

Ten o'Clock, A. M. Major Nunn, most unfortunately for His Majesty's Service, whilst faithfully executing the Order I had given, was wounded, I fear, mortally.

This did not discourage the brave fellows.—Captain O'Connell, of the 1st West India Regiment, received the Command, and a Wound, almost at the same Time; however the last Circumstance could not induce him to give up the Honor of the first, and he continued in the Field animating his Men, and resisting the repeated Charges of the Enemy until about One o'Clock, when he obliged the French to retire from their advanced Position with great Slaughter. It is impossible for me to do Justice to the Merit of that Officer. You will, I doubt not, favorably report his Conduct to His Majesty, and at the same Time that of Captain James, who commanded the 46th, and Captain Archibald Campbell, who commanded the Grenadiers of the 46th. Foiled and beat off on the Left, the Right Flank was attempted, and a considerable Force was landed near Morne Daniel. The Regulars not exceeding Two Hundred, employed on the Left in opposing the Advance of their Columns, consisting of upwards of Two Thousand Men, could afford me no Reinforcement, I had only the Right Wing of the St. George's Regiment of Militia to oppose to them, of about One Hundred Men. They attacked with Spirit, but unfortunately the Frigates had stood in so close to the Shore to protect this Disembarkation, that after receiving a destructive Fire, they fell back and occupied the Heights of Woodbridge Estate. Then it was, that a Column of the Enemy marched up to Morne Daniel, and stormed the Redoubt, defended by a small Detachment, which, after an obstinate Resistance, they carried. On my Left, Captain O'Connell was gaining Ground, notwithstanding a fresh Supply of Troops and several Field-Pieces which had been brought on Shore by the Enemy. I now observed a large Column climbing the Mountains to get in his Rear.

The Town, which had been for some Time in Flames, was only protected by a light Howitzer and a Six-Pounder to the Right, supported by Part of the Light Company of the St. George's Regiment. The Enemy's large Ships in Wood-Bridge Bay out of the Reach of my Guns, my Right Flank gained, my Retreat to Prince Rupert's almost cut off, I determined on one Attempt to keep the Sovereignty of the Island, which the excellent Troops I had warranted. I ordered the Militia to remain at their Posts, except such as were inclined to encounter more Hardships and severe Service; and Captain O'Connell, with the 46th, under the Command of Captain James, and the Light Company of the 1st West-India Regiment, were directed to make a forced March to Prince Rupert's. I then allowed the President to enter into Terms for the Town of Roseau; and then demanded from the French General that private Property should be respected, and that no wanton or disgraceful Pillage should be allowed. This done, only attended by Brigade-Major Prevost, and Deputy Quarter-Master-General Hopley, of the Militia Forces, I crossed the Island, and, in Twenty four Hours, with the Aid of the Inhabitants, and the Exertions of the Caribs, got to this Garrison on the 23d.—After Four Days' continued March, through the most difficult Country, I might almost say existing, Captain O'Connell joined

me at Prince Rupert's, wounded himself, and bringing in his wounded, with a few of the Royal Artillery, and the precious Remainder of the 46th Regiment, and the 1st West India Light Company.

I had no sooner got to the Fort than I ordered Cattle to be drove in, and took Measures for getting a Store of Water from the River in the Bay. I found my Signals to Lieutenant-Colonel Broughton, from Roseau, made soon after the Enemy had landed, had been received, and that, in consequence, he had made the most judicious Arrangements his Garrison would allow of for the Defence of this important Post.

On the 25th I received the Letter of Summons I have now the Honor to transmit, from General of Division La Grange, and, without Delay, sent the Reply you will find accompanying it.

On the 27th the Enemy's Cruizers hovered about the Head; however, the Centaur's Tender (Vigilante) came in, and was saved by our Guns. I landed Mr. Henderfon, her Commander, and his Crew, to assist in the Defence we were prepared to make.

As far as can be collected, the Enemy had about Four Thousand Men on board, and the whole of their Force was compelled to disembark before they gained an Inch of Ground.

I intrust this Dispatch to Captain O'Connell, to whom I beg to refer you: his Services entitle him to Consideration. I am much indebted to the Zeal and Discernment of Fort-Adjutant Gualy, who was very necessary to the due Execution of my Orders.

I cannot pass unnoticed the very soldier-like Conduct of Lieutenant Wallis, of the 46th Regiment, to whom I had entrusted the Post of Cachecrow, or Scotthead; perceiving our Retreat, he spiked his Guns, destroyed his Ammunition, and immediately commenced his March to join me at Prince Rupert's, with his Detachment:—nor that of Lieutenant Shaw of the same Regiment, who acted as an Officer of Artillery, and behaved with uncommon Coolness and Judgment, whilst on the Battery, and great Presence of Mind in securing the Retreat of the additional Gunners belonging to the 46th Regiment.

On the 27th, after levying a Contribution on Roseau, the Enemy re-embarked; and hovered that Day and the next about this Post. This Morning, the the French Fleet is seen off the South End of Guadaloupe, under easy Sail.

Our Loss, you will perceive by the Returns I have the Honor to transmit, was inconsiderable, when compared with that acknowledged by the Enemy, which included several Officers of Rank, and about Three Hundred others.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

GEORGE PREVOST.

Lieutenant-General Sir William Myers, Bart.

P. S. As I find I cannot spare Captain O'Connell from the Duty of this Garrison, I must refer you to the Master of a Neutral Vessel, who has engaged to deliver this Dispatch.

(TRANSLATION.)

From the General of Division La Grange, &c. to His Excellency General Prevost, &c.

Head-Quarters at Roseau, the 5th Ventose, Year 13, February 25, 1805.

The General of Division La Grange, Grand Officer