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## EXTRAORDINARY

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**D**ISPATCHES, of which the following are Copies, have been received from Lieutenant-General Sir Ralph Abercromby, K. B. by the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

*St. Lucia, May 22, 1796.*

S I R,

**I**N Addition to my Letter of the 2d of May, I have the Honor to acquaint you that Major-General Whyte has returned from Berbice, which Colony accepted of the Terms offered to Demerary, and is now in our quiet Possession.

I am, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*St. Lucia, May 22, 1796.*

S I R,

**I**N my Letter of the 4th of May I had the Honor to acquaint you of the unsuccessful Attack on the Enemy's Batteries on the Side of the Grand Cul de Sac; and as it had been previously determined that the principal Attack on the Enemy's Works should be made on the North Side of Morne Fortuné by the Ridge of Duchasseaux, every Exertion was made to complete the Road for erecting the necessary Batteries, and to bring forward the Artillery and Ammunition. On the 16th Instant the Batteries, con-

sisting of Eighteen Pieces of Ordnance, were opened. These could only be considered in the Light of a First Parallel. The Second Parallel is now nearly complete, and the Lodgment for the last or Third is to be made To-Morrow. If this Operation should be attended with the Effect expected from it, it is probable that we shall, in the Course of Ten or Twelve Days, be in Possession of the Enemy's Works upon Morne Fortuné. It is difficult for me to give an adequate Idea of the Ground on which we are obliged to act. The natural Obstructions, as well as every Obstacle that the Enemy could throw in our Way, render the Post of Morne Fortuné not only respectable, but in a high Degree difficult to be subdued.

As the Enemy still retained Possession of the Vigie, and as they only held it with a slender Force, it appeared of Consequence to get Possession of it, as it would shorten our Line of Attack, and cover our Right Flank; and also as it gave us in some Degree the Command of the Casenage. For this Purpose, on the Night of the 17th Instant, the 31st Regiment, happening to be the Regiment nearest at Hand, was ordered to march immediately after it was dark to take Possession of the Vigie, where the Enemy had not apparently more than from One Hundred and Fifty to Two Hundred Men. The first Part of the Attack succeeded to our Wish; a Battery of Three Eighteen Pounds,

Pounders, which was feebly defended, was seized, the Guns spiked and thrown over the Precipice. There remained on the Summit of the Hill One large Gun and a Field Piece, which the Regiment was ordered to take Possession of; unfortunately the Guide was wounded, and the Troops became uncertain of the right Approach to the Hill: While in this Situation the Enemy's Grape Shot took Effect to such a Degree, as induced Lieutenant-Colonel Hay to order the Regiment to retreat, which it did with considerable Loss. Lieutenant-Colonel Macdonald handsomely advanced with Part of the Grenadiers to cover the Retreat of the 31st Regiment, which he accomplished. It is proper to observe that a Night Attack on the Vigie was indispensably necessary, as Three Batteries of the Enemy flanked the Neck of Land which connects the Vigie with the Main; and in general in this Country, when you have to march to attack an Enemy's Post, who have Artillery, and where it is impossible for you to advance with any on your Part, it is almost a Matter of Necessity to attack at Night.

Hitherto the Troops continue healthy, notwithstanding their Exertions and Fatigue.

I am, &c.

(Signed) RALPH ABERCROMBY.

*Head Quarters, St. Lucia, May 31, 1796.*

S I R,

I HAVE the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 18th of March. In my Letter of the 22d of May I acquainted you that on the Day following we intended to make a Lodgement as near to the Enemy's Works as possible. This, however, was deferred from Necessity till the 24th.

The 27th, 53d, and 57th Regiments had been previously placed near the Point of Attack. On the Morning of the 24th the 27th Regiment lodged themselves upon Two different Points, the nearest of which was not more than Five Hundred Yards from the Fort. The Enemy made a vigorous Effort to dislodge them, but by the good Conduct and Spirit of Brigadier-General Moore, and the steady and intrepid Behaviour of the Officers and Men of the 27th Regiment, the Enemy were twice repulsed with considerable Loss, and before Night the Troops were compleatly under Cover: At the same Time the Communication to the Posts occupied by the 27th Regiment, was carried on with the utmost Vigour, and Two Batteries for Eight Pieces of Artillery were begun.

Upon the Evening of the 24th the Enemy desired a Suspension of Arms until Noon the next Day,

which was granted till Eight in the Morning: A Capitulation for the whole Island ensued, a Copy of which I have the Honor to enclose. On the 26th the Garrison, to the Amount of Two Thousand Men, marched out and laid down their Arms, and are become Prisoners of War. Pidgeon Island is in our Possession: The 55th Regiment has been detached to Souffriere and Vieux Fort, to receive the Submission of the Garrisons of those Places. From Souffriere we have been informed that peaceable Possession has been given; from Vieux Fort there is no Report. The principal Object of the Blockade of Morne Fortuné has been obtained. The Enemy has been prevented from escaping into the Woods; their Troops, whom they call Regulars, have been made Prisoners of War, and the armed Negroes have been in a considerable Degree disarmed.

Our Operations have been attended with considerable Labour and Fatigue, Roads were every where to be made through a mountainous and rugged Country, Artillery and Ammunition to be carried forward, and the Line of Investment, extending about Ten Miles, to be supplied with Provisions, without the Assistance of Carriages, and with few Horses

It is but Justice to the Troops to say that their Conduct has been meritorious; that they have undergone an uncommon Share of Fatigue with Cheerfulness, and in several Instances have given Proofs of the greatest Intrepidity. We are under great Obligations to Brigadier-General Knox for planning and executing the Road of Communication from Choc Bay, by Chabot, to Morne Duchasseaux. Brigadier-General Lloyd, of the Royal Artillery, and Captain Hay, the Chief Engineer, may justly claim their Share of Praise. Brigadier-General Hope has on all Occasions most willingly come forward and exerted himself in Times of Danger, to which he was not called from his Situation of Adjutant-General.

Rear-Admiral Sir Hugh Christian and the Royal Navy have never ceased to shew the utmost Alacrity in forwarding the Public Service. To their Skill and unremitting Labour the Success which has attended His Majesty's Arms is in a great Measure due. By their Efforts alone the Artillery was advanced to the Batteries, and every Co-operation, which could possibly be expected or desired, has been afforded in the fullest Manner. I have the Honor to enclose the Return of Killed and Wounded during our Operations in this Island, together with a Return of the Artillery, Stores and Ammunition, as far as we have been enabled to collect. This will be delivered

delivered to you by Major Forbes, my Aid de Camp, whom I beg Leave to recommend to your Protection.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) RALPH ABERCROMBY.

ARTICLES of CAPITULATION of the Island of St. Lucia.

I. THE Island of St. Lucia, the Morne Fortuné, and it's Dependencies, together with all Effects belonging to the French Republic, shall be faithfully delivered to the Generals of the British Forces.

Answer.—Agreed to.

II. Property and Persons of every Description shall be placed under the Protection of the Laws; and Passports shall be granted to such Persons as may wish to leave the Island.

Answer.—All Property and Inhabitants will be subject to and under the Protection of the English Laws. Persons wishing to quit the Island must obtain the Permission of the Governor or Commander of the Island.

III. No Inhabitant shall be disturbed, molested or banished, on Account of his Opinions, or for having held any Place under the French Republic.

Answer.—Agreed to, as answered in the Second Article.

IV. The Agent General, the Commander in Chief, and the Forces of the Republic, who have defended the Island, shall march out with the Honors of War, and deliver their Arms; the Officers only being allowed to keep their Swords; They shall be treated as Prisoners of War, and sent back to France as soon as possible.

Answer.—The first Part of this Article granted, but the Troops must remain Prisoners of War until exchanged.

V. The British Forces shall take Possession of the Morne Fortuné at the Hour which may be appointed for that Purpose, and the French Garrison shall march out with their Arms and Baggage, Drums beating and Colours flying.

Answer.—The Fort to be put into the Possession of the British Troops To-morrow at Noon; the Garrison to march out of the Fort in the Manner desired. The Garrison to occupy Houses in the Neighbourhood of the Fort, until Vessels can be provided for their Reception.

VI. The Garrison shall pile their Arms at the Place which may be appointed for that Purpose, and

shall immediately be sent to France. The Officers shall be allowed to take with them their Wives and Children.

Answer.—The Arms to be piled on the Glacis without the Fort. Answer has already been given as to the Disposal of the Garrison. The Officers may dispose of their Wives and Children as they please.

VII. The Agent General of the Executive Directory, his Aides de Camp, Secretary, and other Persons attached to him, shall be allowed to keep all Papers and Effects belonging to his Office. The same Favor shall be granted to the Commander in Chief and all the Officers of the Garrison.

Answer.—Agreed to; but all Papers relating to the State of the Island, Public Works, and all Plans and Maps, to be given up.

VIII. The Volunteers, serving with the French Forces, shall be allowed to keep their Knapsacks.

Answer.—Agreed to, according to the Return given in by the Commander in Chief.

IX. No Person shall be plundered, or insulted on Account of the Opinions he has hitherto professed.

Answer.—Agreed to.

X. Two Vessels of the Republic lying in the Harbour, shall be granted to the Agent of the Executive Directory to serve as covered Boats. The Crews of these Two Vessels shall however be considered as Prisoners of War.

Answer.—Refused; but every Accommodation that can be desired by the Agent General of the Executive Directory shall be granted.

XI. The Inhabitants of every Colour shall be allowed to return immediately to their respective Homes, without Insult or Molestation.

Answer.—Agreed to.

XII. The Sick and Wounded of the Garrison shall be taken Care of in the same Manner as the English, and on their Recovery shall be entitled to the same Terms as the other Prisoners.

Answer.—Agreed to.

XIII. All the Articles of this Capitulation shall be faithfully and strictly observed by both Parties.

Answer.—Agreed to.

ADDITIONAL ARTICLE.

Proper Officers to be named by the Agent General and Commander in Chief to take the necessary Orders for the Surrender of Gros Ilet, Souffrière, and Vieux Fort, and other Posts that may be occupied in the Island. The Means of Conveyance shall be found for the said Officers. Stores and Provisions of all Kinds to be delivered by the French Commissaries

missaries to the British Commissaries, authorized to receive them on the Surrender of the different Posts.

(Signed) RALPH ABERCROMBY.  
HUGH C. CHRISTIAN.  
COTTENS.  
GOYRAND.

Morne Duchasseaux, St. Lucia,  
May 25, 1796.

*Return of the Killed, Wounded and Missing in the Island of St. Lucia, from the 28th of April to the 24th of May inclusive.*

At the Attack of Morne Chabot the 28th of April, 1796.

53d Regiment.—1 Serjeant, 12 Rank and File, killed; 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 2 Serjeants, 44 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Drummer, 8 Rank and File, missing.

Attack at the Out Posts, the 1st of May.

Battalion of Grenadiers.—5 Rank and File killed.  
48th Regiment.—1 Rank and File killed.  
York Rangers.—1 Captain, 4 Rank and File, killed.  
Battalion of Grenadiers.—1 Major, 1 Lieutenant, 15 Rank and File, wounded.  
48th Regiment.—1 Captain, 1 Serjeant, 10 Rank and File, wounded.  
York Rangers.—1 Captain, 8 Rank and File, wounded.

Attack upon the Enemy's Batteries, the 3d of May.

28th Regiment.—3 Rank and File killed.  
44th Regiment.—4 Rank and File killed.  
57th Regiment.—2 Rank and File killed.  
Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm's Cosps.—3 Rank and File killed.  
14th Regiment.—1 Captain, 1 Serjeant, wounded.  
28th Regiment.—3 Lieutenants, 15 Rank and File, wounded.  
42d Regiment.—1 Lieutenant, 4 Rank and File, wounded.  
44th Regiment.—2 Captains, 1 Lieutenant, 17 Rank and File, wounded.  
57th Regiment.—1 Serjeant, 8 Rank and File, wounded.  
Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm's Corps.—1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 2 Rank and File, wounded.  
14th Regiment.—5 Rank and File missing.  
44th Regiment.—1 Lieutenant, 16 Rank and File, missing.  
Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm's Corps.—2 Captains, 1 Lieutenant, 7 Rank and File, missing.

Attack upon the Vigie, the 17th of May.

38th Regiment.—1 Lieutenant killed.  
31st Regiment.—2 Lieutenant-Colonels, 2 Captains, 2 Lieutenants, 6 Serjeants, 1 Drummer, 101 Rank and File, wounded.  
48th Regiment.—2 Rank and File wounded.  
31st Regiment.—2 Captains, 2 Serjeants, 61 Rank and File, missing.

Attack at Ferrand's, the 17th of May.

Royal Etrangers.—1 Rank and File killed.

Lowenstein's Corps.—1 Captain, 1 Ensign, 9 Rank and File, wounded.

Royal Etrangers.—1 Captain, 1 Ensign, 2 Serjeants, 11 Rank and File, wounded.

Lowenstein's Corps.—1 Serjeant, 11 Rank and File, missing.

Royal Etrangers.—2 Rank and File missing.

Attack upon the Enemy's Advanced Posts at Morne Fortuné, the 24th of May.

27th Regiment.—1 Major, 22 Rank and File, killed.

48th Regiment.—2 Rank and File killed.

Royal Engineers.—1 Lieutenant wounded.

Royal Artificers.—2 Rank and File wounded.

27th Regiment.—1 Major, 2 Captains, 3 Lieutenants, 1 Ensign, 1 Serjeant, 64 Rank and File, wounded.

48th Regiment.—4 Rank and File wounded.

York Rangers.—8 Rank and File wounded.

At different Attacks from Morne Petit, from the 3d to the 24th of May.

27th Regiment.—1 Rank and File killed.

28th Regiment.—1 Rank and File killed.

44th Regiment.—1 Rank and File killed.

28th Regiment.—1 Rank and File wounded.

York Fusileers.—4 Rank and File wounded.

TOTAL.—1 Major, 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 1 Serjeant, 62 Rank and File, killed; 3 Lieutenant-Colonels, 2 Majors, 12 Captains, 14 Lieutenants, 3 Ensigns, 14 Serjeants, 1 Drummer, 329 Rank and File, wounded; 4 Captains, 2 Lieutenants, 3 Serjeants, 1 Drummer, 112 Rank and File, missing.

*Names of Officers killed, wounded, and missing.*

KILLED.

Major Knevit Wilton, of the 27th Regiment; Captain Kerr, of the York Rangers; Lieutenant Nuttall, of the 38th Regiment.

WOUNDED.

Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm, (since dead).  
Lieutenant-Colonels Hay and Arbuthnot, of the 31st Regiment.  
Major Napier, of the 63d Regiment; and Major R. H. Malcolm, of the 27th Regiment.  
Captains Stewart, of the 53d Regiment; Coghlan, of the 1st West India Regiment, attached to the 48th; Baker, of the York Rangers; Henry Coxe, of the 14th Regiment; Johnstone and Tuffie, of the 44th Regiment; Murray and Sauvrell, of the 31st Regiment; Louifendhalle, of Lowenstein's; William Gillman and Alexander Dunlop, of the 27th Regiment; and Bariac, of the Royal Etrangers.  
Lieutenants Collins and Carmichael, of the 53d Regiment; Torrens, of the 63d Regiment; W. F. Dalton, J. Grady, (mortally) and William Irwine, of the 28th Regiment; Gregory, (dangerously) of the 44th Regiment; Frazer, of the 42d Regiment; Hackshaw and Sullivan, of the 31st Regiment; Ch. Sillery, Sampson Le Mesurier, ann George Elliott, of the 27th Regiment; and Fletcher, of the Royal Engineers.

Ensigns

Ensigns Chirion, of Lowenstein's; De Courtray, of the Royal Etrangers; and George Milligan, (since dead) of the 27th Regiment.

Quarter-Master John Stuthers, of the 27th Regiment, slightly wounded, and not included above.

#### M I S S I N G.

Captain Loriae and another Captain, of Malcolm's Corps, both since returned.

Captains Johniton and Walker, of the 31st Regiment, since found to be dead.

Two Lieutenants, of Malcolm's Corps, since returned.

*Return of Ordnance, Ammunition and Stores captured on the Island of St. Lucia. May 27, 1796.*

At Morne Fortuné.

#### BRASS ORDNANCE.

- 5 Six-Pounders, serviceable.
- 2 Four-Pounders, (French) serviceable.
- 1 Three-Pounder, serviceable.
- 2 One-Pounder, (English) serviceable.
- 1 One-Pounder, (French) serviceable.
- 1 Thirteen-Inch Mortar, unserviceable.
- 1 Ten-Inch Mortar, serviceable.
- 3 Eight and Half Inch Mortars, (French) serviceable.
- 1 Five and Half Inch Mortar, serviceable, 1 Ditto, unserviceable.
- 3 Four Two-fifths Inch Mortars, serviceable.
- 2 Six-Inch Howitzers, (French) serviceable.

#### IRON ORDNANCE.

- 9 Thirty-six Pounders, (French) serviceable.
- 6 Twenty-four Pounders, serviceable.
- 1 Twenty-two-Pounder, (French) serviceable.
- 13 Eighteen-Pounders, (French) serviceable.
- 12 Twelve-Pounders, (French) serviceable.
- 8 Nine-Pounders, (French) serviceable.
- 2 Six-Pounders, (Ship-Guns) serviceable.
- 3 Four-Pounders, (Ship-Guns) serviceable.
- 4 Three-Pounders, (Ship-Guns) serviceable.
- 1 Thirteen-Inch Mortar, serviceable.

#### ROUND SHOT, serviceable.

- 8 Forty-two Pounders.
- 1607 Thirty-six Pounders.
- 70 Twenty-four Pounders.
- 791 Eighteen-Pounders.
- 163 Nine-Pounders.
- 205 Six-Pounders.
- 100 Three-Pounders.
- 103 Four-Pounders.
- 15 One-Pounder.

#### EMPTY SHELLS, serviceable.

- 210 Thirteen-Inch.
- 115 Ten-Inch.
- 88 Eight-Inch.
- 217 Five and Half Inch.
- 521 Four and Two-fifths Inch.

#### TIN-CASE SHOT, serviceable.

- 36 Twenty-four Pounders.
- 50 Six-Pounders.
- 118 Four-Pounders.
- 140 One-Pounders.

#### FUZEES.

- 70 Thirteen-Inch, unserviceable.
- 20 Ten-Inch, unserviceable.
- 60 Eight-Inch, unserviceable.
- 320 Five and Half Inch, serviceable.
- 107 Four and Two-fifths Inch, serviceable.
- 1 Engine for drawing Fuzees, serviceable.
- 25 Dozen of Portfires, serviceable.
- 37 Barrels of Powder, (French) 200 lbs. each Barrel.
- 800 Muskets, serviceable; 609 Ditto repairable;
- 147 Ditto unserviceable.
- 730 Bayonets, serviceable.
- 340 Cartouches with Belts, serviceable; 510 Ditto unserviceable.
- 20,000 Musket Cartridges, (French) serviceable.
- 6500 Ditto, (English) serviceable.
- 1000 Musket Flints, serviceable.
- 20 Swords, serviceable; 13 Ditto unserviceable.
- 1 Bellows, serviceable; 1 Ditto repairable.
- 2 Anvils, serviceable.

At Vigie.

#### BRASS ORDNANCE.

- 1 Six-Pounder, serviceable.

#### IRON ORDNANCE.

- 1 Eighteen-Pounder, serviceable.
- 3 Twelve Pounders, (1 spiked.)
- 1 Four and Half Pounder Swivel, serviceable.
- 2 Thirteen-Inch Mortars, (spiked.)

At Pidgeon Island.

- 1 Iron Twenty-six Pounder, on standing Carriage, (French) serviceable.
- 7 Iron Twenty-four Pounders, on standing Carriages, serviceable.
- 2 Brass Four-Pounders, on standing Carriages, (French) serviceable.
- 2 Brass Thirteen-Inch Mortars, on standing Carriages, (French) unserviceable.
- 2 Iron Half-Pounder Swivels, serviceable; 2 Ditto unserviceable.
- 50 Twenty-six-Pounder Round Shot.
- 500 Twenty-four-Pounder Round Shot.
- 70 Four-Pounder Round Shot.
- 247 Thirteen-Inch Shells.
- 44 Muskets, (English) serviceable.
- 29 Muskets, (French) serviceable; 40 Ditto unserviceable.
- 48 Bayonets, (English) serviceable.
- 27 Bayonets, (French) serviceable.
- 52 Cartouch Boxes, (English) unserviceable.
- 31 Cartouch Boxes, (French) unserviceable.
- 100 Thirteen-Inch Fuzees, (French) unserviceable.
- N. B. About 6 or 7 Cwt. of Powder in Casks, and Cartridges badly filled.

In this Return the Ordnance and Stores on the Souffriere and Vieux Fort, &c. are not included, no Returns having been received from thence. A more particular Return will be sent by the next Conveyance.

VAUG. LLOYD, Brig. Gen. Colonel of Artillery.

LEWIS HAY, commanding Royal Engineers.

*Admiralty-Office, July 4, 1796.*

**D**ISPATCHEs, of which the following are Copies, have been received at this Office by Evan Nepean, Esq;

*Copy of a Letter from Captain Parr, of His Majesty's Ship Malabar, to Rear-Admiral Sir H. C. Christian, K. B. dated off Demerary, May 13, 1796; transmitted by the Rear-Admiral to Mr. Nepean.*

S I R,

I HAVE the Pleasure to inform you, that the Colony of Berbice accepted the same Terms granted to Demerary on the 2d Instant, which I inclose to you, and have the Honor to remain, with great Respect, &c. &c. &c.

THO. PARR.

*Thunderer, Cbot Bay, St. Lucia,  
June 1, 1796.*

S I R,

I AM to communicate to you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the Island of St. Lucia and it's Dependencies surrendered by Capitulation on the 25th of May, and that the Morne was taken Possession of by His Majesty's Troops on the 26th at Noon; the Terms of Capitulation are herewith transmitted. \*

In the Progress of the Siege great Difficulties were to be surmounted, and much Service of Fatigue undertaken. The more effectually to assist the Operations of the Army, I directed Eight Hundred Seamen to land, under the Command of Captain Lane, of the *Astrea*, and Captain Ryves, of the *Bulldog*: The Merit of their Services will be better reported by the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Troops; but I feel it an indispensable Duty to acquaint their Lordships, that the Conduct of the Officers and Seamen equalled my most sanguine Expectations, and that it has been in every Instance highly meritorious.

Captain Lane, of the *Astrea*, is charged with my Dispatches; that Officer having served at St. Lucia from the Moment of my Arrival, will be enabled to afford their Lordships correct Information of the Naval Occurrences connected with the Siege.

The State of the *Astrea*, by Captain Lane's Report to me, is such, that her proceeding to England became a necessary Measure.

Captain Ryves, of the *Bulldog*, will proceed immediately to join his Ship; but I should be unjust to the Merits of his Exertion were I to omit recom-

\* Referred to in the Dispatch from Sir Ralph Abercromby.

mending him to their Lordships Notice and Protection.

I stated to their Lordships, in my Letter of the 4th Instant, the Services of Captain Searle, of the *Pelican*, on the first Landing; since that Period he has with unremitting Diligence and Ability effectually blocked the Ports of the Carenage.

The Madras, under the Command of Captain Dilkes, had been, in the first Arrangements, detached to land, and co-operate with a Division of Troops on the Left Wing of the Army anchored for that Purpose at Marrigot des Rosseaux, where his Exertion and Assiduity has been highly commendable: He took Possession of a Point at the Southern Entrance of the Grand Cul de Sac, with great Labour and Perseverance, placed upon the Pinnacle of the Hill Two Eighteen-Pounders and Two Caronades, from which he considerably annoyed the Batteries of Sisseron and Agille. The General wishing to establish Batteries on the Southern Side of the Grand Cul de Sac, Captain Wolley, of the *Arethusa*, was detached to join Captain Dilkes, and directed to land a Proportion of Seamen to assist this Service, which was very speedily and cheerfully executed: More Exertion has not been evinced, and I believe there never has occurred an Instance of more cordial Co-operation than has subsisted between the Army and Navy during this Siege. Great have been the Services of Fatigue, considering the Nature of the Country and the Situation of the Morne, and very rapidly have they been brought to effect the Reduction of the Island.

On the Morning of the Enemy's Attack on the 24th Instant, with a View to repossess themselves of the Advanced Post from the Morne, it became necessary to detach the 14th Regiment to the Support of the Troops employed at that Post, in consequence of which 320 Marines were landed to take the Ground occupied by the 14th. The Conduct of the Marines upon this as upon all other Occasions, was most perfectly correct.

The General's Opinion of the Conduct of the Seamen and Marines will be best understood by the Sentiments expressed in his public Orders, an Extract of which is herewith transmitted.

I transmit a List of the small Vessels found at this Anchorage,

And have the Honor to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) HUGH C. CHRISTIAN.

*Evan Nepean, Esq;*

Head Quarters, St. Lucia,  
May 27, 1796.

## EXTRACT of GENERAL ORDERS.

**D**URING the Services which have been carried on in the Island of St. Lucia, all the Courage and every Exertion of the Army would have proved ineffectual, if Rear Admiral Sir H. C. Christian, and the Royal Navy, had not stepped forward with the Alacrity which has been so conspicuous in forwarding the most arduous Part of the Public Service: To their Skill and unremitting Labour is in a great Measure owing the Success which has attended His Majesty's Arms. It will afford the Commander in Chief the greatest Satisfaction to be able to lay before His Majesty the eminent Services which have, on this Occasion, been performed by the Royal Navy, and Admiral Sir Hugh Cloberry Christian will confer a particular Obligation on Lieutenant-General Sir Ralph Abercromby and the Army at large, if he will be so obliging as to communicate to the Royal Navy, and in particular to Captains Lane, Ryves and Stephenson, and the other Officers who acted on Shore, and to the Corps of Marines, the great Obligation which they consider themselves under to them.

T. BUSBY, Assist. Adj. Gen.

*Return of Ships and Vessels taken Possession of in the Carenage of St. Lucia, by John Clarke Searle, Esq; Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Pelican, May 26, 1796.*

One Ship.—An American, called the Victoria, of New York, William Henry, Master, in Ballast, has Twenty-two Persons on Board, one a Frenchman; left in Charge of Lieutenant Fortescue, of the Pelican.

Three Brigs.—An English-built Brig, with her Sails Rigging, and Anchors and Cables on Board, but

has no Cargo or any Person on Board her; her Yards and Topmast struck.

An American Brig, the Harriot, late of New York, taken, condemned, and sold here, with her Rigging on Board, but no Sails to be found, has her Anchors and Cables; both Brigs left in Charge of Mr. Troad, from the General Abercromby.

An English-built Brig, with her Yards and Topmast struck; has no Cargo on Board, or any Person in her; left in Charge of Mr. Nixon, Master's Mate of the Pelican.

Five Schooners.—One Privateer, of 4 Four-Pounders, no Cargo on Board.

One Privateer of 8 Four-Pounders and 2 Swivels, no Cargo on Board; both Schooners left in Charge of Mr. Charlton, of the Thunderer.

Two small Schooners, with their Sails on Board; one of them has 21 Bags of Coffee, 1 of Cotton, and 1 of Salt; both Schooners left in Charge of Mr. Douglas, Midshipman of the Pelican.

One American Schooner, the Dolphin, of Salem, John Brown, Master, has a Cargo of Sugar, Coffee, Cocoa and Molasses; Seven Persons belonging to her on Board, and One Mulatto Man, Four Black Women, Two Children and One Boy, all English; left in Charge of Mr. Nixon, Master's Mate of the Pelican.

One small Shallop, with her Sails on Board.

Total Number taken is,

1 Ship,  
3 Brigs,  
5 Schooners,  
1 Shallop.

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(Signed)

J. C. SEARLE

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