

A Detachment of Cavalry was immediately sent to reconnoitre them; they proved to be Colonel Desfources' Column. This Officer was unable, from the Badness of the Roads and the heavy Rains which we have had every Evening, to proceed to the Place of his Destination; he therefore, in a very proper and Soldier-like Manner, marched and joined us, which in some Measure defeated your original Plan of cutting off the Enemy's Retreat by La Selle; but I cannot help deeming this Junction rather a fortunate Circumstance, as it enabled us to drive the Enemy from a very advantageous Position they had taken the next Day, to dispute our Passage, which, from their Superiority of Numbers, (about 1200 Men, with Three Pieces of Cannon) must, in all Probability, have cost us a Number of valuable Lives to have carried; but this additional Strength gave us an easy Victory; for no sooner did they perceive a Detachment of Infantry and Cavalry, which I sent to gain the Heights and turn their Right Flank, than they immediately fled in the utmost Confusion, and with such Precipitation, that though Lieutenant-Colonel Carter, with the Detachments of the 14th, 18th, and 21st British Light Dragoons, pursued them with that Alacrity and Spirit which has ever distinguished him, he could only come up with a very few. He succeeded, however, in driving a great many into the River Artibonite, most of whom perished, and he had the good Fortune to take Two of their Guns, with their Ammunition, Mules, &c. &c. The Third was most probably lost in the River, the Carriage being left behind. We found the Fort in the Bourg of Mirebalais as perfect as it had ever been, and in no Manner destroyed.

We did not see Colonel Bazil and his Column till near an Hour after we were in Possession of Mirebalais; he was, however, at the Place appointed, and, had the Enemy made any Stand, would have fallen on their Rear, and have enabled us, no Doubt, to have given a better Account of them.

Although the Action, from the rapid Retreat of the Enemy, was very short, yet, Sir, I have the Satisfaction to inform you Time enough was given to evince as much Alacrity and Spirit to enter it, both in the Officers and Men, as I ever remember to have witnessed.

I inclose a Return of the Artillery and Ammunition found in the Fort of Mirebalais; and I am happy to inform your Excellency that the Re-Possession of this important Post and District was effected without Loss, One Serjeant and One Private of the Dragoons being all our Wounded.

I have the Honor, to be, &c.

GEO. CHURCHILL, Brig. Gen.

Lieut. Gen. Simcoe,  
&c. &c. &c.

*Return of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores taken in the Fort of Mirebalais, on the 2d of June, 1797.*

- 2 French Eight-Pounders, badly spiked, since unspiked and rendered serviceable.
- 2 Six-Pounders, serviceable.
- 2 Two Pounders, ditto.

A large Proportion of Shot for the above Ordnance, of every Description; the Ammunition not ascertained, but it is stated to be damaged.

GEO. CHURCHILL, Brig. Gen.

*Crown-Office, August 15, 1797.*

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

*Borough of Old Sarum.*

Charles Watkin Williams Wynn, of Lincoln's Inn, in the County of Middlesex, Esq; in the Room of the Right Hon. Richard Colley Wellesley, Earl of Mornington, of the Kingdom of Ireland, who hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke Desborough and Bonenharn, in the County of Buckingham.

*Borough of Arundel.*

Nisbet Balfour, of Denboign, in Fifeshire, Esq; in the Room of Sir George Thomas, Baronet, who hath accepted the Office of Steward of His Majesty's Manor of East Hendred, in the County of Berks.

*Carlton-House, July 31, 1797.*

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to appoint Christopher Robert Pemberton, M. D. of Somerset-Street, to be Physician Extraordinary to His Royal Highness.

*Whitehall, August 12, 1797.*

*Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that two anonymous threatening Letters were received on the Nights of the 28th and 29th Ultimo by Mr. William Brown, of Long Benton, in the County of Northumberland, having been left before the Door of the House of Mrs. Bell in Front-Street, Tynemouth, in the said County, where Mr. Brown and his Family then were on a Visit, of which Letters the following are Copies.*

*" Saturday Afternoon."*

*" Mr Brown Sir)*

*" Necessity forces me to write this Letter. I was a Servent of yours once but was turned away for no reason, me famaly are now starving the Butchers will let them have no more meet, the Bakers will let them have no more bread what must we do, I'm resolved now to go to Immirica in the first Ship I can get. and all that I want is twenty Pounds to take me family and I their, and i demand that of you as you are the means of bringing my family to this state, if you do not consent to it, I'm resolved to attack you upon the highway I'm resolved to watch you and do what I'm shour what I could never thought to have done, but hunger forces me to it. if you will send any of your Servents in the Barrick lane about ten o'Clock this Night and let them put this some under any Stone behind this North east corner of the Barricks the North side of the corner this shall be the last you shall hear from me, is I fet of from this part of the Country as soon is I have this some, if you do not consent to this may I never enter the Kingdom of Heaven if I do not watch you till I have an Opportunity of Shooting you, I have now a brace of Pistols which I'm resolv'd to carry untill it be settled, I've comed this day on purpos to watch you but if you consent to give me this you shall have all my blessings, if you send only one Servent must fetch it*