

the Burgher Council, and a Commission appointed to that end.

Answer.—Agreed to; but the Buildings must be such as the Quarter-Master-General approves of.

Art. VII. The Danish Laws and Ordinances to remain in force. All Courts and Judicial Offices to be occupied by the present Officers. Delinquents under confinement not to be released until their Sentence is passed and enforced.

Answer.—The Danish Laws and Ordinances shall remain in force, subject to the pleasure of His Britannic Majesty. The Judicial Offices to continue occupied by the present Persons; but they, as well as all Civil Officers, must be subject to the Approbation of the Commanders in Chief. The latter part of this Article is agreed to on the same Condition. An English Custom House will be established on the same Basis as in the British Colonies.

Art. VIII. The King's and Public Treasuries, all Public Book-keepings, and Accounts, Archives and Protocols remain unmolested, under the Hands of the respective Officers, for mutual Security and Use.

Answer.—All Public Property, and all Property belonging to the King of Denmark, or to his Government, must be given up (to His Britannic Majesty), and all Public Papers and Records must be submitted to the Inspection of the British. The Records and Papers will be allowed to remain in the proper Offices.

Art. IX. His Majesty the King of Denmark, having advanced Loans to the Planters, the said Planters continue to pay off according to the method regulated, unto his said Majesty the King of Denmark, who retains the right of Mortgage on the Estates.

Answer.—Answered in the last Article; but any Sum now due, shall be paid without delay, to such Persons as shall be appointed by the Commanders in Chief (subject to the Pleasure of His Britannic Majesty).

Art. X. No Inhabitant shall be compelled to carry Arms, or perform Duty, when he has made his Oath of Neutrality.

Answer.—Agreed to; but they will be required to take an Oath of Allegiance to the British Government, expressing that they will not, either openly or secretly, do any Thing hostile to the British Government.

Art. XI. The Americans shall be permitted, without Constraint, to export the Produce of the Islands, and to provide them with Necessities. The Inhabitants are allowed to ship their Produce to America.

Answer.—These Colonies must trade under the same Laws as govern the British West India Islands.

Art. XII. The free coloured People of this Island shall be regarded and protected as heretofore under the Danish Government, and they shall not be forced to do any Military Duty.

Answer.—The Danish free coloured People will be protected as heretofore, and will not be forced to do any Military Duty; but they must take an Oath of Allegiance, conformably to the Tenth Article.

Art. XIII. In the general Claims of Danish and Neutral Property to be respected, as belonging to its lawful Owners, is also comprehended the Vessels and all Property afloat in the Harbours, or what might arrive during the Time the Danish Colonies may remain in the Possession of His Britannic Majesty.

Answer.—Answered by the Reply to the Third Article.

Art. XIV. Slaves to remain the undisputed Property of their present lawful Owners.

Answer.—Slaves being Property, this has already been settled by the Answer to the Third Article.

Art. XV. The Police of this Island continues to perform its official Functions with the same Authority as under the Danish Government, and according to the Laws, and Usages of the Country.

Answer.—This has already been answered by the Reply to the Seventh Article.

Art. XVI. The Paper-Money issued by His Danish Majesty is to remain in Circulation as heretofore.

Answer.—Granted, subject to the Pleasure of His Britannic Majesty.

All the Forts, Military Posts, and Vessels of War, must be given up as soon as the Capitulation is ratified by the Commanders in Chief.

*St. Thomas, December 21, 1807.*

(Signed) VAN SCHOLTEN.

(Signed) FRED. MAITLAND, Maj. General.

(Signed) FRANCIS PICKMORE, Captain, Rammilies.

(Ratified.)

(Signed) HENRY BOWYER, General, and Commander of the Forces.

(Signed) ALEX. COCHRANE, Rear-Admiral, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships, &c. &c. &c.

*His Majesty's Ship Belleisle, off St. Thomas, SIR, December 22, 1807.*

THE Island of St. Thomas and its Dependencies having been summoned, and in consequence surrendered to His Britannic Majesty's Forces by Land and by Sea in these Colonies, we, the Commanders thereof, in Obedience to our Sovereign's Orders, do likewise summon you to surrender the Island of Santa Croix and its Dependencies.

We offer, Sir, for your Acceptance, such Terms as will be honourable for you to receive, and such as may be proper for us to grant. Being desirous to prevent the unavailing Effusion of Blood, and probably the Confiscation of all Property, as we are well aware that any Resistance on your Part to the Forces at present under our Command could not be effectual.

It is necessary we should add, that we will certainly resent any injurious Treatment unjustly offered to any of our Nation now under your Government, by forcing them to take up Arms against their lawful Sovereign, or by confiscating any Part of their Property.

Brigadier-General Shipley, and Captain Fahie, of the Frigate Ethalion, will have the Honour to deliver this, and to wait for an Answer,

We have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) HENRY BOWYER, General and Commander of the Forces.

(Signed) ALEX. COCHRANE, Rear-Admiral and Commander in Chief of the Naval Forces.

*To His Excellency Governor Lillingshoild, &c. &c. &c. Santa Croix.*