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FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.
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A letter from GEN. GRINFIELD to LORD HOBART, introduces the following letter from LIEUT.-COL. NICOLSON to his Excellency:—
New Amsterdam, Berbice, Sept. 25.

SIR,

Agreeable to your orders of the 19th inst. I proceeded with the troops under my command, and arrived off the river Berbice on the 23d inst. in the morning, where the ships of war and transports came to anchor: as it was from thence CAPT. BLAND and myself agreed to send BRIGADE-MAJOR ARMSTRONG and LIEUT. PARDOE, in a flag of truce, with a summons to the provisional governments, the naval and military commanders, to surrender the colony of Berbice to his Majesty's forces under our command. The flag of truce returned early the next morning, having on board a committee of provisional government, a captain of artillery, and a lieutenant of the Batavian navy, to treat for the surrender of the colony, which was done, and the articles of capitulation signed; but as the commandant of the Batavian troops would not sanction the surrender, without consulting the officers under his command, it was agreed that the Netly schooner, with the smallest of the transports, should pass over the bar, there anchor, and wait until the flag of truce returned from the fort with the commandant's answer; which not arriving as soon as was expected, the Netly and the transports got under weigh, and were proceeding to pass the forts when the flag of truce returned, with a captain of artillery, to signify the commandant's approval of the terms, but requesting the British troops might not land until this day, which was complied with, and they remained on board, the vessels

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at anchor off the town, until noon this day, when the troops landed and took possession of the forts, &c. and the Batavian garrison, consisting of upwards of 600 men, were made prisoners. The steady and active co-operation of CAPT. BLAND, and the officers, seamen, and marines, employed on this service, demand my warmest acknowledgements; and it is my duty to report to you how much I am satisfied with the zeal and active exertions of LIEUTENANT COLONEL M'CREAGH, of the 7th West India regiment, and all the officers and every individual of all the corps employed on this service.

I am engaged in preparing the returns of ordnance, and stores of every description, found in the enemy's forts and magazines, which I shall have the honour of presenting to you on my return to Demarara, which I expect will be in three days from this date.

Herewith I enclose a copy of the summons and articles of capitulation, and have the honour to remain, &c.

(Signed) R. NICOLSON, Lieut. Col.
1st Battalion Royals.

W. TATUM, Military Secretary.
(A true copy.)

Lieut. Gen. Grinfield, Commander of the forces, &c.

This Gazette also contains the particulars of the capture of the settlements of Demerara and Essequibo, the account of which appeared in the Gazette of 18th ultimo.

ADMIRALTY OFFICE, Dec. 3, 1803.

Copy of a letter from the Hon. William Cornwallis, Admiral of the Blue, &c. to Sir Evan Nepean, Bart. dated on board his Majesty's ship the Ville de Paris, off Ushant, the 24th instant.

SIR,

HEREWITH I send, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the

copy of a letter from CAPTAIN MASEFIELD of the Atalante, to CAPTAIN ELPHINSTONE of the Diamond, dated the 10th ult. which I have this-moment received from him.

I have the honour to be, &c.

W. CORNWALLIS.

His Majesty's Sloop Atalante, Quiberon Bay, Oct. 10, 1803.

SIR,

I BEG leave to inform you, in obedience to your signal to chase last evening, that part of the convoy, consisting of two ketches and one brig, that were running under the Point of St Guildas, I tacked and stood after them in the sloop I command, and obliged them to run on shore off the mouth of the river of Pennerf, and, having considered it very possible to cut them out in the night, as the wind was directly off shore, I dispatched LIEUT. HAWKINS, in the six-oared cutter, and Mr RICHARD BURSTAL, master, in the five-oared cutter, armed, on that service, after it became dark, and stood in with the brig, as near as I could go for the shoal, to protect them. About half-past-nine P. M. the boats got up to the above vessels, when LIEUTENANT HAWKINS boarded, and took possession of the in-shore vessel, but found her a-ground, a number of troops along the beach keeping up a heavy fire of musketry on his boat, assisted by two field-pieces, and a party of troops on board the other two vessels, previously embarked from the shore. After cutting her cable, and firing a considerable time on the other vessel near him, found it impossible to do any thing with her, and very properly left her to go to the assistance of the other boat, who had by this time boarded the brig, in defiance of a party of 10 or 12 foldiers, with their muskets and sabres, killed six of the troops, hove two overboard, and drove the rest with the

