

Captain Drew, of the 45th Regiment, will have the Honor to deliver this Letter: He has served long in this Country, and is capable to give such further Information as may be required. I humbly beg Leave to recommend him to His Majesty's Favor.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

RA. ABERCROMBY, K. B.

ARTICLES of CAPITULATION for the Surrender of the Island of Trinidad, between his Excellency Sir Ralph Abercromby, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Land Forces; his Excellency Henry Harvey, Esq; Rear-Admiral of the Red, and Commander in Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War; and his Excellency Don Josef Maria Chacon, Knight of the Order of Calatrava, Brigadier of the Royal Navy, Governor and Commander in Chief of the Island of Trinidad and it's Dependencies, Inspector-General of the Troops of it's Garrison, &c. &c. &c.

Article I.

THE Officers and Troops of His Catholic Majesty and his Allies in the Island of Trinidad are to surrender themselves Prisoners of War, and are to deliver up the Territory, Forts, Buildings, Arms, Ammunition, Money, Effects, Plans and Stores, with exact Inventories thereof, belonging to His Catholic Majesty; and they are thereby transferred to His Britannic Majesty, in the same Manner and Possession as has been held heretofore by His said Catholic Majesty.

Art. II. The Troops of His Catholic Majesty are to march out with the Honors of War, and to lay down their Arms, at the Distance of Three Hundred Paces from the Forts they occupy, at Five o'Clock this Evening, the 18th of February.

Art. III. All the Officers and Troops aforesaid of His Catholic Majesty are allowed to keep their private Effects, and the Officers are allowed to wear their Swords.

Art. IV. Admiral Don Sebastien Ruiz de Apodaca, being on Shore in the Island, after having burnt and abandoned his Ships, he, with the Officers and Men belonging to the Squadron under his Command, are included in this Capitulation, under the same Terms as are granted to His Catholic Majesty's Troops.

Art. V. As soon as Ships can be conveniently provided for the Purpose, the Prisoners are to be conveyed to Old Spain, they remaining Prisoners of War until exchanged by a Cartel between the Two Nations, or until the Peace; it being clearly understood that they shall not serve again! Great Britain or her Allies until exchanged.

Art. VI. There being some Officers among His Catholic Majesty's Troops, whose private Affairs require their Presence at different Places of the Continent of America: Such Officers are permitted to go upon their Parole to the said Places for Six Months, more or less, after which Period they are to return to Europe; but as the Number receiving this Indulgence must be limited, his Excellency Don Chacon will previously deliver to the British Commanders a List of their Names, Rank, and Places which they are going to.

Art. VII. The Officers of the Royal Administration, upon the Delivery of the Stores with which they are charged to such Officers as may be appointed by the British Commanders, will receive Receipts, according to the Custom in like Cases, from the Officers so appointed to receive the Stores.

Art. VIII. All the private Property of the Inhabitants, as well Spaniards as may such as have been naturalized, is preserved to them.

Art. IX. All Publick Records are to be preserved in such Courts or Offices as they are now in, and all Contracts or Purchases between Individuals, which have been done according to the Laws of Spain, are to be held binding and valid by the British Government.

Art. X. The Spanish Officers of Administration, who are possessed of landed Property in Trinidad, are allowed to remain in the Island, they taking the Oaths of Allegiance to His Britannic Majesty; and they are further allowed, should they please, to sell or dispose of their Property, and to retire elsewhere.

Art. XI. The free Exercise of their Religion is allowed to the Inhabitants.

Art. XII. The free Coloured People, who have been acknowledged as such by the Laws of Spain, shall be protected in their Liberty, Persons and Property, like other Inhabitants; they taking the Oath of Allegiance, and demeaning themselves as become good and peaceable Subjects of His Britannic Majesty.

Art. XIII. The Sailors and Soldiers of His Catholic Majesty are, from the Time of their laying down their Arms, to be fed by the British Government, leaving the Expence to be regulated by the Cartel between the Two Nations.

Art. XIV. The Sick of the Spanish Troops will be taken Care of, but to be attended, and to be under the Inspection, of their own Surgeons.

Art. XV. All the Inhabitants of Trinidad shall, within Thirty Days from the Date hereof, take the Oath of Allegiance to His Britannic Majesty, to demean themselves quietly and faithfully to his Government, upon Pain, in case of Non-Compliance, of being sent away from the Island.

Done at Port d'Espagne, in the Island of Trinidad, the 18th Day of February, 1797.

Ralph Abercromby.

Henry Harvey.

Joseph Maria Chacon.

Return of the Spanish Garrison of the Island of Trinidad made Prisoners of War, Feb. 18, 1797.

Royal Artillery.—1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 43 Non-commissioned Officers, Drummers, and Privates.

Engineers.—1 Brigadier, 2 Captains, 1 Subaltern.

Trinidad Regiment.—2 Lieutenant-Colonels, 2 Captains, 15 Subalterns, 1 Adjutant, 2 Ensigns, 1 Surgeon, 1 Chaplain, 504 Non commissioned Officers, Drummers and Privates,

French Officers.—1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 3 Captains, 1 Subaltern, 2 Engineers.

Fifty Men sick in General Hospital.

John Hope, Adj. Gen.

Return of the Naval Officers and Seamen made Prisoners of War at the Capture of Trinidad, February 18, 1797.

1 Chef D'Escadre.

1 Brigadier.

5 Captains of Line of Battle Ships.

3 Captains of Frigates.

7 Lieutenants of Line of Battle Ships.

74 Officers of all other Descriptions.

91 Officers.

581 Marines.

1032 Seamen.

1613 Total of Marines and Seamen.

(Signed)

John Hope, Adj. Gen.