

the said Bounties and Reward, hath been prolonged and extended to the Thirty-first Day of this instant August; and it being judged expedient for His Majesty's Service that the said Bounties and Reward should be continued to be paid for some Time longer; His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy Council, doth therefore order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, that the Time limited for Payment of the said Bounties and Reward be prolonged and extended, from the said Thirty-first Day of this instant August, to the Thirty-first Day of October next, inclusive: Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Steph. Cottrell.

Horse-Guards, Whitehall, August 12.

THE Dispatches, of which the following are Extracts, have been received from Sir Charles Grey, K. B. by the Right Hon. Henry Dundas, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Guadaloupe, June 11, 1794.

WE received an Express at St. Christopher on the 4th Instant, with the unwelcome News of the Decease of Major-General Dundas, who died of a Fever at Guadaloupe. after a few Days Illness; and in him His Majesty and his Country lose one of their bravest and best Officers, and a most worthy Man. I, too, feel severely the Loss of so able an Assistant on this arduous Service, and a valuable Friend ever to be lamented. Before Day of the 5th another Express arrived at St. Christopher's from Guadaloupe, with Intelligence that several Sail of French Line of Battle Ships, with Frigates, Transports and 2000 Land Forces on Board, had appear'd off Point à Petre, Grande Terre, on the 3d Instant.

The Admiral made immediate Sail for Guadaloupe, and we reached Basse Terre in the Afternoon of the 7th Instant, receiving further Intelligence that the Enemy had landed, forced Fort Fleur d'Épée before Day of the 6th Instant, and were actually in Possession of it, with Fort Louis, Fort Government, the Town of Point à Petre, &c. and their Shipping anchored in the Harbour. I landed immediately at Basse Terre, and the Admiral proceeded, with the Ships of War, to Point à Petre, where he anchored at Noon of the 8th Instant, during which I continued visiting the Posts, and giving the necessary Orders at Basse Terre; and in the Evening of the 9th following I returned to the Boyne, to concert Measures with the Admiral for regaining Point à Petre and Grande Terre. We have sent to the different Islands to collect all the Force that can be spared, in particular the Flank Companies, Part of whom are already arrived; and as every Effort shall be made on our Part, at the same Time that we can thoroughly depend on the Bravery and Exertions of our Troops and Seamen, I hope soon to render a good Account of this second Expedition, having their Ships completely blocked up within the Inner Harbour, which are now found to consist of Two Frigates, One Corvette, Two large Ships, appearing to be armed en Flute, and Two other Ships within Land, so that it cannot be exactly discovered what they are. *Their Troops consist of about 1500 Men, joined by some Mulattoes and Negroes, since landing, of course. I transmit herewith the Report and Returns of Lieutenant-Colonel Drummond, of the 43d Regiment, who commanded at Fort Fleur d'Épée and Point à Petre, at the Time

of its being retaken by the French; which Armament that retook it failed from Rochefort about the 25th of April last, having had a Passage of Forty-one Days.

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Basse Terre, June 9, 1794.

I Embrace the earliest Opportunity to inform you of the Arrival of a Squadron of French Men of War at the Island of Guadaloupe, and of the Loss of Fort Fleur d'Épée, which was taken by Storm on Friday the 6th Instant.

On Tuesday the 3d Instant I received Intelligence from Captain M'Dowall, of the 43d Regiment, at St. Ann's, that Nine Ships, bearing the National Colours of France, were then off the Town of St. Francois, and seem'd to be sailing along the Coast towards Point à Petre. This Report was confirm'd soon afterwards by the Arrival of other Expresses from different Parts of the Colonies; and at Half past Four o'Clock the French Squadron, consisting, as I am inform'd, of Two Ships of Fifty Guns, One of Forty Guns, armed en Flute, One Frigate with Five Transports, came to Anchor about a Mile and a Half beyond the Village of Gozier, and immediately began to disembark their Troops.

On the Receipt of Captain M'Dowall's Letter, I enclosed a Copy of it to Major-General Dundas, and on the Arrival of the French Fleet I sent a Second Express to Basse Terre, explaining the Nature of my Situation, and requesting a Reinforcement, as it was generally suppos'd the Enemy meant to attack us in the Evening of the 4th Instant; and as I had received no Answer to my Letters to Major-General Dundas, I sent to Captain Buchanan, of the 39th Regiment, who I was inform'd was then at Marygat with Seventy Men, to desire he would march with all possible Expedition to our Assistance; but the Answer I received to those Applications was One Letter from Major Maitland, saying Major-General Dundas was dead, and that he had communicat'd my Dispatches to Lieutenant-Colonel Blundell, with a Second from the Lieutenant-Colonel, expressing a Doubt whether it would be prudent in him to afford me any Assistance or no. The Communications were seconded by the Two inclosed Letters, which were put into my Hands a few Hours before the Enemy attack'd the Fort. On the Evening of the 3d Instant I took every Precaution to strengthen the Post of Fort Fleur d'Épée, and to make the best possible Defence in case of an Attack, that the Nature of our Situation would allow. All the detached Companies of the 43d Regiment were order'd in; the Inhabitants were assembled, and arriv'd in their several Parishes, as well as all the English Merchants and Sailors at Point à Petre; and at Six o'Clock on Wednesday Morning I was happy to find I had a Body of near Three Hundred Men at the Fort, which I was in Hopes would have prov'd formidable enough to counteract any offensive Operations of the Enemy, till I could procure a Military Reinforcement from Basse Terre.

During the Whole of Wednesday the 4th, and Thursday the 5th Instant, the Enemy contented themselves with plundering and burning the Houses and Estates of some Gentlemen in the Vicinity of Gozier.

I had every Reason to believe, from the Information of the Parties sent out to reconnoitre the Enemy on the 4th Instant, that the whole of their Force did not amount to more than Three Hundred Men, and that they were not only worn out by the Length of their Voyage, but fatigued also with the Excess they had committed from the Moment of their Landing. Impress'd with this Idea, the Royalists in the

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