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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Feb. 21. 1807.

Captain Lydiard, of his Majesty's ship the Anson, arrived here this morning with dispatches from Vice Admiral Dacres, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Jamaica, to William Marsden, Esq. of which the following are copies:—

Shark, Port Royal, Jan. 11.

Sir,—I have much satisfaction in congratulating my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty on the capture of the island of Curaçoa, on New Year's Day in the morning, by the four frigates named in the margin*, under the orders of Captain Brisbane, of the Arethusa; a copy of whose letter I enclose for their Lordships' information. Whilst I contemplate the immense strength of the harbour of Amsterdam, and the superior force contained in its different batteries opposed to the entrance of the frigates, I know not how sufficiently to admire the decision of Captain Brisbane in attempting the harbour, and the determined bravery and conduct displayed by himself, the other three Captains, and all the officers and men under his command; and is another strong instance of the cool and determined bravery of British seamen. Captain Brisbane being, from his situation, obliged to act as Governor, I have, as an acknowledgment and high approbation of his conduct, continued him in that situation till his Majesty's pleasure be known; and request, in the strongest manner, that their Lordships will be pleased to recommend him for that appointment. Captain Lydiard (who will have the honour of

* *Arethusa, Latona, Anson, and Fisgard.*

Price Sixpence.

delivering this, and who fully partook of the conquest, and has before distinguished himself off the Havannah) I beg to refer their Lordships to for any information. I shall put an acting Captain into the Anson until his return, or I receive directions thereon. I am, &c.

(Signed) J. R. DACRES.

His Majesty's Ship Arethusa, Curaçoa, Jan. 1.

SIR—It is with the most lively and heartfelt satisfaction I have the honour to inform you, that his Majesty's squadron under my command has this day opened the new year with what I humbly flatter myself will be deemed an enterprise of considerable consequence to my country.

I proceeded in the execution of your orders the 29th of November with every possible avidity, but the adverse wind and current prevented me from reaching this island before the 1st instant. In my way up I met Captain Bolton, of the Fisgard, going to Jamaica; I took him under my orders, according to your directions, and proceeded with the squadron off this port, having previously resolved on that system of attack which British seamen are so capable of executing. My arrangements having been previously made known to the respective Captains, I was satisfied nothing further remained for me than to put it in execution. My line of battle consisted of the Arethusa, Latona, Anson, and Fisgard; and very soon after the break of day, I made all possible sail with the ships in close order of battle, passing the whole extensive line of sea batteries, and anchored the squadron in a style far surpassing my expectations. Being still desirous of having the effusion of human blood spared, I writ the inclosed, No. 1. on the capstan of his Majesty's ship Arethusa during

the action, which was not regarded, as they did their utmost to destroy us. Words cannot express the ability of the squadron. The harbour was defended by regular fortifications, of two tier of guns, Fort Amsterdam alone consisting of 66 pieces of cannon; the entrance only fifty yards wide, athwart which was the Dutch frigate Hatslar, of 36 guns, and Surinam, of 22, with two large schooners of war, one commanded by a Dutch commander; a chain of forts was on Myselburg commanding Height; and that almost impregnable fortress, Fort Republique, within the distance of grape shot, enfilading the whole harbour.

At a quarter past six o'clock we entered the port; a severe and destructive cannonade ensued, the frigate, sloop, and schooners were carried by boarding; the lower forts, the citadel, and town of Amsterdam by storm; all of which, by seven o'clock, were in our possession. For humanity's sake I granted the annexed capitulation; and, at ten o'clock, the British flag was hoisted in Fort Republique. The whole island is in our quite possession. The strength, commerce, and value, I understand, is immense. It is now become a pleasing part of my duty, although impossible to do justice to the merits, gallantry, and determination of Captains Wood, Lydiard, and Bolton, who so nobly headed their respective ship's companies to the storm; and the same gallantry and determination are due to the officers, seamen, and marines, for following up so glorious an example. Inclosed is a list of the killed and wounded in his Majesty's squadron. I have not yet been able to ascertain that of the enemy, except those in the ships. The Dutch Commodore was killed early in the action, and the Captain of the Surinam severely



wounded. I have appointed, by proclamation, Wednesday next, the 7th inst. for the inhabitants (which amount to 30,000) to take the oath of allegiance to our most gracious Sovereign; those that do not choose will be instantly embarked as prisoners of war. For any farther particulars, I must beg to refer you to that gallant officer Captain Lydiard.

I have the honour to be &c.

(Signed) CHAS. BRISBANE.

To J. R. Dacres, Esq. Vice-Admiral of the White, Commander in Chief, &c.

No. I.

His Majesty's ship Arethusa, Curaçoa Harbour, Jan. 1.

Sir—The British squadron are here to protect, and not to conquer you; to preserve to you your lives, liberty and property. If a shot is fired at any one of my squadron after this summons, I shall immediately storm your batteries. You have five minutes to accede to this determination.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) CHAS. BRISBANE.

To his Excellency the Governor of Curaçoa.

No. II.

Articles of Capitulation.

Art. I. The Fort Republic shall immediately be surrendered to the British force; the garrison shall march out with the honours of war, lay down their arms, and become prisoners of war.—Granted.

Art. II. The Dutch garrison at Curaçoa shall be prisoners of war, and by His Britannic Majesty sent to Holland, not to serve this war before they shall be regularly exchanged; and for the due performance of this article the officers pledge their word of honour.—Granted.

Art. III. The same terms as in the above article are granted to the officers and people of the Dutch men of war.—Granted.

Art. IV. All the civil officers may remain at their respective appointments if they think proper; and those who choose shall be sent by His Britannic Majesty to Holland.—Granted.

Art. V. The burghers, merchants, planters, and other inhabitants, without difference of colour or opinion, shall be respected in their persons and property, provided they take the oath of allegiance to His Britannic Majesty.—Granted, neutral property being respected.

Art. VI. All the merchant vessels, with their cargoes, in the harbour, of whatsoever nation they belong to, shall be in the possession of their proper owners.—Not granted.

Art. VII. A definitive capitulation shall be signed upon this basis in Fort Amsterdam.—Granted.

Curaçoa, Jan. 2. 1807.

The foregoing articles having this day been mutually read and agreed to, this capitulation is become definitive.

(Signed) CHARLES BRISBANE.
P. J. CHANGUION.

Return of the Killed and Wounded.

Arethusa, 2 seamen killed, 5 wounded, Latona, 1 killed, 2 wounded, Anson, 7 wounded. Total, 3 killed, 14 wounded.

Dutch Squadron—Havlar frigate, the commandant, second purser, steward, and 2 seamen killed. The chief mate dangerously wounded. Surinam sloop, the captain, one lieutenant, one midshipman, and two seamen, dangerously wounded. Flying Fish schooner, the gunner killed, and one seaman wounded.

By CHARLES BRISBANE, Esq. Captain of His Majesty's ship Arethusa, and Senior Officer of a Squadron of His Majesty's ships employed at Curaçoa.

His Excellency Lieutenant-General Changuion, Governor and Commander in Chief of the Island of Curaçoa and its dependencies, having refused to take the oath of allegiance to His Britannic Majesty, and surrendered himself prisoner of war, I have thought proper to appoint myself Governor of the said island and its dependencies, until the pleasure of the Commander in Chief is made known; and I do hereby appoint myself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Curaçoa, this 4th day of January 1807.

(Signed) CHARLES BRISBANE.

By CHARLES BRISBANE, Esq. Captain of His Majesty's ship Arethusa, and Senior Officer of His Britannic Majesty's squadron in Curaçoa harbour.

WHEREAS this island and its dependencies have surrendered to the arms of His Britannic Majesty, as appears by the capitulation which has been signed by his Excellency Pierre Jean Changuion and me on the 1st inst., I therefore hereby require, that all the burghers and inhabitants of this island shall meet on Wednesday next, the 7th inst., at ten o'clock in the morning, at the Government-house, in order to take the oath of allegiance to His Britannic Majesty aforesaid.

Those who belong to the militia companies will receive further orders from their Major, and are to conduct themselves accordingly.

All those who fill public offices, of whatsoever nature they may be, and all such as do not belong to the militia companies, are also required to meet at the Government-house, at the hour, and for the purpose aforesaid.

I expect that the burghers and inhabitants of this island will conduct themselves in such a manner as to deserve my protection and favour; and, on my part, shall not fail, as far as in my power lies, to promote the happiness and well-fare of this island and its inhabitants; and I flatter myself that my endeavours in this case will be crowned with the gracious approbation of my Sovereign, and, I hope, to the satisfaction of the inhabitants of this island and its dependencies.

Given under my hand, on board His Majesty's ship Arethusa, in the harbour of Curaçoa, this 5th day of January 1807.

(Signed) C. BRISBANE.

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 7. 1807.

This day the Lords being met, and the Commons attending, the Royal Assent, by commission, was given to the following Acts:

An Act for raising the sum of one million by Treasury bills, for the service of Ireland, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seven.

An Act to continue during the present war, and until one year after the termination thereof by the ratification of a definitive treaty of peace, an Act, made in the forty-fourth year of his present Majesty, for empowering His Majesty to accept the services of such parts of His militia forces in Ireland as might voluntarily offer themselves to be employed in Great Britain.

An Act to abolish certain offices in the customs in Ireland, and to abolish or regulate certain offices therein.

An Act to continue for the term of seven years, certain Acts for the better prevention and punishment of attempts to seduce persons serving in His Majesty's forces by sea or land from their duty and allegiance to His Majesty, or to incite them to mutiny or disobedience.

An Act to continue, for the term of seven years, certain Acts of the Parliament of Ireland for preventing the importation of arms, gunpowder, and ammunition, and the making, removing, selling, and keeping of gunpowder, arms, and ammunition without licence.

An Act for allowing the exportation, annually, of a limited quantity of worsted yarn to Canada.

An Act to declare, that certain provisions of an Act of the last session of the last Parliament, intituled "An Act to permit the free interchange of every species of grain between Great Britain and Ireland," shall extend to grain the produce of those countries only.

An Act to indemnify such persons in the

United Kingdom as have omitted to qualify themselves for offices and employments, and for extending the times limited for those purposes respectively, until the twenty-fifth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven; and to permit such persons in Great Britain as have omitted to make and file affidavits of the execution of indentures of clerks to attornies and solicitors, to make and file the same on or before the first day of Michaelmas term, one thousand eight hundred and seven.

An Act to amend several Acts for regulating the trial of controverted elections, or returns of members to serve in Parliament, so far as the same relate to Ireland.

An Act to authorize His Majesty, until the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight, to make regulations respecting the trade and commerce to and from the Cape of Good Hope.

An Act for investing certain commissioners appointed for the examination of accounts and expenditure relating to the office of Barrack-Master-General, with certain powers and authorities necessary for the examination of such accounts and expenditure.

An Act for extending the term and altering the powers of an Act, made in the forty-fifth year of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act to enable Robert Bowyer, of Pall-Mall, in the city of Westminster, Esq. to dispose of his collection of paintings, drawings, and engravings, together with several copies of certain books therein mentioned, by way of chance."

And five private Acts.

CROWN OFFICE, February 21. 1807.

Member returned to serve in this present Parliament. City of Worcester—William Gordon, of Great Mary-le-Bone Street, in the County of Middlesex, Esq. in the room of Henry Bromley, Esq. who, since his election for said city, hath accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three-Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough, and Bonenhall, in the County of Buckingham.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

ROBERT HUTTON, merchant in Dunfermline, having, upon the 17th day of January last, executed a trust-deed in favour of certain Trustees for behoof of his Creditors, whereby he has divested himself of the lease of the Townhill Colliery, and his whole other effects; a deed of accession lies with Mr Charles Hunt, merchant in Dunfermline, for the signature of the Creditors, who are requested to sign the same without delay. February 25. 1807.

NOTICE.

AT a meeting of the Creditors of John Chalmers, a cattle-dealer in Carclive, held within the house of William Stirling, vintner in Ayr, this day, being the first lawful day after the last public examination of the bankrupt, the said John Chalmers made offer of a composition, with caution, of 7s. per pound of the whole debts owing by him at the date of the sequestration, payable in four months, which was approved of by the said meeting.

The Trustee, therefore, intimates to the whole Creditors, That another meeting will be held within the house of William Stirling, innkeeper in Ayr, on Tuesday the Seventeenth day of March next, at 2 o'clock afternoon, for the purpose of deciding on said offer.

Ayr, Feb. 24. 1807.

NOTICE.

ALL persons who have any claim or demand, by security or otherwise, against the deceased ANDREW THOMSON, Esq. of Mansfield, in Ayrshire, formerly merchant in Greenock, are hereby desired to give in a note of the same to the Subscriber, in Glasgow, Executor upon the estate, on or before the 1st day of May next, that the same may be settled and paid; and no claim whatever against the said Andrew Thomson will be received or sustained after that date. Glasgow, Jan. 1. 1807. AL. LESLIE, Executor.