

eminently manifested throughout this difficult Service, and all the Troops of that Division have performed their Duty most meritoriously.

As the Bay and Harbour of Port Royal had been completely opened to our Shipping by the Capture of Pigeon Island, I moved forward with the Troops from Riviere Salée, to the Post of Bruneau, and joined Lieutenant-General Prescott the 14th; and having previously concerted the Attack of the Town of St. Pierre with Major-General Dundas, he marched the same Evening on that Enterprize with the 2d Battalion of Grenadiers, the 33d and 40th Light Companies, and the 65th Regiment, to Gros Morne, from whence he detached Colonel Campbell, through the Woods by Bois le Buc, with the Two Light Companies and 65th Regiment, to reach Montigné on the Morning of the 16th, proceeding himself towards the Heights of Capot and Calebasie: They were evacuated by the Enemy, and, from the latter, he saw Colonel Campbell at Post au Pin, Half a Mile short of Montigné, attacked in great Force, and, under a heavy Fire, from Five or Six Hundred of the Enemy strongly posted; the Major-General pushed forward his Advanced Guard, consisting of 63 Men, under Command of the Hon. Captain Ramsay of the Queen's, who, gaining the Summit by extraordinary Exertions, fired on the Enemy, who were engaged with Colonel Campbell, and silenced their Fire; and, when joined by the 2d Battalion of Grenadiers, the Detachment of the Queen's took Possession of Montigné, where it was reinforced with Two Companies of Grenadiers, taking Post himself on Morne Rouge; and then visiting Colonel Campbell's Column, found he had been attacked at Half past Nine o'Clock in the Morning, and the Enemy being within Twenty Yards of the 40th Light Company, had charged them with Bayonets at the Head of it, when he was killed; and in him His Majesty's Service loses a most excellent Officer and a valuable Man, justly lamented by the whole Army and Navy. Major-General Dundas now observed large Bodies of the Enemy moving towards his Front at Morne Rouge, and forming under a small Redoubt near that Post, he therefore hastened back, and was instantly attacked by Five or Six Hundred Men, which lasted about Twenty Minutes, when the Fire ceased, and the Enemy abandoned the Redoubt in Front during the Night, leaving Two Field Pieces, &c. At Day-break the 17th these Two Columns advanced, the Right to Le Jeune, the Left to the Colonial Redoubt, and on the March he received a Letter from the Commandant of St. Pierre, to which he returned an Answer by a Flag, but the Commandant was not to be found: In the mean Time Colonel Symes had landed and was already in the Town, who, agreeable to the Plan I had originally concerted for the Co-

operation with Major-General Dundas, had embarked with Three Light Companies, and Major Maitland, with a Detachment of the 58th Regiment, to land North of the Town; Five Companies of the 1st Battalion Grenadiers, and Five Companies of the 3d Battalion of Light Infantry, under Colonel Myers, having also marched from Camp La Coste for the same Purpose of co-operating with Major-General Dundas; which General's Ability, good Conduct and Activity, first in penetrating through so difficult a Country from La Trinité to Bruneau, and afterwards to the Capture of St. Pierre, do him the highest Honor, and merit His Majesty's Notice in an eminent Degree.

As Fort Bourbon, where Rochambeau commands, could not be closely invested, without the Possession of these Heights of Sourriere, and this Post was still occupied by Bellegarde, with a considerable Number of Mulattoes and Blacks, I had fixed One o'Clock in the Morning of the 19th of February to force him with the Bayonet from my Camp at Bruneau; but at Noon the preceding Day, (February 18th) a most fortunate Event anticipated my Wishes and his Ruin. Bellegarde, with Part of his Troops, descending the Heights, attacked my Left, towards the Landing-Place, in a very daring and spirited Manner; to which Part Lieutenant-General Prescott led a Reinforcement, with great Judgment and in good Time, checking and charging the Enemy. Availing myself of this favourable Moment, when Bellegarde's Camp was weakened, I ordered from my Right the 3d Battalion of Grenadiers, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Buckeridge, and supported by the 1st and 2d Battalions of Light Infantry, under Lieutenant-Colonels Coote and Blundell, who attacked his Camp upon the Left, in such a superior Style of Spirit and Impetuosity, as to prove irresistible; and I got Possession of it, and his Cannon, with inconsiderable Loss; which might have proved very different if my Attack had not taken Place till One o'Clock the next Morning, as was previously concerted, and if it had been properly defended by him, being there in such Force with Cannon and Numbers, and the Situation so eminently strong and difficult. My Admiration of the Gallantry of those Corps who performed this Service, and the Officers who commanded them, is inexpressible, and their Conduct is above Praise; nor did I ever feel more highly satisfied with the Success of any Enterprize in which I have been concerned.

Immediately after forcing Bellegarde, and getting Possession of this Post of Sourriere, on the 18th of February, I held Fort Bourbon besieged; but making a new Road, getting up Cannon, Mortars, &c. and making Batteries, took up the Time till the 7th Instant, when the Batteries of my first Parallel opened.

On the Night of the 28th Ult. Bellegarde, the great and popular Leader of the Mulattoes and Blacks,