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A DISPATCH, of which the following is a Copy, has been received from Major-General Sir Charles Green by Earl Camden, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State :

MY LORD, *Paramaribo, May 13, 1804.*

IT is highly gratifying to me to have the Honor of informing your Lordship, that the Colony of Surinam has surrendered to His Majesty's Arms; and I have the farther Satisfaction to acquaint your Lordship, that this valuable Acquisition to the British Dominions has been made with very little Loss on the Part of His Majesty's Troops.

In my Dispatches from Barbadoes, of the 2d of April, I had the Honor to report to your Lordship that the Arrangements for proceeding on the Expedition against Surinam being nearly completed, I had reason to expect we should be enabled to sail from Barbadoes in the Course of Three or Four Days; and Commodore Hood having previously signified to me that every Thing in the Naval Department was ready, I directed the final Embarkation of the Troops, Stores, &c. on the 6th of the same Month. The following Day the whole Fleet weighed Anchor and sailed.

On the 25th, His Majesty's Ship Centaur, having the Commodore's broad Pendant, and on board of which I was embarked, came to Anchor about Ten Miles off the Mouth of the River Surinam; and during that and the next Day the greater Part of the Fleet also anchored.

On the 26th, a Corps, consisting of the Flank Companies of the 16th and 64th Regiments, the Rifle Company of the 2d Battalion 60th Regiment, made up by Detachments from the Battalion Companies of the 16th, 64th, and 6th West India Regiments, to about Six Hundred Men, and the 1st Brigade of Royal Artillery, besides Armed Seamen, was detached in different Vessels under Convoy of His Majesty's Ship Hippomenes, Captain Shipley. This Corps was commanded by Brigadier-General Maitland, who was directed to effect a Landing at the Warappa Creek, about Ten Leagues to the Eastward of the Surinam River, where the Enemy occupied a Post. The Object of this Operation was to obtain a Water Communication with the Commewyne River, to procure Plantation Boats

in sufficient Number to transport the Troops down that River towards its Junction with the Surinam, and thereby facilitate our Approach to take a Position in the Rear of Fort New Amsterdam; and also with a view to cut off a considerable Detachment of the Enemy stationed at Fort Brandwacht, on the Mud Creek.

On the same Day Preparations were made for landing a Body of Troops to take Possession of Bram's Point, where there is a Battery of Seven Eighteen-Pounders, which defends the Entrance of the River Surinam. Brigadier-General Hughes undertook to superintend this Service; the Wind proving favourable, His Majesty's Ships Emerald, Pandour, (having the 64th Regiment on board,) and Drake Brig of War, got under weigh to attack the Battery, when a Fire was opened on the Ships, which, however, was soon silenced by a few Broadfides, and the Enemy struck their Colours. A Detachment of Troops under Brigadier General Hughes, immediately landed, and took Possession of Bram's Point, making Prisoners a Captain and Forty-four Men. The Entrance being thus secured, the Commodore made Signal for the Ships to go into the River as soon as possible; in the Course of that and the following Day, the most considerable Part of the Fleet anchored in the River.

At this Period the Commodore shifted his Pendant to the Emerald, and I accompanied him on board that Ship. We then judged it expedient to send a Summons to the Governor of Surinam, with Proposals for the Surrender of the Colony.

Captain Maxwell, of the Royal Navy, and Captain Drummond, of the 60th Regiment, (acting as my Aid-de-Camp,) proceeded up the River with a Flag of Truce; and, having delivered our Summons to the Governor, returned in the Night with Information that an Answer would be sent next Morning.

On the 28th we received the Governor's Answer, conveying a Refusal to capitulate. (Copies of our Summons, with the proposed Terms, and the Answer thereto, are herewith transmitted.) It was determined that we should lose no Time in endeavouring to make some Impression on the Enemy's Posts; but I must here beg Leave to observe to your Lordship, that the Coast of Surinam is of very difficult Approach, shallow, and full of Banks; that a