

STAFF.

Major James Robertson, of the 71st Foot, to be Deputy Adjutant-General to the Forces serving in the East Indies, with the Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army.

HOSPITAL STAFF.

Doctor ——— Robertson, Physician to the Forces, to be Inspector of Hospitals for the Forces on Foreign Service.

Southern Regiment of Fencible Infantry.

Stuart Home Douglas, Gent. to be Lieutenant, vice Johnston, promoted.

Loyal Nottingham Regiment of Fencible Infantry.

Captain-Lieutenant Francis Nelson to be Captain of a Company, vice Cotton, who retires.

Lieutenant George De Carteret from the Guernsey Cavalry, to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Nelson.

Norfolk Regiment of Fencible Cavalry.

John Tooke, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Thomlinson, promoted.

Berwickshire Regiment of Fencible Cavalry.

Cornet George Bruce to be Lieutenant, vice Baugh, who retires.

William Johnston, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Bruce.

Adam Landels, Clerk, to be Chaplain.

Lieutenant George Bruce to be Surgeon.

Hampshire Regiment of Fencible Cavalry.

Surgeon William Jefferis to be Lieutenant, vice Spencer, promoted in the 27th Light Dragoons.

Suffex Regiment of Fencible Cavalry.

Quarter-Master ——— Stevenson, to be Cornet, vice Bonner, who retires.

Mid-Lothian Regiment of Fencible Cavalry.

John Barr, Gent. to be Cornet.

Petersfield Corps of Gentlemen and Yeomanry.

Lord Stawell to be Major Commandant.

George Cathery, Esq; to be Captain.

William Blunt, Gent. to be Lieutenant.

Christopher Jackson, Gent. to be Lieutenant.

Henry Binlead, Gent. to be Cornet.

Light Horse Volunteers of London and Westminster.

Thomas Wilson, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Wigley, who retires.

Horse Guards, May 14, 1796.

THE following Extract of a Letter from Brigadier-General Nicols, dated Port Royal, Grenada, March 28, 1796, to Lieutenant-General Sir Ralph Abercromby, K. B. has been transmitted by the latter to the Right Hon. Henry Dundas, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

I Had the Honor of writing to your Excellency on the 24th Instant; that Day I got on Shore the Detachments of the 8th and 63d Regiments, with a Part of the 3d or Buffs: I also got Two Six-Pounders and a Five and Half Inch Howitzer to a Ridge South of Port Royal, and distant about 1000 Yards; a Battery was made in the Night, by the great Exertions of Brevet Major O'Mara, of the 38th Regiment, so that by Day-Light it opened upon the Enemy's Redoubt. We saw the Howitzer disconcert them very much; but as it was our Object to close with them as soon as possible, I had determined to get on the same Ridge with them, or, if I saw an Opening, to attempt the Redoubt by Assault: For this Purpose I thought it necessary to try to dislodge some strong Parties of the Enemy, which we

saw posted on the Heights on our Left, as if intending to turn or distress that Flank; I accordingly detached a strong Black Corps, with 50 of the 88th Regiment, the Whole under Major Houston; owing to the Difficulty of the Ground, it was near Two Hours before they could get near the Enemy, when a heavy but distant Fire commenced on both Sides. I had previously concerted with him, that in case of attaining a particular Point, which would have covered our Approach to Port Royal, he was to make a Signal, on which the Light Company of the Buffs, the Detachments of the 8th and 63d Regiments, under the Command of Lieutenant-Colonel Dawson, were to advance, while the Part of the Battalion of the Buffs that had landed were to form a Reserve, the Whole under Brigadier-General Campbell; but so far from dislodging the Enemy, I saw with Regret our Black Corps and the 88th Regiment retiring, Major Houston having tried, without Success, to accomplish the Object he was sent on: This obliged me to detach the 8th Regiment to support them, which it did effectually. At this Moment an alarming Fire broke out in our Rear, near the Place where all the Stores we had landed were deposited; but by the Exertions of our People, under the Orders of Lieutenant-Colonel Dyott, they were all preserved. In the Midst of those untoward Circumstances we heard a Firing from our Ships of War that lay at Anchor, and were soon informed it was at Two French Schooners that were making into Marquis; the Truth of this was soon confirmed, for we saw them enter and anchor. I had one of the Six-Pounders turned on them, as they were well within Reach, but unluckily we never struck them. The Situation of Affairs was now so critical that an Instant was not to be lost. I accordingly directed Brigadier-General Campbell to proceed to the Assault, and I brought up every Thing in my Power to support him: He therefore advanced with only the Buffs and 63d Regiment, the 8th having, as I before stated, been detached on another Service. I ordered up Half of the 29th Regiment to replace them, and Half of the 9th also to assist if necessary; but the 29th, that I had to bring from Grand Bacolet, though they came as soon as possible, did not join him till after the Buffs had met with a Check, from the Advantage the Enemy had of the Ground, and from a very galling Fire to which they were exposed; they however soon formed again under the Cover of a Hedge, and being then joined by the 29th Regiment, under Captain Clavy, Brigadier-General Campbell ordered the Whole to advance to the Assault, which they did in the most determined Manner, led by the Brigadier himself. They soon gained the Top of the Ridge, the Enemy then ran towards their Redoubt, and were followed by our People, who scrambled in at the Embasures, Captain Clavy, of the 29th Regiment, being the first that entered. The Enemy then flew in the utmost Terror in all Directions, some throwing themselves down Precipices, whilst others tried to escape down the Hill, through Brush and other Wood; but there was so heavy a Fire kept on them from the Top by our People, that they were forced to try to escape along a Bottom, where the Detachment of the Light Dragoons, under Captain Black, and the St. George's Troop of Light Cavalry, under Captain M. Burney, (that had previously been formed under the Hill to profit of any Occasion that offered) seeing the Enemy flying, rushed on them through a Fire of Grape from the French Schooner, and