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Whitehall, July 21, 1761.

LAST Night Captain Douglas arrived with the following Letter from the Right Honourable Lord Rollo, to the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Pitt.

Roseau in the Island of Dominique, June 8, 1761.

S I R,

I Had the Honour of writing to you on the 3d Instant from Guadeloupe; and I then informed you of the Resolution I had taken to proceed directly to attack the Island of Dominico, with the few North American Troops which had arrived, and the Reinforcement furnished by Governor Dalrymple, under the Command of Lieutenant Governor Melvill. I accordingly sailed from the Road of Basseterre, under the Escort of Commodore Sir James Douglas, with four Ships of the Line, and some Frigates, on His Majesty's Birth-day, and arrived within a League of Roseau about Noon on the 6th; when we judged it best to send a Summons to the Inhabitants; to which, after their recovering somewhat from their Consternation, and having sent off two Deputies, probably, to amuse us, they returned a Negative Answer, mann'd their Entrenchments and Batteries at and above Roseau, and prepared to stand on their Defence: I thereupon gave immediate Orders for the Troops to land; which was effected very speedily, and in the best Order, much owing to the Disposition of the Boats, and Position of the King's Ships, very judiciously directed by the Commodore; and, agreeably to Orders given, there was not one single Cannon or Musquet discharged, till the Enemy began to fire just before our Landing. The Troops formed quickly on the Beach, and while Part soon after possessed the Town, the Corps of Grenadiers, consisting of the Companies of the Fourth and Twenty-second Regiments, commanded by Colonel Melvill, seized a Flanking Battery, and Part of an adjoining Entrenchment, which had been abandoned. The Enemy annoyed us with some popping Musquetry from behind Trees and Bushes, and fired from Time to Time from their Battery, over-looking their Entrenchments, the Town and Shore. It was now pretty late, and it appeared to me, that the Troops might be extremely harrassed, and suffer even great Loss, during the Night, by the Cannon and Musquetry of the Enemy, from the Entrenchments over-looking the Town; as also, that the Enemy might be much reinforced before Morning; and having an excessive strong Country in their Favour, with four Entrenchments behind, and above each other, might make a great Defence. I judged it best therefore to order them to be immediately attacked by the Grenadiers, supported by the Battalion Troops, which was accordingly done; with so much Order, Rapidity, and Resolution, that the Enemy, with very little Loss, were driven successively, in great Confusion, from all their Entrenchments, from their Batteries, and from the Head-Quarter above it, where Colonel Melvill immediately took Poss, with the Grenadiers. We took there, M. de Longprie, the French Commandant; their second Officer, M. de la Couche, and some others, with a Quantity of Powder.

I lay myself at their advanced Post during the Night, having established a Communication, by proper Guards, with the rest of the Troops who possessed the Town. Next Day I established my Head Quarters in Roseau; and have been since much employed in receiving the Oaths of Submission and Surrender of Arms from the nearest Inhabitants, as well as in dispatching Orders for that Effect to the distant Quarters; the Landing of Military Stores and Provisions, the Quartering of the Troops, and the Preparations to occupy and entrench a defensible Post, have been the chief Objects of my Attention hitherto.

I shall soon have the Honour of transmitting to you, more particular Accounts of this Island; but must inform you, in the mean Time, that as it was carried by Assault, I gave them no other Terms than a Protection, till His Majesty's Pleasure should be known, obliging them first to deliver up all their Arms, and to swear Allegiance to His Majesty. Five Hundred of the Inhabitants, among which are the Captains and Militia Officers of the Quarters, with most of the principal Planters, have delivered up their Arms, and sworn Submission, for which I have granted them a Protection, till His Majesty's further Pleasure shall be known. The native Carraibs, who inhabit a rugged Quarter on the Windward Part of the Island, seem to like their new Masters, and are to deliver up their Arms in a Body.

I cannot conclude without having the Pleasure of assuring you, that the greatest Harmony has subsisted between His Majesty's Squadron, and the Troops under my Command; and that I have experienced the greatest Zeal, and most cheerful Support from the Commodore, who also very much favoured the Attack, by a brisk and well directed Cannonade. As to the King's Troops, I cannot enough applaud the Coolness and Intrepidity with which they acted on the Occasion.

It is probable, that this will be delivered to you by Captain Douglas, of His Majesty's fourth Regiment, who, notwithstanding very bad Health, came upon this Service, and was present in the Attack; but, being become much worse, now returns, with my Leave, to Guadeloupe.

I am, &c.

Rollo.

Admiralty Office, July 21, 1761.

Captain Innis, of His Majesty's Ship the Arundell, arrived here last Night, with the following Account transmitted by Commodore Sir James Douglas, to Mr. Cleveland, dated in Board the Dublin, in the Road of Roseau, Dominique, the 13th of June, 1761.

ON the 4th of June I sailed from Guadeloupe with the Troops we had for Dominique, with the Dublin, Belliqueux, Sutherland and Montague, and on the 6th in the Forenoon arrived off Roseau, when I sent a Lieutenant on Shore, accompanied by a Land Officer, with a Manifest, signed by Lord Rollo and myself, addressed to the Principal Inhabitants, and all others residing in the Neutral Islands of Dominique, which was read by the Officer to the People in the Town; and soon after two of the Inhabitants of most Note came off in the Boat to me, who seemed, upon the Whole of their Conversation,