

Despondency, and in Contemplation to fly to America, and that their Goods were embarked in the Vessels in the Port for that Purpose; that the Troops of the Line (through the Intrigues of the Civil Commissaries) manifested strong Symptoms to a general Mutiny, and that they had sent Fifty-five Mutineers of Dillon's Regiment to Charlestown the Day before: From these Circumstances I evidently saw that no Time was to be lost, and I determined, from that Moment, to try what could be done with the Force of the Squadron; to which End I sent the Officers on Shore to get the Capitulation signed (it being exactly the same as that of Jeremie, with the Addition of the last Article respecting the Officers and Troops of the Garrison) with which they returned soon after Day-Light in the Morning; and, having publicly accepted it on the Quarter-Deck, with Vive le Roi d'Angleterre, and Three Cheers on each Side, I proceeded to the Anchorage without Hestiation, hoisted the British Flag on several Batteries, and took Possession of the Town and it's Dependancies (the Parish of Bombarde and Platform included) in the Name of His Britannick Majesty, with the Marines of the Europa, commanded by Captain Robinson, an Officer of distinguished Merit and Abilities in his Profession, and whom I have directed to act as Brevet-Major for the present, in order to give him superior Rank to the late Commandant, till General Williamson can make the necessary Arrangements; holding 200 Seamen in Readiness to land, if necessary, at a Moment's Warning; and I have the Satisfaction of informing their Lordships, that we are in full Possession of the finest Harbour in the West Indies, guarded by Batteries incredibly strong. An Account of the Ordnance, Ammunition, and Military Stores in the Magazines, you will receive herewith.

I cannot conclude my Letter without expressing my Approbation of the firm and regular Conduct of the Officers, Seamen, and Marines of the Squadron under my Command, particularly Captains Gregory and Wolley, whose Zeal and Attention have been unusually conspicuous on this Occasion: And I should be wanting in Justice to the Officers and Troops of the Garrison if I did not state their Merit in having so long resisted the dangerous Principles of the Civil Commissaries, and maintained, with Firmness and Energy, those of a Monarchical Government, which no Persuasion could shake or Intrigue confound.

I am, &c.

JOHN FORD.

NO. 136co.

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ARTICLE XIV.

*Being the last of the Capitulation, referred to in the preceding Letter.*

THE Staff, the Detachment of the Corps of Royal Artillery, and the Second Battalion of Dillon, composing the Garrison of Cape Nicholas Mole, accept the above Conditions, request to continue upon their Establishments, and to be taken into the Pay of Great Britain; and if, at the general Peace, the Colony of St. Domingo shall remain in the Possession of His Britannick Majesty, and that the above mentioned French Officers cannot, by the Laws of England, continue in His Service, they shall in such Case be entitled to Half-Pay for Life.

We the Commanders and Staff Officers of Cape Nicholas Mole, Commanders, Officers, and Soldiers of the Second Battalion of Dillon, Officers and Soldiers of the Corps of Royal Artillery, Inhabitants and Proprietors of the Town of the Mole, accept, as far as we are individually concerned, and for all other Inhabitants of the same, the Fourteen Articles of the above Capitulation, promising faithfully to adhere to every Part of them.

Done at Cape Nicholas Mole, the 22d of September, 1793.

Signed by the Staff Officers, the Officers of the Royal Artillery and those of Dillon, and several Inhabitants of Cape Nicholas Mole, and accepted by Commodore Ford.

*Return of Ordnance, Ammunition and Artillery Stores, in the Magazines, upon the Batteries, and in the different Posts established in the Mole Town and it's Dependancies, September 25, 1793.*

*Nature of the Guns, Ammunition, &c. and Quantity.*

P O W D E R.

307 Barrels, containing each 200lbs.	}	143,600
822 Barrels and Boxes, containing each 100lbs.		
101 Barrels, of Fine Powder, containing each 24 lbs.	- - - -	2,424

C A N N O N.

Iron.	24 Pounders,	- - - -	107
	21 Ditto,	- - - -	4
	12 Ditto,	- - - -	10
	9 Ditto,	- - - -	4
	8 Ditto,	- - - -	2
Brafs.	4 Ditto,	- - - -	6
	2 Ditto,	- - - -	3

CARRIAGES.