

tenant-Colonel Blunt, and proceed to take Possession of the Island of St. Eustatia in His Majesty's Name. I have the Honor to be, &c.

ROB. THOMSON, President of St. Christophers.

Captain Perkins, His Majesty's Ship Arab.

[For the Articles of Capitulation see Lieutenant General Trigge's Dispatch.]

SIR, St. Eustatia, 22d April, 1801.

I Have to inform you of the Surrender of this Island Yesterday to His Britannic Majesty's Forces, on Terms of Capitulation, in which your Island is included; you will therefore have to receive the Officer that will hand you this, and leave the British Flag behind.

I remain, Sir, &c.

(Signed) DANIEL RODA.

RICHARD BLUNT, Lieutenant-Colonel.

JOHN PERKINS, Captain of the Arab.

To His Excellency Thomas Dezey, Vice-Commander of the Island Saba.

Downing-Street, June 2, 1801.

A Letter, of which the following is a Copy, having been humbly submitted to His Majesty by the undermentioned Officers, who served in the Detachment of His Majesty's Fifteenth Regiment of Light Dragoons in the Action of Villers en Couché, near Cambrai, on the 24th Day of April 1794, His Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant to each of them His Royal Licence and Permission to accept the Rank of Knight of the Imperial Military Order of Maria Theresa, and bear the Insignia thereof; the same having been conferred upon them by the Emperor of Germany, in Testimony of the high Sense which His Imperial Majesty entertained of their distinguished Conduct upon that Occasion.

Major William Aylett, now Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army.

Captain Robert Pocklington, late Major of 15th Dragoons.

Captain Edward Michael Ryan, now Major in the Army.

Lieutenant Thomas Granby Calcraft, Lieutenant-Colonel of 3d Dragoon Guards.

Lieutenant William Keir, Major of 6th Dragoon Guards.

Lieutenant Charles Burrell Blount, late Captain of 15th Light Dragoons.

Cornet Edward Gerald Butler, now Major of 87th Regiment of Foot.

Cornet Robert Thomas Wilson, now Major in Hompesch's Regiment of mounted Riflemen.

Copy of a Letter from his Excellency Lord Minto, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the Court of Vienna, to Lieutenant-Colonel William Aylett.

SIR, Vienna, November 7, 1800.

I Have received from his Excellency Baron Thugut Eight Crosses of the Order of Maria Theresa, which the Emperor has been pleased to confer on yourself and Seven other Officers undernamed, of the 15th Regiment of Light Dragoons, who

distinguished themselves in a most gallant Action, near Villers en Couché, on the 24th of April 1794.

His Imperial Majesty had already testified the high Sense he entertained of the brilliant and important Service which the Regiment performed on that Occasion, by presenting the Officers engaged with a Medal, struck for the Purpose of commemorating that distinguished Action, and affording to those who achieved it a lasting Testimony of his Approbation and Gratitude. It was deemed at the Time worthy of the Cross of Maria Theresa; but, at that Period, a Doubt was entertained, whether this Order could be conferred on Foreigners: that Difficulty being now removed, His Imperial Majesty avails himself with Pleasure of the Occasion to evince his high Esteem for the Regiment, as well as his Regard for the Individuals, by investing with this distinguished Order of Merit Gentlemen who have proved themselves so worthy to wear it.

In transmitting to you, Sir, these Crosses, to be distributed to the Officers for whom they are destined, I cannot omit the Opportunity of expressing the Satisfaction I have experienced from the Share which my Situation here has afforded me in a Transaction which, while it does Honor to the Liberality of His Imperial Majesty, and throws so much Lustre on the Corps, and on those who are immediately concerned, reflects, at the same Time, Credit on the Country to which they belong.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

your obedient,
humble Servant,

(Signed) MINTO.

To Lieutenant-Colonel Aylett.

Ordnance-Office, June 1, 1801.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Second Lieutenant John Rollo to be First Lieutenant, vice Farrington, promoted. Dated April 26, 1801.

Second Lieutenant Charles Rooke to be First Lieutenant, vice Holmes, promoted. Dated as above.

Captain-Lieutenant Alexander Tulloh to be Adjutant, vice Colebrooke, promoted. Dated May 1, 1801.

Captain-Lieutenant George Skyring to be Adjutant, vice O'Brien, promoted. Dated as above.

First Lieutenant William Lloyd, senior, to be Adjutant, vice R. W. Adye, promoted. Dated as above.

Assistant-Surgeon Thomas Lane to be Surgeon, vice Lamb, resigned. Dated March 24, 1801.

Corps of Royal Engineers.

Captain-Lieutenant Alexander Bryce to be Captain, vice M'Kerras, deceased. Dated February 28, 1801.

First Lieutenant George Whitmore to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Bryce. Dated as above.

Second Lieutenant George Cardew to be First Lieutenant, vice Whitmore. Dated as above.

Brevet Colonel William Twiss to be Colonel. Dated April 18, 1801.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Skinner to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Twiss. Dated as above.

Captain-Lieutenant Robert Pilkington to be Captain, vice Skinner. Dated as above.