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.

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