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We think it necessary to add, that we will certainly resent and retaliate for any injurious treatment that may be offered unjustly to any one of our nation under your government, by forcing them to take up arms against their lawful Sovereign.

We have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) HENRY BOWYER, General and Commander of the Forces.
ALEX. COCHRANE, Rear-Admiral, and Commander in Chief of the Naval Forces.

To his Excellency Colonel Van Scholten, Commandant, &c. St Thomas.

SIR, St Thomas, Dec. 21, 1807.

It cannot be presumed under any circumstances, that I can think of capitulating, until I am vanquished; or at least until I know the strength of the sea and land forces, by which I am menaced to be attacked. I therefore send out three officers, in order to obtain this information, and your Excellencies permission to count the troops. The gentlemen which your Excellencies have sent on shore, have given me their word of honour, that no hostilities of any kind shall be committed, before my officers are again landed at St Thomas's, and then I shall immediately acquaint your Excellencies of my determination, through any signal which may be agreed upon on board.

If I should be induced to wish to capitulate, I request that persons may be sent on shore, for the purpose, with full authority to sign a capitulation, on the basis of one concluded in 1801, and with such alterations as circumstances may require.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. V. SCHOLTEN.

To their Excellencies the Commanders in Chief of his Britannic Majesty's Naval and Land Forces off St Thomas.

[Then follow the Articles of Capitulation for the surrender of the Danish islands of St Thomas and St John's.]

His Majesty's Ship Belleisle, off St Thomas, December 22, 1807.

SIR,

The island of St Thomas and its dependencies having been summoned, and in consequence surrendered to his Britannic Majesty's forces by land and by sea in these colonies, we, the commanders thereof, in obedience to our Sovereign's orders, do likewise summon you to surrender the island of Santa Croix, and its dependencies.

We offer, Sir, for your acceptance, such terms as will be honourable for you to receive, and such as may be proper for us to grant. Being desirous to prevent the unavailing effusion of blood, and probably the confiscation of all property, as we are well aware that any resistance on your part to the forces at present under our command could not be effectual.

It is necessary we should add, that we will certainly resent any injurious treatment unjustly offered to any of our nation now under your government, by forcing them to take up arms against their lawful Sovereign, or by confiscating any part of their property.

Brigadier-General Shipley, and Captain Fahie,

of the frigate Ethalion, will have the honour to deliver this, and to wait for an answer.

We have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) HENRY BOWYER, General and Commander of the Forces.
ALEX. COCHRANE, Rear-Admiral and Commander in Chief of the Naval Forces.

To his Excellency Governor Lillienchiold, &c. Santa Croix.

St Croix, Government-House, December 22, 1807.

GENTLEMEN:

In answer to your summons of the island of St Croix, which have been transmitted to me by Brigadier-General Shipley and Captain Fahie, I have the honour to reply, that before I can enter into any discussion of the subject, I must demand permission to send on board of his Britannic Majesty's ships, three of my officers, Major Krause, Captain Holm, and Lieutenant Lohse, in order to ascertain the extent of the force employed against the island under my government.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) LILLIENSCHIOLD.

To their Excellencies General Henry Bowyer, and Rear-Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane, &c.

[Then follow the Articles of Capitulation for the surrender of the Danish island of Santa Croix, and a general return of the Ordnance and Stores found in the citadel and batteries of the island of St Thomas, and in the island of St Croix.]

ADMIRALTY OFFICE, FEBRUARY 9, 1808.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral the Honourable Sir Alexander Cochrane, K. B. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the Leeward Islands, to the Honourable W. W. Pole, dated on board his Majesty's Ship Belleisle, St Croix, December 27, 1807.

SIR,

Be pleased to inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that, in obedience to their Lordships orders, received by his Majesty's sloop Fawn, no time was lost in embarking the troops previously destined for the expedition against the Danish islands of St Thomas and St Croix. As the artillery, ordnance, and commissary stores had been for sometime on board of vessels hired for the purpose, we were enabled to leave Carlisle bay on the 16th instant, General Bowyer doing me the honour of accompanying me in the Belleisle.

On the 19th we reached Sandy Point, St Christopher's, and received some troops from that garrison; and on the 21st, anchored off St Thomas, where we were joined by reinforcements from Antigua and Grenada, and the troops held in readiness to land at a moment's notice.

Brigadier-General Shipley, and Captain Fahie, had been previously sent forward in the Ethalion, charged with a summons to the governor, to surrender the island, a copy of which, and his answer, are inclosed. Soon after they returned, accompanied by three Danish officers, Major-General Maitland, and Captain Pickmore of the Ramillies, were sent on shore with powers to negociate with the governor for capitulating, which was agreed to on the inclosed terms, and signed in the evening.

Having on the morning of the 22d taken possession of the island, and its dependencies, the

first division of the troops intended for the attack of St. Croix, was embarked in the frigates and sloops of war; and the same officers again sent forward, charged with a similar summons to the governor. On the morning of the 24th, they rejoined with an answer, and about noon, the squadron anchored off the town of Frederickstadt, when three Danish officers (as at St Thomas) came on board, and it was arranged that the governor should, on the following morning, 25th, meet Major-General Maitland and Captain Pickmore, to settle the terms of capitulation, which was accordingly done, and the fort taken possession of by the troops in the evening; and last night, the garrison and town of Christianstadt, on the other side of the island, were also given up.

Copies of the several papers before mentioned are herewith inclosed, together with returns of ordnance on both islands,* and a list of ships and vessels found in the harbours.

It affords me much satisfaction that this expedition has terminated without loss to either party: defence on the part of the enemy would only have been attended with unnecessary effusion of blood, as their force could not have withstood that brought against them.

I have the pleasure to state, the utmost cordiality existed between the two services employed on this expedition; and I feel truly sensible of the readiness with which General Bowyer met my wishes, in whatever related to the public service.

Captain Parkinson, of his Majesty's sloop Favourite, is charged with this dispatch, who will be able to give their Lordships such farther information as they may desire.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) ALEX. COCHRANE.

[Then follow Lists of Vessels found in the harbour of St Thomas, and in the harbour of Christianstadt, St Croix.]

* N. B. The same as those transmitted by General Bowyer.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

Messrs BRUCE & INNES, Merchants, Montrose.

A T a general meeting of the Creditors, held at Montrose on the 28th January last, in order to consider of the composition of 10s. per pound, offered by the bankrupts in full of their debts, principal and interest,—in respect the whole Creditors, and agents for Creditors, present, with the exception of one, were willing to accede to the measure of a composition; but considering it expedient and just that the Creditors at a distance should have it in their power to instruct and empower their agents to concur, and signify their approbation in the measure, the meeting, with the above exception, agreed to adjourn the farther consideration of the offer until the 25th February current.

The Trustee therefore requests the Creditors will meet, in terms of the above adjournment, on Thursday the 25th day of February current, within the house of Andrew Hunter, vintner, Montrose, at 12 o'clock noon, to decide on the composition offered by the bankrupts.

NOTICE.

JAMES SPEID, writer in Brechin, Trustee on the sequestrated estate of ALEXANDER RITCHIE & CO. flax-spinners at Inchbare, and of Alexander Ritchie and James Napier, the individual partners of said company, hereby intimates, that a meeting of their Creditors is to be held within the house of John Martin, vintner in Brechin, upon Monday the 7th of March next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of deciding upon an offer of a composition made by the bankrupts at the meeting held this day.

Brechin, February 11, 1808.