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MAJOR BERKELEY, Aid-de-Camp to Lieutenant-General Sir George Beckwith, K. B. commanding His Majesty's Forces in the Windward and Leeward Islands, arrived on the 29th Inst. with Dispatches addressed to the Earl of Liverpool, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, of which the following are Copies.

My LORD, *Guadaloupe, Feb. 24, 1810.*

I HAVE the Honour to inclose Brigadier-General Harcourt's Report of the 17th Instant, respecting the Reduction of the Island of St. Martin's, on which Service he was detached in conjunction with Commodore Fahie; and I beg Leave to express my entire Approbation of the Conduct of this General Officer on that Service.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) GEO. BECKWITH,
Commander of the Forces.

*Philipsbourg, St. Martin's,
Feb. 17th, 1810.*

SIR,

IT is with much Satisfaction I have to communicate to your Excellency the entire Occupation of the Island of St. Martin's by the Force intended for this Service, which you was pleased to place under my Orders, with the Co-operation and Assistance of the Squadron under Commodore Fahie.

Possession of the French Part of the Island was given in the Evening of the 14th Instant, to a Detachment sent thither under the Direction of Captain Beattie, Assistant Quarter-Master-General, and Captain Scobell, of the *Vimiera*; and at the same

Moment Commodore Fahie and myself summoned the Governor to surrender the Dutch Part.

To our Summons he returned so evasive an Answer as rendered the immediate Disembarkation of the Troops necessary. These consisted of a Detachment of the Royal Artillery under Captain Cleeve, (with Two Eight-Inch Howitzers,) some Royal Military Artificers under Captain Hobbs, Nine Companies of the 25th Regiment under Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart, and a Company of the 4th West-India Regiment, the whole of which landed at Little Cole Bay, and took up a Position near it without Opposition.

During the Night of the 14th a Letter was sent in from the Dutch Governor, offering to capitulate, and naming the Persons on his Part authorized to treat with those we might nominate for that Purpose:

Brigadier-General Skinner was named by me, and Captain Dowers of the Royal Navy, by Commodore Fahie, and in the course of the 15th, these Officers concluded Articles of Capitulation, precisely in conformity to your Excellency's Instructions, and varying very little (if at all) from those of Guadaloupe.

It was stipulated in this Capitulation that it should be ratified by the Governor, at the latest by Five o'Clock in the same Afternoon, and that the principal Forts of the Enemy should be taken Possession of immediately on the Ratification; somewhat previous to which, however, the Dutch Commissioners returned, and so earnestly implored an Extension of Time, until Eight o'Clock in the Morning of the 16th, pledging their Honour that, whatever might be the Decision of the Governor, in regard to ratifying the Capitulation, he would at all Events give us