

ly weighed, and joined them about Ten o'Clock that Night, when we found that One Transport was missing, with Two Hundred Men of the 64th Regiment on board. On the following Day at Noon, we were also joined by the Coromandel, with the 2d West India Regiment.

The Ships of War and the Transports, during the Night of the 23d, drew as near to the Island of St. Martin as appeared consistent with Safety, and at Daylight the following Morning stood into Little-Cole Bay.

The Troops having been divided into two Brigades, a Disposition was made for Landing. The First Brigade, under the Command of Brigadier-General Fuller, was composed of the 1st Battalion of the Royals, the 11th Regiment, and 2d West India Regiment, and was destined to make an Attack on Fort Chesterfield, near the Town of Marigot, situated in the French Quarter of the Island.

The Second Brigade, commanded by Brigadier-General Maitland, consisted of Six Companies of the 3d Regiment, the 64th, and Four Companies of the 8th West India; and was intended for the Attack of Fort Amsterdam, and the Town of Philipsburgh in the Dutch Quarter, a Proportion of Field Artillery being attached to each Brigade.

The Bay fixed on for the Troops to Land in being in the Dutch Quarter, and contiguous to Fort Amsterdam, the 2d Brigade was in consequence landed first, which was effected without Opposition. During this Operation, the Transport arrived with the part of the 64th Regiment, which had been missing, and being ordered to run close in with the Shore, the Men were landed in Time to join their Regiment.

Brigadier-General Maitland, having gained the Heights towards Fort Amsterdam, was soon opposed by detached Parties of the Enemy. The 8th, West India Regiment, being principally engaged on those Occasions, was always successful.

It appeared that almost the whole Force of the Enemy had been drawn to the Dutch Quarter, whereas it was expected that the principal Resistance would have been made at Fort Chesterfield.

The Enemy, rather than await an Attack from our Troops, which they were led to expect, by our possessing the Heights at no great Distance from the Fort and Town, determined to attack, with a considerable Part of their Force, one of the Positions which we occupied, and brought out Two Field Pieces with about Three Hundred Men for the Purpose.

The Body of our Troops, on which this Attack was made, consisted of Four Companies of the Sixty-fourth Regiment, under the immediate Command of Lieutenant-Colonel Pakenham, and Two Companies of the 8th West India Regiment, who evinced, on this Occasion, the greatest Courage and Steadiness, repulsed and pursued the Enemy, and took Possession of the Two Field Pieces.

The Loss of the Enemy, which they themselves state to be much more considerable, was certainly not less than between Fifty and Sixty killed and wounded, which must appear a great Number when compared with the few Men we had wounded in this Affair.

That the 64th, one of the finest Regiments I ever saw, commanded as it was, should have behaved in a

distinguished Manner is not surprising; but I have peculiar Satisfaction in being enabled to add, that the 8th West India Regiment, formed within the last Three Years, and composed almost entirely of new Negroes, who never had before seen an Enemy, engaged with a Degree of Gallantry, and behaved in a Manner that would do Honor to any Troops.

After the Attack now mentioned, the Enemy made no further Attempt, but between Four and Five o'Clock in the Afternoon a Communication was opened, and the Capitulation finally concluded by Twelve that Night.

The First Brigade, when landed, proceeded to the French Quarter without Opposition, and took Possession of Lee's Hill, which commands Fort Chesterfield, and had prepared to commence an Attack, which was ordered to be made on that Post at Day-break on the 25th.

The Crews of some Privateers, who formed a considerable Part of the Enemy's Force, finding the Attack on our Position had failed, returned to their Ships and put to Sea.

The Regular Troops, to the Number of at least Three Hundred and Twenty, had laid down their Arms before my Departure; and it is probable there were still more who had not then surrendered.

The Officers of the Navy and the Seamen went through the laborious Task of disembarking the Troops and dragging the Guns up steep and rugged Hills, with a Spirit and Cheerfulness highly honorable to themselves and gratifying to those who witnessed their Zeal and Exertions. Were I merely to say that Rear-Admiral Duckworth gave every possible Assistance, I might be understood only to mean that he did his Duty; an Expression totally inadequate to convey what I feel, as exclusive of all that can be comprehended under the most extensive Meaning of the Word Duty, his most Acts of Kindness must be remembered by me with Gratitude, and by every Officer and Soldier serving on this Expedition.

I have also much Pleasure in bearing Testimony to the Zeal manifested by the Whole of the Troops, whose Conduct was so highly creditable, as to entitle them to my warmest Praise.

It likewise affords me particular Satisfaction to have an Opportunity of expressing, through this Channel, my Acknowledgments to Brigadiers General Fuller and Maitland, for the Manner in which they conducted the Services entrusted to them, and to Lieutenant-Colonel Gleistanes, the Adjutant-General, Lieutenant-Colonel Laye, commanding the Royal Artillery, and Lieutenant-Colonel Shipley, the commanding Engineer, for the unremitting Exertions which they used in their respective Situations, as well as to the Officers commanding the several Corps, for the Attention and Alacrity so eminently conspicuous in the Discharge of their Duty.

I have the Honor to enclose to you herewith, Copies of the Summons and Articles of Capitulation, on which the Island of Saint Martin has been surrendered to His Majesty, together with a Return of the Ordnance taken Possession of, and a Return of the wounded.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.  
(Signed) THOS. TRIGGE, Lieutenant-General.

[See the Summons and Articles of Capitulation in Admiral Duckworth's Dispatch.]