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Whitehall, September 21, 1779.

Copy of a Letter from Lord Macartney to Lord George Germain, dated near La Rochelle, September 4, 1779; received the 19th Instant by the Packet from Ostend.

*Near La Rochelle, France,
September 4, 1779.*

MY LORD,

I FLATTER myself that long before this Letter reaches your Lordship, you will have received my Dispatch of the 5th of July (A) from Grenada, giving you an Account of that Island's being in Possession of the French. I sent several Copies of it by different Channels; but lest none of them should have come to Hand, I shall now in a few Words acquaint your Lordship, That on the 2d of July the Count d'Estaing arrived at Grenada, with 25 Sail of the Line and 12 Frigates, having 6,500 Land Troops on Board. We made the best Defence we could with the Handful of People we had, which consisted of 101 Rank and File of the 48th Regiment, 24 Artillery Recruits, and 'tween 3 and 400 Militia.

We had the good Fortune to repulse the Enemy in their first Attack, but in the second they carried our Lines by dint of superior Numbers, after a Conflict of about an Hour and a Half, in which they had killed and wounded 300 Men and upwards, which amounts to more than the whole Force we had to oppose to their Attack; for in the preceding Night we were deserted by almost all the coloured People, and the greatest Part of the new Subjects. Being at the Discretion of the Enemy, with ut Means of Resistance or Prospect of Relief, we were obliged to propose a Capitulation, which was instantly and peremptorily refused by the Count d'Estaing in 100; and in lieu of it he sent to me the most extraordinary and unexampled Project that ever entered into the Mind of a General or Politician. This I rejected in my Turn; and there being no Possibility of obtaining any other, all the principal Inhabitants to whom I communicated it were unanimous in preferring a Surrender without any Conditions at all to the one that was offered; and upon that Footing the Enemy are now possessed of the Island.

My Letter of the 5th of July is so full and circumstantial, that I must refer your Lordship to it, and to the Papers inclosed in it, for the Particulars. I flatter myself that your Lordship will believe, that nothing was omitted that could possibly have been done for the Preservation of Grenada: This Reflection is the only Consolation I have under the Misfortune of its Loss.

In my former Letter I mentioned, that it was intended that my Fellow-Prisoners, of the Remains of the five Companies of the 48th Regiment, &c. should embark with me for Europe in a Ship set apart for that Purpose; but I know not why its Destination was altered; the Troops were sent, as

I am informed, to Guadaloupe, and I was put on board a French Frigate bound for this Place, where we arrived last Night. I have written to M. de Sartine, through whose Hands this Letter passes, to know the Intentions of his Court with regard to my Enlargement, and expect his Answer in a few Days.

M. d'Estaing would not consent to any Exchange of Prisoners in the West Indies on this Occasion.

An Assurance was given to the Inhabitants of Grenada, that they should retain quiet Possession of their Estates; and that, during the War, they should not be obliged to carry Arms against His Majesty. The other Arrangements, I presume, will depend on the Court of Versailles.

I am, &c.

MACARTNEY.

(A) The Letter referred to above has not been received.

Dublin Castle, August 31.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to appoint Peter Earl of Altamont to be a Governor of the County of Mayo.

Admiralty-Office, September 14, 1779.

Notice is hereby given, that, in Pursuance of an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act for the Encouragement of Seamen, and the more speedy and effectual Manning His Majesty's Navy," a Session of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery, for the Trial of Officers committed on the High Seas, within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England, will be held on Saturday the 30th of October next, at Justice-Hall in the Old Bailey, London, at Eight of the Clock in the Morning.

Notice is also hereby given, that for the future an Admiralty Session will be held in the several Months of March and October in every Year, pursuant to the Directions of the said Act.

Ph. Stephens.

*Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich;
September 11, 1779.*

THE Commissioners and Governors of this Hospital do hereby give Notice, that, at Salters Hall in London, on Wednesday the 15th of March next, (or as soon after as may be) the following Farms, &c. will be let on Lease, to commence upon the 12th Day of May, 1780, viz.

East Dean Raw Farm, containing by Estimation 92 Acres, 2 Roods, and 13 Perches, Woodland exclusive;

Middle Dean Raw Farm, with Lees-Fell Allotment, adjoining thereto, containing, by Estimation, in the Whole 125 Acres, 3 Roods, and 39 Perches;

Tedcastle Farm, with Lees-Fell Allotment adjoining thereto, containing, by Estimation, in the Whole 33 Acres, 2 Roods, and 35 Perches, Woodland exclusive;

Plankey Pasture Farm, with Lees-Fell Allotments on the North and South Sides of Plankey Road, containing