

war; he will be enabled to give any information which you may be pleased to require. I beg leave to recommend him to your Lordship's protection.

I have the honour to be, &c.

JAMES LEITH, Commander
of the Forces.

His Majesty's Ship Venerable,
August 3, 1815.

SIR,

WE send you a proclamation, which it is our intention to circulate upon landing at Guadaloupe.

It is unnecessary to make any comments on the contents, as they are applicable to you, Sir, as well as every other individual of the colony.

We are, Sir, yours, &c.

(Signed) JAMES LEITH, Lieut.-Gen.
Commander of His Britannic Majesty's Land Force,
&c.

P. C. DURHAM, Commander
in Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Naval Forces.

To Le Comte De Linait, &c. &c. &c.
Guadaloupe.

Proclamation.—(Translation.)

By Lieutenant-General Sir James Leith, K. G. C. B. &c. &c. commanding in chief His Britannic Majesty's Land Forces in the Leeward Islands, and Rear-Admiral Sir C. Durham, commanding in chief His Majesty's Naval Forces.

Inhabitants of Guadaloupe!

THE misrepresentations and artifices which have been employed to deceive you with regard to the true situation of Europe, the principles resulting at the same time from despotism and anarchy by which your revolutionary Chiefs have conducted you to the brink of the precipice on which you stand, can no longer prevail. The veil is torn—your eyes are opened.

You are not ignorant that it was the intention of our Sovereign to furnish every assistance for the support of your legitimate Government; but these generous offers have been rejected by the men, who have misled you.

We consequently come with a formidable military and naval force, to place Guadaloupe under the protection of His Britannic Majesty.

The loyal and honourable supporters of Louis the Eighteenth will see, that after having done every thing which depended on us to maintain the white flag, no other alternative remained, either for the salvation of Guadaloupe or for our own security, but to hoist the British standard.

We are not the less, however, the Allies of the legitimate Government of France, and we invite all good and loyal Brethren to rally round us.

It is necessary to make known to you the situation of Europe, and of France, which has, no doubt, been concealed from you by your revolutionary Chiefs. Buonaparte has been defeated by the Duke of Wellington and Prince Blicher in a great and decisive battle, fought on the 18th of June—his army annihilated, and all his artillery and baggage taken. The usurper fled with some of his perjured

Generals and reached Paris, where, knowing how desperate was his situation, he abdicated the pretended Imperial Crown.

The Allies were at La Fere and at Laon on the 24th of June, in full march on Paris, where they would arrive on the 26th; there was nothing to oppose them.

The Austrians and Russians were penetrating into France, in mass, by Italy, Switzerland, and Alsace. At the same time His Most Christian Majesty had re-entered France, and, by the latest accounts was advancing from Cambrai.

The terms upon which we propose to receive the colony, and the consequences which will result from a refusal are briefly these:

As there is reason to believe that many Officers and soldiers of the line, have only yielded to circumstances, and serve under the tricoloured flag, merely with the hope of seizing the first favourable opportunity to evince their loyalty; those who shall immediately so declare themselves, shall be admitted to the protection of the British flag, and shall be recommended in the strongest manner to Count de Vaugirard, Governor-General of the French Islands and Representative of His Most Christian Majesty.

All officers and soldiers of the line actually serving under the tri-coloured flag, who shall so declare and separate themselves from the partizans of Napoleon Buonaparte, and who shall surrender with their arms to the British forces, shall be sent to France as prisoners of war, to be disposed of according to the orders of the Duke of Wellington. The officers and soldiers, who shall thus surrender themselves, shall preserve their baggage.

The militia and other inhabitants, in arms under the tri-coloured flag, who shall immediately separate themselves from the troops of the line serving under the revolutionary banner, and lay down their arms, shall be permitted to return immediately to their respective homes, where they shall be protected as well as their property.

Every officer or soldier of the line who after the publication of this notice shall continue to oppose the arms of His Britannic Majesty shall be sent a prisoner of war to England.

Every officer or soldier of militia, and every other inhabitant, who after this Proclamation shall be found in arms, shall be treated as a prisoner of war, and sent immediately out of the colony to be placed in confinement.

Provided Guadaloupe shall immediately submit to His Britannic Majesty's forces, and its inhabitants shall take an oath of fidelity for the time the colony may remain under British dominion, the inhabitants and their private property shall be protected, and the commerce of the colony shall be placed upon a more advantageous footing than during the last war.

The religion and laws of the country shall be respected.

No person who shall avail himself of the advantages of this Proclamation shall be molested on account of his opinions or political conduct previous to the day of its promulgation.

Every person who shall not immediately avail him of this Proclamation shall be treated, as well