

giments, and a Detachment of the Royal Artillery, embarked and sailed on the 15th Ultimo.

On the 21st this Squadron arrived upon the Coast of Demerary; and on the 22d the Governor and Council were summoned to surrender the Colony to His Britannic Majesty upon the Conditions which I have the Honor herewith to inclose. The next Day the Terms were agreed to, the Capitulation signed, and the British Troops took Possession of the Fort and Colony. Lieutenant-Colonel Hislop of the 39th Regiment is left Commandant of Demerary and Iſle-quoibo.

Major-General Whyte was to proceed to take Possession of the neighbouring Colony of Berbice; and, after making the necessary Arrangements, he is ordered to repair to his Station at St. Domingo.

From the Accounts received there is Produce to an immense Value at Demerary, which will be immediately shipped for Great Britain.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*Right Hon. Henry Dundas,*  
*&c. &c. &c.*

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IN Obedience to your Excellency's Commands, I left Barbados on the 15th Instant, with a Detachment of the Artillery and Part of the 39th, 93d, and 90th Regiments, amounting to 1200 Men, escorted by the Malabar, Undaunted, La Picque and Babet Frigates, with the Grenada Transport and Five Schooners and Sloops, and on the 21st made the Land, when the Scipio joined the Fleet. That Evening, when the Tide made, the Babet and La Picque Frigates, with the Grenada Transport, passed the Bar, with the Schooners and Boats of the Fleet, and came to Anchor, within Random Shot of the Fort, at the Entrance of the River; and having, during the Night, prepared every Thing for Attack, at Daylight appeared in Force, when I sent a Flag of Truce by Lieut. Col. Hislop of the 39th Regiment, summoning the Governor to surrender the Colony and its Dependencies to His Britannic Majesty's Forces, agreeable to the Terms which I have the Honor to inclose, and which the Governor and Council accepted.—The Unanimity with which the Service was carried on between the Fleet and Army was pleasing to all concerned, and Mr. Higgins acquitted himself with much Propriety and Utility. Captain Parr, who commanded the Fleet, has assisted and supplied us from the Fleet liberally: And I have the Satisfaction to inform your Excellency, that from every Information I have received, and from above Seventy Ships being actually loaded with the Produce of the Country, now in the River, (most of which will be sent to England) and from every Account of the Fertility of the Soil, it is a most important Acquisition to Great Britain.

The Colony of Berbice adjoining to this being a separate Government, I shall direct my Attention to it without Delay; and I shall leave Lieutenant-Colonel Hislop in the Command here, agreeable to your Excellency's Directions.

The *Thetis*, a Dutch Frigate of 24 Guns, and a Cutter of 12 Guns, are added to the Fleet; and

Captain Parr has given Directions for destroying or bringing down the River a French Brig Privateer of Force.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) JOHN WHYTE, Maj. Gen.

*Sir Ralph Abercromby, K. B.*

*&c. &c. &c.*

*By Major-General John Whyte, Commander of His Britannic Majesty's Land Forces, &c. &c. &c. and Captain Thomas Parr, Commander of His Britannic Majesty's Ships, &c. &c. &c.*

THESE are requiring you, the Governor and Council, Military and Naval Forces, of the Colony of Demerary and its Dependencies, to surrender the said Colony to His Britannic Majesty's Forces under our Command, and to place the said Colony under His Majesty's Protection; and quietly and peaceably to submit to His Majesty's Government.

In which Case the Inhabitants shall enjoy full Security to their Persons, and the free Exercise of their Religion, with the full and immediate Enjoyment of all private Property, whether on Shore or afloat (excepting such as may appear to belong to the Subjects of the French Republic), according to their ancient Laws and Usages, or such other as may be determined upon previous to the Colony's being placed under His Majesty's Government, upon the most liberal and beneficial Terms.

That in the Event of the Colony's remaining under the British Government at the Conclusion of a general Peace, it shall enjoy such commercial Rights and Privileges as are enjoyed by the British Colonies in the West Indies. With regard to the Military and Naval Forces, that the Officers and Men of the Land Forces shall, if agreeable to themselves, be received into the British Pay, with Leave, at the Restoration of the Stadtholder, to return into his Service. Each Non-Commissioned Officer and Soldier shall receive, upon his taking the Oath of Allegiance to His Britannic Majesty to serve him faithfully during the War, where it may be thought proper to employ him, the Sum One Hundred Guilders.

The Officers to receive, under the same Conditions, the Allowance of Two Hundred Days Barr, Baggage and Forage Money, as paid to the British Officers.

The Officers and Men of the Marine Forces cannot be taken into the British Service until His Majesty's Pleasure shall be known, but shall receive Pay according to their Rank, and every Indulgence that can be allowed.

That the Governor and all Civil Officers, after having taken the Oaths of Allegiance to His Majesty, which will be administered by Major-General Whyte, are (if they chuse) to remain in their respective Situations, (excepting those who have shewn a decided Partiality to the French Interest) the Governor only resigning the Military Command. Should such liberal Terms be refused, the Governor, Council, and all concerned, must be answerable for the Consequences, as an immediate Attack will be made by the Land and Sea Forces, which will render every Resistance vain.

Major-General Whyte and Captain Parr give the Governor One Hour, and no more, from the Delivery