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Dorning-Street, April 12, 1809.

CAPTAIN PREEDY, Aide-de-Camp to Lieutenant-General Beckwith, Commander of His Majesty's Troops in the Leeward Islands, arrived at One o'Clock this Day, with Dispatches from the Lieutenant-General, to Lord Viscount Castlereagh, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, of which the following are Copies :

*Head-Quarters, Martinique,
Feb. 15, 1809.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the Honour to submit to your Lordship's Consideration the Details of our taking Possession of St. Pierre upon the 9th, the Occupation of the French Hospitals in the Town of Fort Royal upon the 10th, and the Surprize of a French Picquet close to the Bouillé Redoubt upon the Night of the 11th.

In my general Report of the Action of the 2d, Time did not admit of my expressing my Regret at the Loss of Captain Sinclair, of the 25th Light Infantry, a very respectable Officer, who fell at the Head of his Company in the course of Duty, and Ensign Adamson, of the 3d West India Light Infantry, was omitted to be included in the List of the Wounded.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEO. BECKWITH. Com. Forces.

SIR,

Camp la Cofte, 9th Feb. 1809.

I HAVE the Honour to transmit to you a Report from Lieutenant-Colonel Barnes, who commands the Third Brigade, containing the Particulars of his taking Possession of St. Pierre, with the Capitulation agreed on between him and the Commandant of the National Guards; also Copy of the Summons sent by me; this, I trust, will receive your Approbation.

Lieutenant-Colonel Barnes has executed this Service with Promptitude and Judgment, and I am perfectly confident his Measures will be productive of the best Effects to the public Service, in that populous Town.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) FRED. MAITLAND, Maj. Gen.
*His Excellency Lieutenant-General Beckwith,
Com. of the Forces.*

SIR,

St. Pierre, February 9, 1809.

IN Obedience to the Orders I had the Honour to receive from you, I proceeded with the Detachment of the 63d Regiment, commanded by Major O'Rourke, on board His Majesty's Sloops Pelorus and Cherub, off Corbet, where the Troops were disembarked, and marched without Delay towards St. Pierre; about a Mile from the Town I found a Body of the Militia posted, and immediately sent Major O'Rourke forward with a Flag of Truce, offering them Terms on which their own Surrender and that of the Town would be accepted, which I have herewith the Satisfaction to transmit to your Excellency for the Ratification of the Commanders in Chief by Sea and Land.

I cannot conclude without acquainting you with the very zealous and active Exertions of Major O'Rourke, and the steady and orderly Conduct of the Detachment of the 63d Regiment, and of availing myself of this Opportunity of expressing my Thanks to Captains King and Tucker, of the Royal Navy.

I feel much Pleasure in bearing Testimony to the very active Attention of Captain De Courcy, of the Quarter-Master-General and Barrack Department, in taking Possession of the Barracks, as well as in preparing an Inventory of the Ordnance Stores, &c. Likewise to the Conduct of Dr. Burke in taking