

French Citizens as wish to leave the Island, with their Property, shall be permitted to enjoy the same Privilege.

Art. IV. The Vessels, Stores of all Kinds, Guns, Musquets, Powder, Bullets, &c. shall be put in the Possession of Lieutenant Pickford, with the Forts, Batteries, Barracks, Hospitals, and all the Dependencies of the Island, and thereunto belonging.

Art. V. The Property of the Inhabitants of what Nature soever, shall be respected and preserved.

Done at Goree, this 8th of March, 1804.

(Signed) C. PICKFORD, Lieutenant.

(Signed) MONTMAYEUR.

A true Copy of the Original in my Possession.

(Signed) EDW. STERLING DICKSON.

Admiralty-Office, April 24, 1804.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Edward Sterling Dickson, Commander of His Majesty's Ship the Inconstant, to William Marsden, Esq; dated at Goree, the 15th March 1804.

S I R,

I HAVE the Honor to acquaint you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, of the Arrival of His Majesty's Ship under my Command, and the Vessels named in the Margin* off the Island of Goree, on the Morning of the 7th March: but, conceiving it possible that it might be in the Possession of the Enemy, (although English Colours were hoisted on the Citadel, and Sentinels clothed in Red placed on the different Batteries,) I brought to with the Convoy, and directed Mr. Charles Pickford, my First Lieutenant, to proceed on Shore in the Cutter, and if he found it in the Hands of the English, to make the Signal I established for that Purpose. At Sun-set, not any Signal having been made, nor the Appearance of the Boat, I came to Anchor with the Convoy a little out of Gun shot; and deeming it highly necessary to gain some Information with respect to the Situation of the Garrison, I ordered, at Ten o'Clock, P. M. Three Boats, manned and armed, under the Direction of Mr. Runciman, Midshipman, to proceed into the Harbour, and cut out any of the Vessels he could find, which he did in a gallant Manner, by bringing out a Ship, under a heavy Fire, from the Batteries, which sunk our Cutter, and wounded one Man. From her I learned, that the French had been in Possession of Goree since the 18th of January, and that they had Three Hundred White and Black Troops in the Garrison.

On the 8th Instant, at Daylight, I weighed and stood to the Westward of the Island, to prevent any Succours being thrown in by Sea from Senegal; and, on the Evening of the same Day, being determined to attack it, having ordered Scaling Ladders to be made for that Purpose, at Nine P. M. anchored, and ordered all the Boats of the Convoy to be sent on board the Inconstant, and after embarking as many Troops as they could possibly stow, I found they would not carry a sufficient Number to promise Success; I therefore postponed the Attack until the Arrival of one of our Convoy, which was in Sight, standing into the Bay, as her three Boats could carry from Thirty to Forty more

* Eagle Store-Ship, Hamilton, Venus, Jenny.

Men; at Daylight in the Morning of the 9th Instant, we were agreeably surprized by seeing the English Colours hoisted over the French, and shortly after I received Information from Lieutenant Pickford, that the Garrison had capitulated with him; I instantly stood into the Harbour with the Convoy, anchored, and disembarked the Troops. Conceiving it of Importance that His Majesty's Ministers should be made acquainted as soon as possible with the Recapture of this Island, I have purchased a small Brig, and sent my First Lieutenant, Mr. Charles Pickford, an intelligent and deserving Officer, to England, who will have the Honor to present my Dispatches; and I beg Leave to recommend him in the strongest Manner to their Lordships' Favor.

I have appointed Captain William Murray, Senior Officer of the Troops, to be Commandant of Goree, till His Majesty's Pleasure is known, and Mr. William Arnold, Master's-Mate, to be Lieutenant of the Inconstant, vice Pickford, and hope it will meet their Lordships' Approbation.

The Moment I can get a sufficient Supply of Water and Provisions landed, and put the Island into a proper State of Defence, I shall proceed, and put their Lordships' Orders into Execution.

I cannot conclude my Letter, without assuring their Lordships that the greatest Cordiality existed between the Officers, Seamen, and Soldiers, and had an Attack been found Necessary, from the handsome manner they volunteered their Services, I am persuaded they would have done Honor to their Country.

Inclosed are the Articles of Capitulation †, and the Account of the Ordnance and Military Stores found in the Garrison.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

E. S. DICKSON.

A List of Ordnance on the Island of Goree, when taken Possession of by the English, the 11th March 1804.

Beach Battery.—1 Nine-Pounder; 1 Six-Pounder, the Carriage out of Repair; 3 Four-Pounders; 76 Shot for the Nine-Pounders, the Platforms out of repair; 1 Lent Stock; 21 Shot for the 3 Four-Pounders; 11 Rounds of Case Shot, for the Nine Pounders; 17 Case of Shot for the 3 Four-Pounders; 20 Rounds of Shot, for the Six Pounders; 2 Spunges; 20 Hand-Spikes.

North Point Battery.—4 Twenty-four-Pounders; 1 Nine-Pounder; 5 Spunges; 19 Hand-Spikes; 1 Worm, the Carriages of the Twenty-four-Pounders out of Repair; 50 Shot for the Twenty-four-Pounders; Twenty-two Small Shells; 3 Rounds of Double Headed-Shot, for the Twenty-four-Pounders; 29 Rounds of Grape-Shot; 4 Pounds of Case-Shot; 126 Rounds of 9 Pounds of Bar-Shot for the Nine Pounders.

Flag-Staff Battery.—2 Nine-Pounders; 2 Three-Pounders; 2 Two-Pounders, mounted; 1 Eighteen-Pounder and 1 Three-Pounder, dismounted; 158 Rounds of Shot for the Two Nine-Pounders; 144 Rounds of Shot for the Eighteen-Pounders; 5 Rounds of Case-Shot for the Eighteen-Pounders; 31 Bar-Shot for the Eighteen-Pounders; 14 Rounds of Case-Shot for the Nine-Pounders; 17 Rounds of Grape; 4 Spunges; 2

† See preceding Page.