasion.

Lieutenant-Colonel Whitelocke will have the Honour to deliver this Difpatch, and there is none can give more real Information of this Country : He has commanded here with infinite Merit, and acquitted himfelf on many arduous and trying Occafions in a Manner which has contributed to the Good of the King's Service, and to his own Honour. He has done the Duty of Quarter-Master General during the Expedition, and for Colonial Reafons I gave him the Rank of Colonel. I have also given to Major Spencer the Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, meaning to appoint him Deputy Quarter-Master General. He is an Officer of great Merit, and has diffinguished himfelf on many Occafions; but as it belongs not to me to give Rank, I hope their Merits may be confidered by His Majesty.

Enclosed are Statements of the Killed and Wounded, and of the Stores taken belonging to the feveral Departments, &c.

Having taken this Place on His Majesty's Birth-Day, I honoured the Fort with the Name of George; the Port remains as before.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

JOHN WHYTE, Brig. Gen.

Commanding St. Domingo.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lennox is just arrived with Eight Flank Companies from Martinique.

Return of the Killed and Wounded of the British and Colonial Troops at the Attack of Fort Bizzotton, June 4, 1794.

22d Regiment. 1 Captain, 2 Rank and File, killed ; 1 Rank and File wounded.

41st Regiment. 4 Rank and File killed; 1 Captain wounded.

Colonial

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Colonial. 2 Rank and File killed; 1 Rank and	Eight ditto - 9937
File wounded.	Four ditto - 2380
Total. 1 Captain, 8 Rank and File, killed; 1	Three ditto 200
Captain, z Rank and File, wounded.	Two ditto
	Ditto of Lead 3569
Names of Officers killed and wounded.	DOUBLE-HEADED SHOT.
Captain Wallace, 22d Regiment, killed.	Thirty-fix Pounders - 191
Captain Daniel, 41st Ditto, wounded.	Twenty-four ditto — — — 872
J. GRANT,	Eighteen ditto — — — 1183
Deputy Adjutant-General.	Twelve ditto 1623
John Whyte, Brigadier-General	Eight ditto 820
commanding St. Domingo.	Langridge in Bags of different Natures - 8000
Return of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores taken at	
Port au Prince, in the Arfenal and in the different	Eight Pounders 325
Forts and Baiteties, and Forts in the Vicinity of	-
the City, on the 4th of June, 1794.	Two ditto 2549
Nature of Ordnance.	One di.to 500
B R A S S.	
	Corned Powder, in Barrels and Cannon Cartridges, Pounds Weight - 105,800
Twenty-four Pounders 4	Mufquet and Carbine Cartridges — 140,000
Eight ditto I	Mulquet Flints 90,000
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IRON.	Twenty-four Pounders 3
Thirty-fix Pounders 2	,
'Twenty-four ditto — 23	
Eighteen ditto — — 17	
Twelve ditto — — 6	
Eight ditto 27	
Four ditto 24	,
Three ditto <u> </u>	
Two ditto — 3	
MORTARS and HOWITZERS.	Eight ditto — — 6
BRASS.	Four ditto 19
Thirteen-Inch Mortars — 2	Three ditto - 22
Eight ditto Howitzers — — 2	Covered Waggons for Ammunition - 11
I R O N.	· Carts for carrying Stores - 6
Thirteen-Inch Mortars — 6	Devil Carriages — – z
Four Inch two-fifths ditto Howitzers - 1	Slow Match, Pounds Weight - 5418
	Port-Fires, Dozens - 217
Total Pieces of Ordnance 131	4274
SHELLS.	Fuzzes for Shells - 2180
Thirteen-Inch 629	Spunges, of different Natures - 514
Fight ditto 270	Ladles, ditto 490
ROUND SHOT.	Wadhooks, ditto — 236
Thirty-fix Pounders - 3217	Handspikes — — 656
Twenty-four ditto 618	17 7 4 1 7 1 6 6 1
Eighteen ditto 522	
Twelve ditto 1770	
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and from Information received of Ammunition, &c. concealed in different Parts of the Town, the Quantity of each Species cannot be afcertained till Time will allow for a regular Survey being made.

> W. P. Smith, Captain commanding the Royal Artillery.

> > Wm. M⁴Kerras, Captain commanding Royal Engineers.

Intrenching and other Tools found in the Arfenal.

4776 lb. Nails.

36 Adzes.

81 Carpenters Ditto.

3618 Hoes.

369 Shovels.

1396 Spades.

656 Pick Axes.

1396 Axes (afforted)

I Dozen Latches and Catches.

558 Holdfafts.

34 Majons Hammers.

83 Sledge Ditto.

2 Clod Ditto.

48 Miners Ditto.

2 Bill-Hooks.

7700, Hinges, Hooks and Locks.

.49 Saws (afforted)

213 Iron Crows.

444 Iron Bolts.

4 Iron Wrenches.

320 Augurs (afforted.)

15 Bench-Hooks.

314 Grinding Stones.

80 Gouges.

5 Blacksmiths Beats.

126 Iron Bars (afforted.)

87 Mortice Chissels (afforted.)

1 Box Fountain Lids.

230 Miners Tools.

700 Stock Locks.

A large Quantity of Steel.

4 Grinding Irons.

z Trunks of Locks and Keys.

1 Small Trunk of Padlocks.

1 Box of Cutlers Tools.

12 Parcels of Wire.

z Boxes of Varnish.

20 Carpenters Planes.

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4 Cafks of Screws and Nuts.

24 Cafks of Coals.

2000 Shingles.

- 1612 Polished Marble Flags.
 - 11 Brafs One-Foot Rules.
 - I Winch.
 - 29 Pitch-Forks.
 - 18 Carpenters Files.
 - 20 Compasses (associated.)
 - 8 Coopers Spoke Shaves.

3 Scrapers.

- 1 Turning Lathe and Tools complete.
- 2 Large Ladders.
- 6 Door-Hooks.

A confiderable Quantity of old Iron.

A confiderable Quantity of Lumber, not to be afcertained at prefent.

A large Quantity of Water Pipes.

W. P. Smith, Captain Royal Artillery. Wm. M^cKerras, Captain commanding Royal Engineers.

PROCLAMATION of bis Excellency Brigadier-General Whyte, commanding His Britannick Majefty's Forces in St. Domingo.

THE Commissioners and their Agents, in order to carry into Execution those pertidious Designs which have proved so fatal to the Lives, the Laws, the Liberty and the Happiness of this once flourishing Colony, have every where calumniated the British Government.

General Whyte, who has the Honor to reprefent His Britannic Majefty, affures the Inhabitants of Port au Prince, and it's Vicinity, that the Object of His Majefty and of his Government is to reftore Peace among every Clafs of Inhabitants.

Those Parts of the Colony, which have already placed themselves under His Majesty's Protection, can bear a faithful Testimony that there is nothing oppressive in the Behaviour and Laws of the English.

A confiderable Part of the Reople of St. Domingo. has been feduced from it's Duty; these Perfons are hereby invited to return to their Occupations, to lay down their Arms, and to forget every Caufe of Refentment.

The English Government demands, and will obtain, by Force if necessary, that peaceful Obedience which is due to it's mild and just Laws.

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The Mulattoes will find in the General and the Government every Disposition to favour their Intereits : they are confidered by the English, who are and will continue to be their Friends.

The Negroes, who have been fo long the Dupes of the vile Artifices of the Commissioners, will soon be convinced that the English difdain Falsehood and Deceit.

Let them, relying with Confidence on the Generolity of the British People, return to their Masters, lay down their Arms, and enjoy the Advantages of a Life devoted to Industry; their prefent Sufferings will foon be relieved, and the Laws will protect them against Cruelty and Oppression.

The Forces, which are now in this Colony to fupport the Happiness of the Inhabitants, and the Glory of the English Nation, are but a Part, even a fmall Part, of the Army defined for it's Service; it being His Majesty's Resolution to punish in a Manner as certain as fevere, those who will not accept the Offers of this and of the preceding Proclamations.

All Perfons who shall repair to Port au Prince, and to the English General, within the Delay of Eight Days from the Date of this Proclamation, except those who have been guilty of Murder, or of taking a Part in Infurrections, will be received and pardoned; but all those who are taken in Arms after the above-mentioned Period, will be put to Death as Traiters.

Done at Port au Prince, the 8th of June, 1794: JOHN WHYTE, (Signed) Brigadier-General Commandant.

Admiralty Office, July 16.

Letter from Rear-Admiral Ford to Mr. Stephens, dated in Port au Prince Road the 9th of last Month, of which the following is an Extract, was received at this Office last Night by Captain Rowley, of His Majefty's Ship Penelope.

IN my Letter of the 22d Ultimo, per Cumberland Packet, I acquainted you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that Brigadier-General Whyte, with the 22d, 23d, and 41ft Regiments, (Flank Companies excepted) had arrived at the Mole, with the Irrefiftible, Belliqueux, and Fly Sloop; and that, notwithstanding the Difficulties we had to furmount, (the rainy Seafon being fet in, the Ships and Troops fickly, &c.) it was the Intention of the General and myfelf to proceed immediately against Port au Prince, and every Exertion was

DO. 13684. В ufed accordingly. It was thought expedient for the Ships of War and Transports to rendezvous in L'Arcahaye Road, on the North Shore of Port au Prince, where they arrived on the 25th, in order to collect and prepare the fmail Craft and Boats necessary to land the Troops, and to get the Colonial Troops, both on the Side of Leogane and L'Arcahaye, in Readinefs to co operate with the Army; which being completed by the 10th, the Squadron failed at Noon on that Day, and I proceeded in the Europa, with the Irrefiftible, Belliqueux, Sceptre, and Fly Sloop, with a Detachment of the British and Colonial Troops, of the advanced Post of Bissoton, on the South Side ; while Captain Hills, with the Hermione, Iphigenia. Swan, and Marie Antoinette Schooner, went on, with the Transports and the grand Body of the Troops, to Point Saline, where they anchored the fame Evening. The whole Force being thus collected, and the Operations ready to commence, a Flag of Truce was fent, on the following Morning, to demand the Surrender of the Place; but, on approaching the Harbour, the Officer, charged with the Difpatch, was informed that no Flag of Truce would be admitted, and the Letter was, confequently, returned unopened.

As the General concurred with me in Opinion that the Possession of Fort Bisson was an Object of the first Confideration, the Belliqueux and Sceptre were ordered to attack the Sea Front ; the Penelope, at the fame Time, to anchor close to the Shore, to flank a Ravine to the Eastward on the Back of the Fort, while a Party of Troops, under the Command of Lieutenant Colouel Spencer of the 13th Regiment, were to be landed just out of Gun-Shot to the-Westward, in order to act, on the Moment, according to the Exigency of Service: And at Half past Eleven o'Clock, A. M. on the 1st Initant, the Sea-Breeze fetting in, Captains Brine and Dacres, the Commanders of the two first mentioned Ships, weigned, per Signal, and placed themselves with the utmost Precision against the Fort, and immediately commenced a very brick and well-directed Fire against it, and the Penclope in the fame Manner upon the Ravine. The Europa and Irrefiftible also weighed and kept under Sail, to throw in a Broadfide when Opportunity required, as well as to keep off a Budy of the Enemy's Horfe, and some Brigands, who appeared disposed to annoy the Landing of the Troops. At Five o'Clock the Detachmentavas wholly difembarked, under the Direction of Captain Affleck, of the Sloop; and, although the Fort returned the Fire of

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fometimes appeared quite filenced, yet the Colours were fill, flying, and a Shot now and then fired 'till Six o'Clock, P. M. when a moft tremendous Thunder Storm and Deluge of Rain put an End to all Firing; and, about Half an Hour paft Eight o'Clock, the Fort was flormed and carried, by Captain Daniel of the 41ft Regiment, with 60 Men, who was foon after joined by Lieutenant-Colonel Spencer and his Detachment; and in the Morning the British Colours were holfted.

On the Evening of the 2d, a Party of 200 Britifh, under the Command of Colonel Hampfield, were landed at Point Saline ; and early next Morning the Hermione and Iphigenia were, under Sail, firing on an advanced Post of the Enemy, named Bernadon, in order to divert their Attention from Colonel Hampfield's Detachment, while he effected a Junction with a Body of Colonial Cavalry commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel La Pointe, as well as to prepare for the Landing of the Grand Body of the Troops, with which the General intended to difembark, and postefs himfelf of the Heights above Fort Robin, and, after fecuring the advanced Pofts of Foffé and Dimanche, to attack that Fort, while the Ships were to engage the Sea Batteries ; and Lieutenant-Colonel Spencer was to make a Diversion from Biffoton, ailited by a Body of Colonial Cavalry : But the Weather proving had in the Evening, the Troops on the North Side could not be difembarked, though the Enemy flewed every Appearance of Fear and Confusion; and during the Night I received Information, by fome Deferters from the Town to the Europa, that the Commiflaries, with the principal Part of their Force, had made their Efcape towards Aux Cayes before they were furrounded by our Troops, by which Means the Town and Shipping were faved, as they had fitted feveral Merchant Ships with Combuttibles, moored expressly for the Purpose of fetting Fire to the Whole.

As foon as the Sea Breeze fet in on the 4th Inftant, the Ships of War got under Sail, and hoifted the Britith Colours on the Sea Batteries, while the General landed at the North Part of the Town, and Lieutenant-Colonel Spencer marched in on the South at the fame Time, and took Poffellion of the principal Pofts, without much Opposition or Lofs; upon which I ordered a Royal Salute to be fired, in Honor

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of the Day, and of the important Advantage gained over the Enemy: And I have the moft heartfelt Satisfaction in affuring their Lordfhips, that a cordial and diftinguifhed Zapi prevailed between the Army and Navy; and that the Captains, Onicers, Seamen and Mariaes, under my Command, conducted themfelves in a Manner truly fpirited, active and commendable, and deferving the Name of True Britons,

Inclosed are Returns of the Loss fustained by His Majefty's Ships, and of the Ships found in the Harbour upon Poffeffion being taken.

Return of the Lojs fustained by His Majesty's Shipe. in the Attack of Port au Prince.

Belliqueux. 10 Seamen and Marines wounded. Hermione. 5 Seamen killed, 6 Seamen wounded.

Return of Ships and Vessels, found in the Haubsur of Port au Prince, the 4th Day of June, 1794.

- Ship La Clementine, 550 Tons, laden with Sugar, and Coffee.
- Ship La Sufette, 300 Tons, laden with Sugar, Cof-
- Ship La Lydia, 250 Tons, laden with Sugar and Indigo.
- Ship La Fidèle, 500 Tons, laden with Sugar and Indigo.
- Ship L'Ocean, 340 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.
- Brig La Manon, 260 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.
- Ship La Momus, 300 Tons, laden with Sugar and . Coffee.
- Ship L'Aimable Petite Sufette, 270 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.
- Ship Le Caûmir, 400 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.
- Brig Le Charles Honoré, 280 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.
- Ship Le Courier, 500 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.
- Brig La Margaretta, 200 Tons, laden with Indigo, Sugar and Coffee.
- Ship Le Bon Accord, 350 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.
- B. iz, Name unknown, 300 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.
- Brig, Name unknown, 150 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.

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- Brig, Name unknown, 200 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.
- Brig La Catherine, 160 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.
- Ship La Rofalie, 260 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.
- Brig, Name unknown, 200 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.
- Ship Le Metier, 350 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.
- Brig, Name unknown, 200 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.
- Ship La Petite Rivière, 500 Tons, laden with Sugar and Coffee.

All in Ballaft.

Ship Le Du Gueselin, 400 Tons.

Ship La Henriette, 600 Tons.

Ship Le Bien Aimé, 600 Tons.

Ship Le Courier du Cap, 400 Tons.

Ship L'Esperance, 400 Tons.

Sloop, Name unknown, 60 Tons. Sloop, Name unknown, 40 Tons. Ship Le Sage, 700 Tons. Polacre Theodore Jofephine, 200 Tons. Brig Le Chailes, 350 Tons. Brig Les Deux Coufins, 250 Tons. Ship L'Efpoir, 400 Tons. Ship Le Forbé, 350 Tons. Snow Le Jeune Defiré, 300 Tons. Brig, Name unknown, 250 Tons. Sloop, Name unknown, 40 Tons.

Old Vessels in the Careening Harbour.

Ship Le Cuftard, 550 Tons. Ship L'Amphitrite, 550 Tons. Ship Lempriere, 300 Tons. Brig Le Charlotte Defiré, 200 Tons. Brig La Jennings, 90 Tons. Brig La Ville, 200 Tons. Ship Le Manuel, 550 Tons.

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