

The Garrison of Fort New Amsterdam consisted of about Seven Hundred and Fifty Men, Five Hundred of whom were the Walloon Guards, and Two Hundred and Fifty Dutch Troops, who were allowed to march out with the Honors of War.

On the 22d Instant, the Redoubt Leyden, and Battery Friderici, the Redoubt and Battery Purmerent, Fort Zeelandia, and the Town of Paramaribo, the Capital of this Settlement, were taken Possession of by the British Troops in His Majesty's Name.

It became impossible from the Distance of the River Marawina and Saramaca, to take immediate Possession of the several Posts thereon situated, but the Troops who formerly occupied them having since entered into His Majesty's Service, now hold them for the British Government.

I am very happy to be enabled to add that the Troops found in this Colony, as well as the Inhabitants, evince the utmost Satisfaction, and appear perfectly contented and happy in the Change that has taken place.

I have also great Pleasure in acquainting you that our Troops landed in perfect Health, which is in a great Measure to be attributed to the Attention they received from the Navy whilst on board Ship.

My Knowledge of the Officers and Men employed on this Expedition warrants me in saying, that, had there been Occasion for greater Exertions than were found necessary, His Majesty would have had every Reason to be satisfied with their Services: as it is, many must be content to have their Merits unknown till some more trying Occasion shall present itself; for on this we must acknowledge, that the Acquisition of this valuable Colony is to be attributed to the Sense entertained by the People of the Advantage of having the Exercise of their Religion, the Execution of their Laws, and the Enjoyment of their Property secured by the British Government, added to the Abhorrence in which they have long held French Principles and French Oppression, rather than to the Effect of our Exertions or the Dread of our Force.—From these Causes I am persuaded His Majesty will find the Inhabitants loyal Subjects, and the Military who enter into his Service faithful Servants.

I am particularly indebted to Vice-Admiral Lord Hugh Seymour for his cordial Co-operation during the whole of this Undertaking, and have great Pleasure in acknowledging my Obligations to the Navy in general.

In the various Arrangements since my Arrival in the West Indies, on this and every other Occasion, I have derived very essential Assistance from the Knowledge and Experience of Major Thomas, the Acting Adjutant-General, acquired by his having served the greater Part of the last and present Wars in this Country.

Inclosed I have the Honor to transmit to you a Return of the Ordnance found in the several Forts and Batteries.

I have charged my Aide-de-Camp Captain Browne with this Dispatch, who will have the Honor of giving you such further Information as may be required relative to the Surrender of this Colony.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

T. TRIGGE, Lieutenant-General.

*The Right Honorable Henry Dundas,*

*Sec. Sec. &c.*

Paramaribo, August 28, 1799.

*Return of Ordnance, Ammunition, and Stores in the different Forts and Batteries in the Colony of Surinam.*

Brass Ordnance, on Travelling Carriages—14 heavy Eighteen-Pounders, 6 heavy Twelve-Pounders; 6 heavy Six-Pounders, 4 Medium Three-Pounders, 4 Eight-Inch Howitzers: On Wood Beds; 4 Eight-Inch Mortars, 4 Five & Two-Tenth-Inch Mortars.

Iron Ordnance, on Travelling Carriages—47 Twenty-four-Pounders, 11 Eighteen-Pounders, 21 Twelve-Pounders, 4 Eight-Pounders, 19 Six-Pounders, 47 Three-Pounders: On Skids; 11 Twenty-four-Pounders, 26 Eighteen-Pounders, 7 Eight-Pounders, 29 Six-Pounders, 36 Four-Pounders, 17 Three-Pounders, 20 Swivels.

Hazle-Hooped Powder—147 Whole Barrels, 428 Half Barrels, 117 Quarter Barrels.

Cartridges filled for Eighteen and Twelve-Pounders—48 Barrels.

12,950 Muzket Ball Cartridges.

8 Pounds Paper Cartridges filled—1039 Twenty-four-Pounders.

6 Ditto.—343 Eighteen-Pounders.

4 Ditto.—961 Twelve-Pounders.

2½ Ditto.—118 Eight-Pounders.

2 Ditto.—640 Six-Pounders.

1 Ditto.—1325 Three-Pounders.

3 Ditto.—28 Eight-Inch Howitzer.

Round Shot—6043 Twenty-four-Pounders, 6582 Eighteen-Pounders, 8141 Twelve-Pounders, 360 Eight-Pounders, 4034 Six-Pounders, 4537 Three-Pounders.

Grape Quilted Shot—169 Twenty-four-Pounders, 47 Eighteen-Pounders, 61 Twelve-Pounders, 40 Eight-Pounders, 148 Six-Pounders, 1685 Three-Pounders, 100 Two-Pounders.

Cafe Shot—69 Twenty-four-Pounders, 48 Eighteen-Pounders, 159 Twelve-Pounders, 3 Eight-Pounders, 158 Six-Pounders, 447 Three-Pounders, 160 Half-Pounders.

Balls of Iron—20 Barrels.

Empty Shells—490 Ten-Inch, 770 Eight-Inch, 455 Five & Two-Tenth-Inch.

Fixed Shells—98 Eight-Inch, 80 Five & Two-Tenth-Inch.

Light Balls—16 Eight-Inch, 12 Five & Two-Tenth-Inch.

Muzket-Balls in Boxes—5431 Pounds.

Pistol-Balls in Boxes—1800 Pounds.

5480 Bird Shot for the Indians.

259 Carbines.

129 Fuzees with Bayonets.

891 Muskets with Bayonets.

69 American Muskets without Bayonets.

19 Blunderbusses.

33 Ship Muskets.

70 Artillery Carbines with Bayonets.

38 Officers' Fuzees.

31 Rifles.

37 Short Muskets.

2 Muzketoons.

7 Espontoons.

51 Pistols.

70 Artillery Sabres.

148 Infantry Sabres.

50 Jager Sabres.

5 Basket-hilted Swords.

100 Boarding Pikes.

26 Pouches and Belts for Artillery.