

my Command arrived here, in His Majesty's Ship Captain, on the 29th of August; and finding from Captain Pigot, Commander of this Island, that the French Troops were strongly posted within Three Miles of Grand Bourg; I was immediately landed with the Three Companies of the 1st West India Regiment; and having obtained an Increase of my Force, of about One Hundred and Forty Marines, and some Sailors, together with a Six-Pounder, from the Army Schooner Maria, I lost no Time in fulfilling the Instructions I received from you.

I have now much Satisfaction in reporting, that after a Pursuit of the Enemy for Five Days and Nights, and having during that Period had Four Engagements with him, in each of which he was repulsed, and obliged to make most precipitate Retreats, leaving behind him Arms, Ammunition, &c. at every different Post that had been attacked, and at One Place in particular, Nine Mariners (who had been taken Prisoners on the first landing of the Enemy,) and at another, a Brass Six Pounder, which had only arrived from Guadaloupe Two Days, and which was found spiked; by constantly marching and harassing him, we found, on coming within One Hundred Paces of his Front Yesterday Morning, that he was willing to surrender, and sending out a Flag of Truce, I granted the following Terms: "That the French Troops might march out from the Ground they then occupied with the Honours of War, but that they should lay down their Arms in Front of the Troops, and surrender themselves as Prisoners of War, and that all Prisoners taken since their Arrival in the Island should be immediately returned." I was however much astonished to find that Colonel Cambriels, who had commanded the Army, was not present when they surrendered, but I have since understood that he had quitted it the Morning previous, and had returned to Guadaloupe, but I have some reason to imagine he is still in this Island.

The Field-Piece I had taken from the Army Schooner became useless after the first Day, from the Tract of the Country the Enemy led us over; I therefore sent it back to Grand Bourg, and at the same Time I directed Fifty Marines to occupy the Post at Delosfes, Three Miles from Town, which kept up the Communication with the Interior of the Island.

In our several Attacks, it gives me Pleasure to say that we have had only Two Privates wounded, One of them since dead. The Loss on the Part of the Enemy I have not ascertained, but imagine to have been considerable. I am sorry to mention to you, that a Gentleman from Antigua, of the Name of Brown, being a Prisoner of War, was in the Rear of the Enemy's Picquet when attacked on the Evening of the 2d Instant, and received a mortal Wound. The Force which has been brought from Guadaloupe I have not yet exactly found out, but from all Accounts must have been above Two Hundred Rank and File.

From the Return I send herewith, you will find that One Hundred and Sixty-two Privates have laid down their Arms, and there are at present many who have been sick dispersed through the Country. The Inhabitants that joined were very considerable. I believe their Number amounted to from Four to Five Hundred. To Captain Walley, of His Majesty's Ship Captain, I am under great

Obligations: in every Instance he has studied to assist me, and to his Exertions I am much indebted for the Success of the Expedition. Captain Pigot, the Commander of the Island, was in the Field the whole Time with the Troops; and from his Knowledge of the Country he afforded me the greatest Assistance, for which I consider myself most particularly indebted to him.

I have likewise to return my best Thanks to all the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Privates who were under my Command, for the Cheerfulness with which they went through the long and harassing Marches, and I think it a Duty incumbent upon me to mention to you their extreme good Conduct since they have been in the Field.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) NATH. BLACKWELL,
Lieut. Col. 4th West India Reg.

Marie Galante, Camp at the Estate of Blanchard Cadet, September 3, 1808.

TERMS agreed upon by the Commanders of His Britannic Majesty's Forces with the French Troops in Marie Galante.

Proposal. THE French Troops shall surrender unconditionally to the British Forces.

Answer.—The French will surrender; but propose that their Officers shall be sent on their Parole, and their Men exchanged, at Guadaloupe.

Answer.—The Proposal of being sent to Guadaloupe is positively refused; that being left to the Pleasure of the Commanders in Chief of the Army and Navy. The French are permitted only to march out with the Honours of War, and lay down their Arms.

BAIGNER.

W. PIGOTT, Commandant.

N. BLACKWELL, Lieut. Col. 4th West India Regiment, commanding Brigade.

Return of Prisoners of War who surrendered on the 3d September 1808.

Marie Galante, Sept. 4, 1808.

4 Captains, 8 Lieutenants, 162 Rank and File, and 3 Staff.

N. B. 1 Lieutenant and 15 Rank and File of Artillery included.

List of Officers, and Names of Prisoners.

Captain Bagnié, Commandant; Captain Olivier, Etat Major; Captains Cazy and Huart. Lieutenant Monté, of the Artillery; Lieutenants Léal, Payen, Artcaul, Despreaux, Frachard, Alegre, and Lorcis.

Return of Arms, Ammunition, and Accoutrements taken and destroyed from 30th August to 3d September.

1 Field-Piece, 450 Firelocks, 200 Belts and Pouches, and 24 Kegs of Ball Cartridges.—Ammunition for Field-Piece not ascertained.

War-Office, November 19, 1808.

1st Regiment of Life Guards, Captain John Camac, from the 11th Foot, to be Captain of a Troop, vice Britton, who exchanged.