

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

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

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

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

All Persons 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 Insurrections, will be received and pardoned; but all those who are taken in Arms after the above-mentioned Period, will be put to Death as Traitors.

Done at Port au Prince, the 8th of June, 1794:

(Signed) JOHN WHYTE,
Brigadier-General Commandant.

Admiralty Office, July 16.

A 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 Majesty'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 41st Regiments, (Flank Companies excepted) had arrived at the Mole, with the Irresistible, Belliqueux, and Fly Sloop; and that, notwithstanding the Difficulties we had to surmount, (the rainy Season being set in, the Ships and Troops sickly, &c.) it was the Intention of the General and myself to proceed immediately against Port au Prince, and every Exertion was

used 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 small Craft and Boats necessary to land the Troops, and to get the Colonial Troops, both on the Side of Leogane and L'Arcahaye, in Readiness to co-operate with the Army; which being completed by the 30th, the Squadron sailed at Noon on that Day, and I proceeded in the Europa, with the Irresistible, 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 same Evening. The whole Force being thus collected, and the Operations ready to commence, a Flag of Truce was sent, on the following Morning, to demand the Surrender of the Place; but, on approaching the Harbour, the Officer, charged with the Dispatch, was informed that no Flag of Truce would be admitted, and the Letter was, consequently, returned unopened.

As the General concurred with me in Opinion that the Possession of Fort Bissoton was an Object of the first Consideration, the Belliqueux and Sceptre were ordered to attack the Sea Front; the Penelope, at the same 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 Colonel 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 Instant, the Sea-Breeze setting in, Captains Brine and Dacres, the Commanders of the two first mentioned Ships, weighed, per Signal, and placed themselves with the utmost Precision against the Fort, and immediately commenced a very brisk and well-directed Fire against it, and the Penelope in the same Manner upon the Ravine. The Europa and Irresistible also weighed and kept under Sail, to throw in a Broadside when Opportunity required, as well as to keep off a Body of the Enemy's Horse, and some Brigands, who appeared disposed to annoy the Landing of the Troops. At Five o'Clock the Detachment was wholly disembarked, under the Direction of Captain Affleck, of the Fly Sloop; and, although the Fort returned the Fire of