

jeants and Sixty Rank and File, posted on the Hill commanding the Town of Gouyave; One Subaltern of which, with Twenty Men, were detached along the Ridge running West about Two Hundred Yards from Captain Hamilton's Post, in order to prevent their Approach from coming up a Valley in their Front, which had the desired Effect, as Ensign Connor, of the 68th Regiment, a very steady and brave Officer, checked a Column, intended against him, by the Vigilance and Fire of his Advanced Sentries. The Column then (as he supposes) directed their Route towards the Captain's Post, as a hot Firing soon after commenced there, during a very heavy Shower of Rain. This Circumstance induced Ensign Connor to march to the Support of that Post; but on his Arrival fell in with Captain Hamilton, who told him he had been surrounded with a very superior Body of the Enemy, which had penetrated and driven his Party from the Works; and that Lieutenant Carr, with several of his Men, were badly wounded; all which Circumstances were confirmed to me by the Arrival of Captain Hamilton at Gouyave House, who made me a similar Report. During this Transaction a Report prevailed that the Insurgents were advancing from our Rear, and the Part of the Works below; and I was confirmed in it by Firing being heard from the latter mentioned Place. This prevented me from calling up Colonel Webster's Black Corps, who had the Defence of the Town and the Protection of the Hospital; as also Captain Angus's Black Corps, who had been posted to defend the Sugar-Works, (and, as I had been informed, had perceived an Enemy approaching) to make an Attempt to recover the Hill again. An Attempt, however, was made by all the Men I could muster of the 68th Regiment; but they were not able to advance further than the Post already mentioned, on the Left of the Ridge, which was gained with great Difficulty, from the very steep and slippery State, occasioned by the constant Rains; and finding the Enemy so superior in Numbers, and in Possession of a Field Piece, from which they fired Grape, as to make it too hazardous, and no Probability of Success.

It was then the general Sense of the Officers under my Command, whose Opinions I severally took, to retreat to Sauter, but that afterwards being found impracticable it was resolved to march to St. George's.

This, Sir, is a Detail of Facts, as nearly as I can state to you, of this unfortunate Business, but which, however to be lamented, will not, I trust, appear to you either to have proceeded from any Want of Vigilance or Neglect of Duty on my Side.

I have the Honor to be, &c.  
Signed, JOHN B. SCHAW,  
Major of the 68th Regiment,  
and Lieut. Col.

P. S. I have the Honour herewith to send you a State of the 68th Regiment.

*Return of the 68th Regiment of Foot, of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Rank and File, on the 16th of October, 1795.*

Present.—10 Officers, 17 Serjeants, 15 Drummers, 107 Rank and File.

Missing.—2 Serjeants, 34 Rank and File.

Sick at Gouayve.—29 Rank and File.

Total.—10 Officers, 19 Serjeants, 15 Drummers, 170 Rank and File.

(Signed) John B. Schaw, Major,  
68th Regiment.

*Copy of a Letter from Captain Hamilton, of the 68th Regiment, to Brigadier-General Nicolls dated St. George's, October 17, 1795.*

I Am this Moment honored with your Letter of this Date, in Answer to which I beg Leave to state, that I joined the Guard on Gouyave-Hill after Dark on the Night of the 15th Instant, and, on Enquiry, found it consisted of One Serjeant, Two Corporals, and Thirty-eight Men, of which Eleven were Blacks. I then detached One Corporal and Three British Soldiers to a Path pointed out by Captain Pinuber, to Colonel Schaw, with Orders, that should the Enemy approach that Way to give them their Fire, and then retire to the Huts, and alarm the Men there, and immediately to join Colonel Schaw at the House, it being impossible for them to rejoin me, from the Nature of the Ground. This left me with One Serjeant, One Corporal, and Thirty-five Men, including the Blacks. I then fell them in round the Breast-Work, in order that each Man should know his Post in case of an Alarm; on doing which I found that I was obliged to leave a Space of Two Yards and better between each Man, to enable me to occupy the Whole of the Ground within the Breast-Work; and, as the Night was extremely dark, I thought it necessary to put Thirteen Sentries. At a little after Eleven o'Clock, Lieutenant Carr (who was my Subaltern) visited the Sentries, and, on his Return, informed me he had found them perfectly alert: In about Five Minutes after which we heard One of them fire, on which we immediately turned out, and had Time to fire from Four to Five Rounds per Man, previous to the Enemy's getting up to the Breast-Work, after which we disputed it with our Bayonets, until overpowered by Numbers. Some Confusion took Place among the Gunners, which prevented them from firing the Field Piece (the only Gun we had) immediately on the Attack; and, on the Enemy's getting near the Breast-Work, it was impossible to fire it without endangering our own Men; and, indeed, it would have been of little Avail, as we were attacked on all Sides. With respect to our Loss, or that of the Enemy, I cannot take upon me to say what it may have been, as the Night was so dark as to prevent me from seeing; neither can I attempt to say what was their Strength. Before Lieutenant Carr and I quitted the Post, there appeared to be at least One Hundred of the Enemy within the Breast-Work, and from the Noise without they seemed to be advancing in great Force. I am inclined to think their Loss must have been considerable, as our Fire appeared to be well directed, and our Men disputed the Breast-Work bravely with their Bayonets, besides which they, the Enemy, fired on each other for some Time after we had been obliged to quit the Post. Lieutenant Carr remained with me within the Works (though wounded) until we found that our Men were all driven out, after which we retired. The Man who bayoneted him attacked me, when unfortunately shot him, by which I escaped.

I have the Honor, &c.

Carlton-House, December 25.

*Office for managing the Affairs of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.*

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