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DOWNING-STREET, JULY 30. 1803.

A dispatch of which the following is a copy, has been this day received from Lieutenant-General Grinfield, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's troops in the Windward and Leeward Charibbee islands, by the Right Hon. Lord Hobart, his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department :

MY LORD, St Lucia, June 22. 1803.

It is with satisfaction I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship, that this day the fortrefs of Morne Fortunee was carried by assault, and the island of St Lucia is in consequence unconditionally restored to the British Government.

I have to state to your Lordship, that in consequence of his Majesty's order, signified to me in your letter, dated the 16th of May, and received on the 14th inst. which I immediately communicated to Commodore Hood, he arrived at Barbadoes on the 17th; the troops, stores, &c. were on board, or embarked on the 19th; sailed on the 20th. On the 21st, at day break, they were off the north end of St Lucia, in the course of the day the greatest part of the troops were disembarked in Choque Bay; about half past five, the out posts of the enemy were driven in, the town of Catries taken, and a summons was sent to the commander of the troops of the French Republic.

In consequence of the refusal of Brigade General Nogues to accede to any terms, and the expectation of approaching rains, it became necessary to get possession of the Morne with as little delay as possible. It was therefore determined, this morning, to attack the fortrefs by assault, which was

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done accordingly at four o'clock, and it was carried in about half an hour, and with less loss; considering the resistance, than could have been expected; but the loss has been chiefly among the higher ranks of officers, and those the most truly valuable: but it is yet to be hoped most of them will recover, for the real benefit of his Majesty's service

I cannot omit a circumstance which reflects so much credit, as well on the British nation, as on the conduct of the soldiers actually employed, that, notwithstanding the severe and spirited resistance of the French troops, yet, no sooner were the works carried by assault, and the opposition no longer existed, than every idea of animosity appeared to cease, and not a French soldier was either killed or wounded.

The return of the killed and wounded is herewith inclosed, which, excepting the number of officers of high rank, is not equal to what might have been expected, and, by far, less than it would have been, in all probability, had a formal investment of the fortrefs taken place.

These dispatches will be delivered to your Lordship by my aid-du-camp Captain Weir, to whom I beg to refer your Lordship, for any information you may require.

Return of the killed, wounded, and missing of the troops in the assault and capture of the fortrefs of Morne Fortunee, in the island of St Lucia, in the morning of 22d June 1803.

Royal Military Artificers—1 serjeant, killed.

2d Battalion Royals—1 serjeant, 8 rank and file, killed; 1 field officer, 1 Captain, 2 serjeants, 43 rank and file, wounded; 1 rank and file, missing.

64th Regiment—1 serjeant, 5 rank and file, killed; 2 Field Officers, 1 Captain, 1 Subaltern, 2 Serjeants, 31 rank and file wounded; 1 rank and file missing.

68th—1 drummer missing.
3d West India Regiment—7 Serjeant, 3 rank and file killed; 2 Subalterns, 23 rank and file wounded; 5 rank and file missing.
Staff—1 Field Officer wounded.
Total—4 Serjeants, 16 rank and file killed; 4 Field Officers, 2 Captains, 3 Subalterns, 4 Serjeants, 97 rank and file wounded; 3 drummer, 7 rank and file missing.

OFFICERS WOUNDED.

2d Bat. Royals—Lieut.-Col. Masdonald, severely; Captain Chalouer, severely.

64th Regiment—Lieut.-Col. Pakenham, severely; Major Sir George Richardson, Capt. Galway, Lieut. F. Rowan, slightly.

3d West India Regiment—Lieut. Moultrie and Ensign Egan, slightly.

Staff—Lieut.-Col. Morden, Deputy Adjutant-General, severely.

N. B.—Hospital Mate Heynes, attached to 3d West India regiment, severely wounded, not included above.

W. TATUM, Assit. Adj.-General.

ADMIRALTY OFFICE, JULY 30. 1803.

Copy of a Letter from Commodore Hood, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the Leeward Islands, to Sir Evan Nepean, Bart. dated on board the Centaur, in Choc Bay, St Lucia, 22d June 1803.

SIR,—I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty; that on my arrival at Barbadoes on the 17th, late in the evening, having consulted Lieut.-General Grinfield with respect to the intended co-operations of the army and navy, I instantly took measures to prevent further supplies being thrown into St Lucia (the ships, on this service, under the orders of Captain O'Bryen of the Emerald, made some captures of trading vessels), and every disposition was settled for embarking the troops and light artillery on board the ships of

