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DOWNING-STREET, May 6. 1805.

A Dispatch, of which the following is a copy, has been this day received by Earl CAMDEN, K. G. one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from Lieutenant-General Sir WILLIAM MYERS, Bart. commanding his Majesty's troops in the Windward and Leeward Islands.

MY LORD, *Barbadoes, March 9. 1805.*

I HAVE the honour to inclose to your Lordship, copy of a dispatch from Brigadier-General Prevost, dated Dominica, 1st March; the details contained therein are so highly reputable to the Brigadier-General, and the small portion of troops employed against so numerous an enemy, that I have great satisfaction in recommending their gallant exertions may be laid before his Majesty; the zeal and talent manifested by the Brigadier-General upon this occasion, it is my duty to present for his royal consideration; and at the same time I beg to be permitted to express the high sense I entertain of the distinguished bravery of his Majesty's troops and the militia of the colony employed upon that service.— The vigorous resistance which the enemy have experienced, and the loss which they have sustained in this attack, must evince to them, that however inferior our numbers were on this occasion, British troops are not to be approached with impunity, and had not the town of Roseau been accidentally destroyed by fire, we should have little to regret and much to exult in.

Your Lordship will perceive by the returns, that our loss in men, compared to that of the enemy, is but trifling; but I have sincerely to lament that of Major Nunn, of the 1st West India regiment, whose wound is reported to be of a dangerous kind; he is an excellent man and a meritorious officer. I have the honour, &c.

W. MYERS.

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Head-quarters, Prince Rupert's, Dominica, March 1. 1805.

SIR,  
About an hour before the dawn of day on the 22d ult. an alarm was fired at Scotchhead, and soon after a cluster of ships was discovered off Roseau. As our light increased, I made out five large ships, three frigates, two brigs, and small craft, under British colours; a ship of three decks carrying a flag at the mizen. The frigates ranging too close to Fort Young, I ordered them to be fired on, and soon after, nineteen large barges full of troops, appeared coming from under the lee of the other ships, attended and protected by an armed schooner full of men, and seven other boats carrying carronades. The English flag was lowered, and that of France hoisted.

A landing was immediately attempted on my left flank, between the town of Roseau and the post of Cachecrow. The light infantry of the 1st West India regiment were the first on the march to support Captain Senant's company of militia, which, throughout the day behaved with great gallantry. It was immediately supported by the grenadiers of the 46th regiment. The first boats were beat off, but the schooner and one of the brigs coming close in shore to cover the landing, compelled our troops to occupy a better position; a defile leading to the town.— At this moment I brought up the grenadiers of the St. George's regiment of militia, and soon after the remainder of the 46th, and gave over to Major Nunn these brave troops, with orders not to yield to the enemy one inch of ground. Two field pieces (an amuzette and a six-pounder) were brought into action for their support, under the command of Serjeant Creed of the 46th regiment, manned by additional gunners and sailors. These guns, and a 24-pounder from Melville

battery, shook the French advancing column by the execution they did.

I sent two companies of the St. George's militia, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Constable; and a company of the 46th, to prevent the enemy from getting into the rear of the position occupied by Major Nunn.

On my return, I found the *Majesteux*, of one hundred and twenty guns, lying opposite to Fort Young, pouring into the town and batteries her broadside; followed by the other seventy-fours, and frigates doing the same.

Some artillery, several Captains of merchantmen, with their sailors, and the artillery militia, manned five twenty-four pounders, and three eighteen, at the fort, and five twenty-four pounders at Melville's Battery; and returned an uninterrupted fire. From the first post red-hot shot were thrown. At about ten o'clock A. M. Major Nunn, most unfortunately for his Majesty's service, whilst faithfully executing the order I had given, was wounded, I fear, mortally.

This did not discourage the brave fellows.— Captain O'Connell, of the 1st West India regiment, received the command, and a wound, almost at the same time; however, the last circumstance could not induce him to give up the honour of the first, and he continued in the field animating his men, and resisting the repeated charges of the enemy, until about one o'clock, when he obliged the French to retire from their advanced position with great slaughter. It is impossible for me to do justice to the merit of that officer. You will, I doubt not, favourably report his conduct to his Majesty, and, at the same time, that of Captain James, who commanded the 46th, and Captain Archibald Campbell, who commanded the grenadiers of the 46th.

