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Downing-Street, August 15, 1803.

A DISPATCH, of which the following is a Copy, was this Morning received by the Right Honorable Lord Hobart, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, from Lieutenant-General Grinfield, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Troops in the Windward and Leeward Islands:

*Scarborough, Tobago,
July 1, 1803.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the Honor to report to your Lordship, the Surrender, by Capitulation, of the Fort of Scarborough, and the Restoration of the Island of Tobago to the British Government. I have the Satisfaction to add, that this Event appears to be received by the Colony, the Inhabitants of which are almost entirely British, with the liveliest Sense of Gratitude.

The Circumstances which led to this fortunate and valuable Conquest, were as follow: On the 25th, Commodore Hood, with the Fleet and Troops, sailed from St. Lucia, and Yesterday, at Day-Break, we made this Island. About Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, having landed the greater Part of the Troops, the two leading Columns marched forward towards Scarborough, and meeting with no Opposition in the Defiles of St. Mary's, advanced to Mount Grace, from which Place I sent a Summons to the Commandant-General Berthier, who returned an Answer by proposing Terms of Capitulation, which were finally settled about Four this Morning, and at Eleven Possession of the Fortress was given to the British Forces; the French Garrison marching out with the Honors of War, and laying down their Arms, after passing the Guard of Honor, under the Orders of Brigadier General Picton.

The Fort having surrendered without Resistance, I can only speak, in general Terms, of the excellent Discipline and good Conduct of the Officers and Soldiers in this Expedition; there is no doubt, had the

French Garrison been sufficiently strong to have hazarded Resistance, they would have met with as obstinate an Attack as was experienced by the Garrison of Morne Fortunée.

It is next to impossible for me to say too much in Praise of the Co-operation of the Navy. The Troops are in the highest Degree indebted to Commodore Hood for the Accommodation afforded to them on board, and to the judicious Arrangements and Execution in the Embarking and Disembarkation of them by Captain Hallowell.

I take the Liberty to enclose a Copy of the Orders given to the Troops.

I likewise enclose a List of the Troops of the French Republic who laid down their Arms in consequence of the Capitulation; also the Return of Ordnance and Military Stores taken in the Fort and other Batteries in this Island.

Captain Draper, my Aide-de-Camp and Secretary, returning to England, will have the Honor to deliver this Dispatch to your Lordship; I beg Leave to recommend him to your Notice, as an intelligent, diligent, and active Officer.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) W. GRINFIELD, Lieut. Gen.

Right Honorable Lord Hobart,

&c. &c. &c.

Tobago, June 30, 1803.

THE Forces of His Britannic Majesty, now landed in this Island, being so superior to those of the French Republic, that Resistance will only prove an unnecessary Profusion of the Lives of Men.

The Superiority of the British Naval Force over that of the French in those Seas must preclude the Hope of Succour.

The Commanders of the British Army and Navy being fully sensible of their decided Superiority, so fully evinced on the 22d Instant, by the Capture of Morne Fortunée, in the Island of St. Lucia, by