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CAPTAIN BERKELEY, First Aide-de-Camp to General Bowyer, arrived Yesterday Morning at the Office of Viscount Castlereagh, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, with a Dispatch from the General, of which the following is a Copy :

MY LORD, *Santa Cruz, Dec. 27, 1808.*

BEING in a State of Preparation and Readiness to move a sufficient Force against the Danish Islands in these Seas, in consequence of your Lordship's Dispatch of the 5th of September, no Time was lost (after the Arrival of His Majesty's final Commands, signified to me by Lord Hawkesbury's Letter of November the 3d, in your Lordship's Absence, by the Fawn Sloop of War, which arrived early on Tuesday Morning the 15th Instant at Barbadoes) in embarking the Troops at Barbadoes on board the Men of War appointed to receive them by Rear-Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane, who immediately dispatched others to the Islands to Leeward to take on board such as were under Orders in each of them, with Directions to proceed to the general Rendezvous, the whole of which, except one hundred Rank and File of the 90th Regiment from St Vincent's, joined the Admiral before or soon after our Arrival off the Island of St. Thomas on the 21st Instant. It was then thought proper to send a Summons to Governor Von Scholten, in charge of Brigadier General Shipley and Captain Fahie commanding His Majesty's Ship Ethalion, to surrender the Islands of St. Thomas, St. John, and their Dependencies, to His Britannic Majesty, which he did the next Day on Terms agreed upon between him and Major-General Maitland and Captain Pickmore, of His Majesty's Ship Ramillies, which were afterwards approved of and ratified by Rear-Admiral the Honourable Sir Alexander Cochrane and myself, a Copy of which I have the Ho-

our to enclose, and hope they will meet with His Majesty's Approbation.

On the 23d, in the Evening, after leaving a Garrison of Three Hundred Men of the 70th Regiment, with an Officer and Detachment of the Royal Artillery, at St. Thomas's, under the Command of Brigadier-General Maclean, whom I have also directed to assume the Civil Government of the same, until his Majesty's Pleasure is signified thereon, we proceeded to Santa Cruz, the Admiral having previously sent His Majesty's Ship Ethalion, with Brigadier-General Shipley and Captain Fahie, to summon that Island; who returned the next Morning, the 24th, with a Letter from the Governor, offering to surrender it to His Majesty, provided we would allow Three Danish Officers to view on board the Ships the Number of Troops brought against it, which we permitted, that his Excellency's military Honour might thereby not be reflected on. These Officers having made their Report to their Governor, returned early the next Morning, the 25th, to the Flag Ship with a Message, that the Governor was willing to treat for the Surrender of the Island, when Major-General Maitland and Captain Pickmore were again sent on Shore to settle the Terms of Capitulation, a Copy of which I also transmit; which being approved of by the Admiral and myself, Troops were landed, and the Forts and Batteries taken Possession of in the Name of His Majesty the King of the United Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, a royal Salute being fired on the British Colours being hoisted.

I should be ungrateful in the extreme did I not state to your Lordship the great and many Obligations I conceive myself, the Officers, and Soldiers to be under to Rear-Admiral the Honourable Sir Alexander Cochrane, the Captains and Officers of the Royal Navy, who have universally afforded us every comfortable Accommodation in their Power, and I am sure much to their own inconvenience.