

in the Evening, and continued it without Intermifion during the Night.

The next Morning, a little past Six o'Clock, one of the Magazines in the Fort blew up with a great Explofion, and foon afterwards Three Flags of Truce were hoifted by the Enemy, and Hoftilities ceafed on our Part.

A Letter was then received from the Captain-General Villaret Joyeufe, requesting that Commiffioners might be appointed on both Sides to settle the Terms of Capitulation, which was agreed to, and Lieutenant-General Sir George Prevost and Major-General Maitland were named by the Commander of the Forces, and Commodore Cockburn by me. Thefe Officers were met by the General of Artillery Villaret, (the Captain-General's Brother,) and Colonels Montfort and Boyer, in a Tent erected for the Purpose between the Advanced Piquets on each Side, when the Terms were settled and ratified before Midnight; a Copy of which I have the Honour to inclofe.

This Morning a Detachment of Troops took Poffeffion of the Bouillé Redoubt, and the Ravines and Gateway of Fort Bourbon on the Land Side; and the Garrison (a Return of which, as well as the Reft of the Prifoners taken fince the Commencement of the Siege, is inclofed) will be embarked in the Courfe of Eight Days in Transports, and His Majesty's Ships Belleisle and Ulyffes will proceed with them as a Guard to Europe.

I now beg Leave to congratulate their Lordships on the happy Termination of a Siege, which was, by the uncommon Exertions of the Army and Navy, brought to a Clofe within Twenty-eight Days from the failing of the Expedition from Barbadoes.

The Fire kept up by the Batteries was irrefiftible, the Enemy was driven from his Defences, his Cannon difmounted, and the whole of the Interior of the Work ploughed up by the Shot and Shells, within Five Days after the Batteries opened.

Never did more Unanimity prevail between the two Services than on the prefent Occafion. One Sentiment, one Wifh pervaded the whole; and they looked with Confidence to a fpeedy and glorious Termination of their Toils.

I had on this Service the Happinefs to act with Lieutenant-General Beckwith, an Officer I have long been in the Habits of Intimacy with, from whole Zeal I had every Thing to expect, and which the recent Events have fo fully realized. He did me the Honour to confult me on various Occafions, and his Communications and Co-operation were friendly and cordial, which, on all conjunct Expedition, is the fureft Pledge of Succels.

I have already informed their Lordships, that I entrusted the whole of the Naval Arrangements on Shore to Commodore Cockburn. His Exertions have been unremitting, and his Merit beyond my Praise. He fpeaks in Terms of high Approbation of the able Support and Affiftance he received from Captains Barton, Nefham, and Brenton, whom I had felected to act with him. To all thefe Officers, and the Lieutenants and other Officers, Petty Officers, Seamen and Marines immediately under their Commands, I feel truly obliged for performing the arduous Duties impofed upon them. The Seven-gun Battery at Folville was entirely fought by Seamen, from which the Enemy fuffered feverely.

I have alfo the fullert Reason to be thankful to the other Officers and Men of the Squadron employed on the Blockade and Reduction of the Ifland, for their general Activity and Emulation.

I fubjoin a List of the feveral Returns and Papers which I have been able to collect, and fend herewith.

For any other Information I beg to refer their Lordships to Captain Spear, of the Wolverine, an old and deferving Commander; whom I have entrusted with this Difpatch.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) ALEX. COCHRANE.

ENCLOSURES.

Terms of Capitulation.
Return of the French Garrison.
Return of the Batteries erected.
Return of Killed and Wounded in the Squadron.
Return of the Squadron.
General Memorandum iffued to the Squadron.

The Return of Ordnance, Ordnance Stores, Commiffary Stores, &c. has not yet been completed.

Colonies—French Empire—Army of Martinique.
Head-Quarters, Fort Defaix, Feb. 25, 1809.

STAFF.

List of Men capable of being embarked.

Staff—1 Superior Officer, 6 Officers.
26th Reg.—2 Superior Officers, 30 Officers, 450 Subalterns and Soldiers.
82d Reg.—2 Superior Officers, 50 Officers, 1100 Subalterns and Soldiers.
Artillery—2 Superior Officers, 7 Officers, 171 Subalterns and Soldiers.
Artificers—2 Officers, 57 Subalterns and Soldiers.
Horse Chaffeurs—2 Officers, 42 Subalterns and Soldiers.
Engineers—1 Superior Officer, 2 Officers.
Colonial Gendarmerie—7 Subalterns and Soldiers.
Seamen—1 Superior Officer, 23 Officers, 242 Seamen.
Administration—5 Superior Officers, 19 Officers.
Total—14 Superior Officers, 141 Officers, 1827 Subalterns and Soldiers, 242 Seamen.
(Signed) BOYER,
Chef d'Etat Major-Général.

Return of the Batteries erected and intended to be erected againft Fort Bourbon, in the Ifland of Martinique.

Batteries completed.

1. Tartenfon—4 Thirteen-Inch Mortars, 4 Howitzers.
2. Folville—4 Ten-Inch, 3 Eight-Inch, 4 Five and Half-Inch Mortars, 2 Howitzer Mortars, 7 Twenty-four-Pounder Guns.
3. L'Arche—1 Thirteen-Inch Mortar, 1 Howitzer Mortar.
4. Chilcott Ridge—2 Ten-Inch Mortars, 2 Howitzer Mortars, 4 Twenty-four-Pounder Guns.
5. Fort Louis—4 Thirteen-Inch Mortars, 4 Twenty-four-Pounder Guns.
Total—9 Thirteen-Inch, 6 Ten-Inch, 3 Eight-Inch, 4 Five and Half-Inch Mortars, 5 Howitzer Mortars, 4 Howitzers, 15 Twenty-four-Pounder Guns.