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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE—July 8.

Copy of a Letter from Sir CHA. HAMILTON, Bart. Captain of his Majesty's ship Melpomene, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated at Goree, the 23d of April.

SIR,

YOU will be pleased to acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that having been informed that three French frigates were at an anchor under the forts of Goree, this intelligence, with the force and situation of these frigates, induced me to take his Majesty's ship Ruby, then watering at Port Praya, under my command, and with this additional force I proceeded immediately in quest of them.

In the afternoon of the 4th inst. I reconnoitred the roadstead of Goree, but not finding the frigates there, and conceiving our appearance sufficient to alarm the garrison, I dispatched Lieutenant Tidy with a verbal message summoning the island to surrender (the inclosed letters having passed between me and the Governor). At midnight Lieutenant Tidy made me the signal agreed on, that my terms were complied with; the marines of the Squadron were instantly landed under the command of Captain MacCleverty, and the garrison in our possession before day.

Their Lordships will be well aware of the strength and consequence of this acquisition, which, I am happy to state, has been obtained so easily; Mr Davis, of the Magnanime, being the only person wounded before the flag of truce was observed from the forts.

On the 13th instant I dispatched Mr Palmer with two boats and 30 men to Joel (a factory dependent on Goree); he returned on the 22d, having executed his orders most perfectly to my satisfaction, and bringing

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with him from thence a French brigantine and sloop loaded with rice.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

C. HAMILTON.

Melpomene, off the Island of Goree, April 4.

SIR,

I HAVE received your answer to my verbal message to surrender the Island of Goree, and have to inform you, that the only conditions I can accept of are, to be put in possession of the Forts and Island of Goree before twelve o'clock to-morrow noon. I allow to you, Sir, and your garrison, to march out with all the honours of war; and these conditions only will be accepted.

I have authorised the bearer, Lieutenant Tidy, to fulfil my intentions; and have the honour to remain, &c.

C. HAMILTON.

N. B. All private property will be respected. To his Excellency the Governor of Goree.

Goree, 1st Germinal, 8th year of the French Republic, One and Indivisible.

LIBERTY.

EQUALITY.

The Commander of Goree to the Commander of the English Squadron off the Island.

SIR,

I HAVE received the verbal summons which you have sent to me by two officers of your Squadron.

Anxious to defend the place which has been entrusted to me, I am likewise so to spare bloodshed. I expect therefore to receive from you to-morrow morning the conditions for the surrender of the place, to which I shall agree if they are admissible.

The Commander of Goree,

GUILLEMIN.

(A.)

