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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, SEPTEMBER 5, 1809.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral ROWLEY, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Jamaica, to the Honourable W. W. POLE, dated at Port Royal, July 13, 1809.

(Concluded from last Gazette.)

Polyphemus, off the city of St Domingo,
7th July 1809.

SIR,

I have the satisfaction to announce to you the surrender of the French garrison in the city of St Domingo, by which event the whole of the former possessions of the Spaniards in this island are happily restored to the Spanish nation. In detailing the operations which led to this result, subsequent to my letter of the 30th ultimo, I have to inform you that on the following day, I anchored at Caleta, and in compliance with a request from Major-General Carmichael, put eight of this ship's lower deck-guns on board the Sparrow sloop, to be landed at Palenqui for the use of the batteries to the westward of the city. In the meantime, the Major-General and troops under his command had advanced with all the ardour and activity that characterizes British soldiers in their approaches to the enemy, and taken post at the church of St Carlos, nearly within musket-shot of the walls, and had cut off the communication between the city and Fort Jerome. The General commanding the French garrison having sent off a flag of truce proposing a cessation of hostilities for three days, I beg leave to transmit you copies of his letter and my reply.

On the 2d instant I received a communication from Major-General Carmichael, that the French General had made a formal proposal to treat for the surrender of the garrison, and I accordingly directed Captain Duer of his Majesty's ship the Aurora, to proceed on shore, and in concert with commissioners to be deputed by

the Major-General, and the General commanding the Spanish forces, arrange the terms of capitulation: the very severe squalls and rainy weather we have since experienced, so much interrupted our communications with the shore, that the different articles could not be adjusted till the 6th, and this day they have been ratified, a copy of which I have the honour to inclose.

This dispatch will be delivered to you by Captain Symonds of the Tweed, to whose zealous attention in conducting the sloops, schooners, and guard-boats, during a close and rigorous blockade of two months, I owe considerable obligation; and although the services of the squadron you did me the honour to place under my orders may not have been of a brilliant nature, I trust I may be permitted on this occasion to bear testimony to the unremitting perseverance with which the vessels maintained the stations assigned them, through all the variety of weather, incident to the season, on a steep and dangerous shore, where no anchorage was to be obtained, as well as to the vigilance and alacrity of those officers and men who were employed in the night guard-boats, by whose united exertions the enemy's accustomed supply by sea was entirely cut off, and the surrender of the city greatly accelerated. I must also in justice to Captain Burt of the Sparrow, beg permission to state the great promptitude, zeal, and ability evinced by that officer in the landing the lower deck guns from this ship, under circumstances of great difficulty and labour; two of which he transported from André bay to the east battery, a distance of near thirty miles across an almost impassable country, prior to the arrival of the troops.

Of the conduct of Lieutenant Denman of this ship, and the detachment of seamen landed from the squadron under his orders, the Major-Gen-

eral is pleased to speak in high terms, and I have no doubt he will make a gratifying representation to you on this subject. The posts of Fort Jerome and Fort de l'Ozama, and the gate de Condé, are occupied by the British troops this evening, and I shall lose no time in making the necessary arrangements for embarking the garrison, in number about twelve hundred, on board the squadron, and dispatch them for Port Royal with all possible expedition.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) WM. PRICE CUMBY, Captain.
B. S. Rowley, Esq. Vice-Admiral of the White,
and Commander in Chief, &c.

Head-Quarters at Santo Domingo,
June 30, 1809.

Barquier, General of Brigade, &c. to Captain William Pryce Cumby, commanding his Britannic Majesty's Naval Forces before St Domingo.

SIR,

If you should think it proper a suspension of hostilities may be established for three days, with a view to facilitate the communications between us, you may be persuaded of the frankness of my intentions.

I send to you in consequence Mr. Fabvre, commissary of the marine, and Lieutenant-Colonel Evrard, who will convey to me your reply to my proposal. I have the honour to be, &c.

J. BARQUIER.

I have the honour to apprise you that I am about to send an officer to his Excellency General Carmichael, with a proposal to the same effect.

J. BARQUIER.

Polyphemus, off the City of St Domingo,
June 30, 1809.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of this date, proposing a cessation of hostilities for three days, I beg to state, that I conceive no advantage whatever could possibly result from such a measure, neither can I for one moment agree to it, but in con-

Price Sixpence Halfpenny.

