

Fortifications, of Two Tier of Guns, Fort Amsterdam alone consisting of Sixty-six Pieces of Cannon; the Entrance only Fifty Yards Wide, athwart which was the Dutch Frigate *Haflar*, of Thirty-six Guns, and Surinam, of Twenty-two, with Two large Schooners of War, one commanded by a Dutch Commander; a Chain of Forts was on Mifelburg commanding Height; and that almost impregnable Fortress, Fort Republique, within the Distance of Grape-Shot, enfilading the whole Harbour.

At a Quarter past Six o'Clock we entered the Port; a severe and destructive Cannonade ensued; the Frigate, Sloop, and Schooners were carried by boarding; the Lower Forts, the Citadel and Town of Amsterdam, by Storm; all of which, by Seven o'Clock, were in our Possession. For Humanity sake I granted the annexed Capitulation; and, at Ten o'Clock, the British Flag was hoisted in Fort Republique:—the whole Island is in our quiet Possession. The Strength, Commerce, and Value, I understand, is immense. It is now become a pleasing Part of my Duty, although impossible to do Justice to the Merits, Gallantry, and Determination of Captains Wood, Lydiard, and Bolton, who so nobly headed their respective Ship's Companies to the Storm; and the same Gallantry and Determination are due to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines for following up so glorious an Example. Inclosed is a List of the Killed and Wounded in His Majesty's Squadron. I have not yet been able to ascertain that of the Enemy, except those in the Ships. The Dutch Commodore was killed early in the Action, and the Captain of the Surinam severely wounded. I have appointed, by Proclamation, Wednesday next the 7th inst. for the Inhabitants, (which amount to Thirty Thousand,) to take the Oath of Allegiance to our most gracious Sovereign; those that do not choose will be instantly embarked as Prisoners of War. For any farther Particulars I must beg to refer you to that gallant Officer Captain Lydiard.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES BRISBANE.

To James Richard Daeres, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the White, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

No. 1.

His Majesty's Ship *Arethusa*, Curacoa Harbour, Jan. 1, 1807.

SIR,

THE British Squadron are here to protect, and not to conquer you; to preserve to you your Lives, Liberty, and Property. If a Shot is fired at any one of my Squadron after this Summons, I shall immediately storm your Batteries. You have Five Minutes to accede to this Determination.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES BRISBANE.

To His Excellency the Governor of Curacoa.

No. 2.

Curacoa, January 1, 1807.

PRELIMINARY ARTICLES of the Capitulation agreed upon by Charles Brisbane, Esq; Captain of His Majesty's Ship *Arethusa*, and Senior Officer of a Squadron of His Majesty's Ships at Curacoa, on the one Part; and by His Excellency Pierre Jean Changuion, Governor of the Island of Curacoa and its Dependences, on the other.

Art. I. The Fort Republique shall immediately be surrendered to the British Force; the Garrison

shall march out with the Honours of War, lay down their Arms, and become Prisoners of War.

Answer.—Granted.

Art. II. The Dutch Garrison at Curacoa shall be Prisoners of War, and by His Britannic Majesty sent to Holland, not to serve this War before they shall be regularly exchanged; and for the due Performance of this Article the Officers pledge their Word of Honour.

Answer.—Granted.

Art. III. The same Terms as in the above Article are granted to the Officers and People of the Dutch Men of War.

Answer.—Granted.

Art. IV. All the Civil Officers may remain at their respective Appointments if they think proper; and those who choose shall be sent by His Britannic Majesty to Holland.

Answer.—Granted.

Art. V. The Burghers, Merchants, Planters, and other Inhabitants, without Difference of Colour or Opinion, shall be respected in their Persons and Property, provided they take the Oath of Allegiance to His Britannic Majesty.

Answer.—Granted, Neutral Property being respected.

Art. VI. All the Merchant Vessels, with their Cargoes, in the Harbour, of whatsoever Nation they belong to, shall be in the Possession of their proper Owners.

Answer.—Not granted.

Art. VII. A Definitive Capitulation shall be signed upon this Basis in Fort Amsterdam.

Answer.—Granted.

Curacoa, Jan. 2, 1807.

The foregoing Articles having this Day been mutually read and agreed to, this Capitulation is become definitive.

Signed on the one Part by

CHARLES BRISBANE.

Signed on the other Part by His Excellency

P. J. CHANGUION.

A List of Killed and Wounded on board His Majesty's Squadron under my Command, at the Capture of the Island of Curacoa, on the 1st of January 1807.

*Arethusa*—2 Seamen killed, 5 Seamen wounded.

*Latona*—1 Seaman killed, 2 Seamen wounded.

*Anson*—None killed, 7 Seamen wounded.

*Fisgard*—None killed, none wounded.

Total—3 Seamen killed, 14 Seamen wounded.

(Signed) CHARLES BRISBANE.

Curacoa, January 3, 1807.

Lists of Killed and Wounded on board the *Haflar* Frigate, Surinam Sloop, and Flying Fish Schooner.

*Haflar*.

C. J. Evertz, Commandant, killed.

G. B. Z. Gerond, Second Purser, ditto.

A. Graaf, Chief Mate, badly wounded.

J. J. N. Giblesperd, Steward, killed.

William Maubers, Seaman, ditto.

Henry Driel, Seaman, ditto.

Surinam.

Jan Van Nes, Captain, dangerously wounded.

Jean Baptiste, Lieutenant, ditto.