

If the Wind will permit, to send round the Civil and Military Officers to be embarked with the Governor for France, when a Vessel can be got ready.

Copy of a Letter from the Baron de L'Esperance to Commodore Evans, dated at St. Peter's, Sept. 14, 1778.

IT is with the greatest Surprize I have received from you a Summons to deliver up this Government into the Possession of His Britannick Majesty, not having received Advice of a Declaration of War between the two Nations, from my Court. The formidable Force you have brought with you, knowing I had it not in my Power to oppose it, obliges me to condescend to your Summons, on Condition, that myself and the small Garrison shall quit with all the Honours of War, as the Officer who brought your Orders has promised.

I flatter myself I may expect from your Generosity every Thing that is in your Power to grant to the unfortunate Inhabitants under my Care.

In Consequence of which, Sir, I demand, First, That all the Attention in your Power may be paid to the Officers in the Civil and Military Departments in my Government: Secondly, That the Inhabitants shall take away their Effects from their Houses, and also their Fish; and that they shall be sent to France in a sufficient Number of Transports, that there may be no Risk of their perishing before their Arrival. Thirdly, That we shall enjoy the Exercise of our Religion during our Stay in the Colony. Fourthly, That the small Number of Vessels in these Islands shall remain the Property of their respective Proprietors. Lastly, Sir, I expect you will take Care to place proper Guards to prevent any Insults to my People. In Proof of my Condescension to your Demand, I send you Three Hostages, viz. Monf. D'Angeac de la Loge, Second Captain of the Troops, Bertin, Officer of the Government, and Des Roches, a principal Inhabitant.

Nothing but the Appearance of such a Squadron could have obliged me to consent to your Summons, which I do in order to spare the Blood of my Colonists, not fearing for myself, had I only the Feelings as an Officer to consult.

P. S. I dare hope that you will grant every Thing I ask, and send an Answer.

Copy of a Letter from Commodore Evans, to the Baron de L'Esperance, dated St. John's Road the 15th Sept. 1778.

IN answer to your Letter of Yesterday, by the Officer whom I sent to you, to summon you to surrender the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, to His Britannic Majesty, which you have thought proper to do, under particular Articles; agreeable to your Request, the Troops shall be permitted to march out of the Town with all the Honours of War; the Officers, Civil and Military, and the other Inhabitants of the Town, may remain in their respective Houses, till an Opportunity offers of sending them to France.

There will be no Interruption in the Exercise of their Religion, and Care shall be taken that no Insults be given them.

In Consideration of my granting you these Terms, you shall upon your Honor give a true and faithful Account of the Number of Inhabitants, distinguishing their Sexes, with an Account of all Ordnance, Arms, Ammunition, and all other Warlike Stores; together with the Number of Vessels, Fishing-Boats, Fish, Oil, and other Merchandize, that are in the said Islands; all which shall be delivered up to such Officers as I may think proper to appoint to receive them, and to be disposed of in such Manner as I shall think proper. And the Inhabitants may be assured of all the Indulgence it may be in my Power to grant them, during their Stay on these Islands. I shall send a Detachment of Troops on the Island, when the Officer returns, who is charged with this Letter, and the Hostages will be delivered up as soon as English Colours will be hoisted at St. Peter's.

Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Montagu, to Mr. Stephens, dated St. John's, Oct. 16, 1778.

BY his Majesty's Ship Guadaloupe, that sailed from hence the 7th Instant, I did myself the honour to

write you by Way of Lisbon, and enclosed you a Copy of Commodore Evans's Letter to me from St. Pierre's, of the 17th of September, with Copies of what had passed between him and the Governor of that Island, to that Time. Duplicates of which I transmitted the 8th Instant, by a Merchant Vessel bound to Ireland.

On the 11th Instant, the Commodore arrived here in His Majesty's Ship Romney, (not thinking it prudent to remain any longer with so large a Ship, in that Road, so late in the Season) and brought with him His Majesty's Ship, Pallas, a French Letter of Marque of 400 Tons, and a Snow, both from Bourdeaux, loaded with Provisions for St. Pierre and Miquelon. They both went into St. Pierre's Road, after the Place had surrendered.

I am now to inform you, that the Commodore has (in the Vessels he found at St. Pierre's) embarked the Governor and his Suite, with the Troops and all the principal Inhabitants, Women and Children, amounting in the Whole to 932, and sent them to France, before he left the Place; and as Transports were daily expected from Halifax, to take the Remainder of the Inhabitants (whom he supposes to be about 1000) he has left the Surprize and Martin to see them embarked, with Orders to destroy the Houses, Stores, &c. that were remaining.

Inclosed I transmit you an Account of the Fish and Oil found at St. Pierre's and Miquelon, together with the Number of Boats, and Small Arms, agreeable to the Return made to me by Commodore Evans.

No. I.

An Account of the Small Arms and Accoutrements found at St. Pierre's and Miquelon, belonging to the French King, viz.

Total Number of Musquets, 173; Bayonets, 173; Cartouch-Boxes, 172; Swords, 88; Belts, 106

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No. II.

An Account of Shallops, Fish, Oil, and Salt, found at St. Pierre's and Miquelon, belonging to the Inhabitants of the said Islands, viz.

Total Number of Shallops with shifting Decks, 10; Shallops with fixed Decks, 22; Shallops without Decks, 165; Canoes, 82; Fish in Quintals, 16,235; Oil in Hogheads, 201; Salt in Hogheads, 244;

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St. James's, Nov. 11.

This Day Monsieur Pizzoni, Resident from Venice, had his Audience of Leave of His Majesty. And afterwards Monsieur Cavalli, his Successor in the same Character, had a private Audience of His Majesty, to deliver his Credentials.

To which they were introduced by the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Weymouth, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Stephen Cottrell, Esq; Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, Nov. 12.

This Day Monsieur Pizzoni, Resident from Venice, had his Audience of Leave of Her Majesty.

And afterwards Monsieur Cavalli, his Successor in the same Character, had a private Audience of Her Majesty.

To which they were introduced by the Right Honourable the Marquis of Carmarthen, Her Majesty's Lord Chamberlain, and conducted by the Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, Nov. 12.

The King has been pleased to grant unto William Fawkener, Esq; the Office of one the of Clerks of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, upon the Resignation of William Blair, Esq;

St. James's, November 14.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Thomas Percy, Doctor in Divinity, one of His Majesty's Chaplains in Ordinary, the Place and Dignity of Dean of the Cathedral Church of Carlisle, the same being void by the Death of Doctor Thomas Wilson, late Dean thereof.