

To this Attempt I was induced by Considerations which I trust Your Lordship will conceive to be of Weight. I was of Opinion that the Colony of itself would be an Acquisition of Importance to the Nation, from its Commerce; that by the French Government as it had always been much valued, its Loss would be proportionally felt; and that by driving the Enemy from their sole Possession on the Coast, His Majesty's Settlements, and the British Commerce, would be more secure, and more easily protected.

Having therefore procured some light Vessels and Boats, the best adapted for passing the Bar, a Detachment of the Garrison of Gorée, consisting of 6 Officers, 6 Serjeants, 4 Drummers, and 150 Rank and File, was embarked on board the Agincourt Transport on the 4th of July, when we sailed, and anchored at the Bar on the Evening of the 7th.

Next Morning Commodore Columbine was of Opinion the Troops might be passed over the Bar, which was accordingly effected through much Difficulty by the Exertions of the Navy. We unfortunately, however, lost a Schooner and Sloop, containing much of our Provisions and Ammunition, and the Schooner George went on Shore inside the Bar. I landed the Detachment, and 60 Royal Marines from the Ships of War, on the Left Bank of the River, where I took up a Position, with a View to wait till Provisions could be passed from the Shipping, and the Schooner George could be got off. We then learnt that the Enemy had made a formidable Line of Defence at the Post of Babagué, twelve Miles up the River, where there is a Battery, in Front of which Three Cannoniers, and Four other Vessels were moored, and the whole protected by a strong Boom drawn across the River. On the 9th we were attacked, but speedily repulsed the Enemy, and drove them within their Line at Babagué; after which we returned to get off the Schooner, which was effected on the following Evening.

The 11th was employed in re-fitting the Schooner, and embarking Provisions and Water. The Solebay Frigate, and Derwent Sloop of War, were ordered to anchor opposite to the Post of Barbagué, and bombard it, which was executed with much Effect. During the Night, in shifting her Birth, the Solebay unfortunately got aground, but in a Position which enabled her still to annoy the Enemy. On the Morning of the 12th the Troops were embarked, and the Flotilla proceeded up the River, till just without Gun-shot of the Enemy's Line of Defence, and when every Thing was in Readiness for a Night Attack, we received Information that it was the Intention of the French Commandant to capitulate.

Willing to spare an unnecessary Effusion of human Blood, the Attack was postponed. On the Morning of the 13th we discovered that the Boom was broken, that the Enemy had abandoned the Battery and Vessels, leaving their Colours flying, and shortly afterwards a Letter was received from Messrs. Degriigny and Durecu in the Name of the Commandant of Senegal, offering to capitulate. Mr. Heddle, Surgeon to the Forces, who had acted as my Aid-de-Camp during the Campaign, was sent forward to treat with these Gentlemen, and soon returned with the Articles of Capitulation, which I enclose, and which we ratified. I immediately took Possession of the Battery of Ile aux

Anglois, and in the Course of the Evening of the Battery of Guelendar facing the Town.

Next Morning the Garrison laid down their Arms, and were embarked. We then found that the Force which had been employed against us amounted to 160 regular Soldiers, and 240 Militia and Volunteers. We had no reason, however, to count on much Opposition from the latter Part of the Enemy's Force.

In accomplishing this Service, the Officers and Soldiers of the Army were anxious to equal their Brothers of the Navy, who on all Occasions distinguish themselves. I feel much Satisfaction in having enjoyed the Confidence of Commodore Columbine, whose Exertions and Ability contributed so effectually to our Success. I beg to bear Testimony to the indefatigable and zealous Exertions of Captain Titley, Lieutenant Bones, and the other Officers of the Royal Navy and Marines.

My warmest Acknowledgements are due to Mr. Heddle for his zealous and spirited Conduct. His Ability in procuring Intelligence of the State and Condition of the Enemy, added to his local Knowledge, have tended, in an infinite Degree, to effect the Acquisition of this Colony, and I am desirous to recommend him to your Lordship's Notice. This Officer, with Mr. Assitant Commissary Hamilton, had the Goodness to assist me during the Campaign in conveying my Orders to the Troops.

I have to lament the Death of an old Soldier, Lieutenant Simpson, who died on the Field from Fatigue, in the Affair of the 11th; on which Day we had only One Man wounded. The Enemy had One killed and Two wounded.

I enclose Returns of the Ordnance and Stores found in this Colony, and of the Vessels captured at Babagué.

I beg leave to mention that Captain Cdlum, who carries this Dispatch, is a deserving Officer, and to recommend him to your Lordship's Notice.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

C. W. MAXWELL, Major of the Royal African Corps.

*ARTICLES of CAPITULATION, between Mr. Heddle, acting as Aide de Camp, and possessing full Power from Commodore Columbine, commanding the Naval, and Major Charles William Maxwell, commanding the Land Forces of His Britannick Majesty, employed in an Expedition against the Colony of Senegal, on the one Part; And M. Degriigny, Commissary of Marine, Administrator in Chief of Senegal, and M. Durecu, Merchant, possessing full Powers from M. Lévaissier, Commandant of Senegal, for the Surrender of the Island of St. Louis and its Dependencies, on the other Part.*

Art. I. The Garrison shall be conveyed to France as Prisoners of War, and shall not serve against Great Britain or her Allies, until regularly exchanged.

They shall march out with the Honours of War, and lay down their Arms at the Moment of their Embarkation. The Colony shall be evacuated in the Space of Twenty-four Hours after the Ratification of the present Capitulation.

The Officers shall be permitted to carry their Effects along with them.