

Admiralty-Office, December 10, 1803.

DISPATCHES, of which the following are Copies, have been received at this Office, from Rear-Admiral Sir John Thomas Duckworth, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Jamaica :

*Shark, Port Royal, Jamaica,
Sept. 29, 1803.*

SIR,
THEIR Lordships will observe from Captain Walker's Letter enclosed, that he was induced, when in the Bight of Leogane, to proceed off St. Marc's, and take the French Garrison on board, correspondent to Capitulation.

I am, &c. J. T. DUCKWORTH.

Sir Evan Nepean, Bart.

*Vanguard, off Cape Nicola Mole,
September 9, 1803.*

SIR,
UNDERSTANDING from General Desfalines that it was his Intention to summon the Town of St. Marc immediately, which was reduced to the last Extremity, I was strongly induced to urge him not to put the Garrison to Death, which he consented to, and I stipulated with him, that, if they surrendered, he should march them round to the Mole in Safety, and that I should appear off the Bay, and take Possession of the Shipping, One of which I knew to be a Ship of War.

I received General Desfaline's Dispatches about Eight o'Clock at Night of the 31st of October, and got under Weigh at One A. M. At Daylight we chased a Man of War Brig off St. Marc, but the Wind being light and partial she got into that Place: In the Afternoon we perceived a Flag of Truce coming out, but a heavy Squall of Wind and Rain obliged them to return. The following Morning they came on board, and brought a Letter from General D'Henin, which I answered by making several distinct Propositions, and sent them in the Ship's Boat as a Flag of Truce, with an Officer, and Mr. Cathcart had the Goodness to take Charge of them: About Five o'Clock the same Day the General himself came on board in the Boat, and we agreed to a Convention: The next Day and Part of the Night we were busily employed in effecting the Embarkation of the Garrison, &c. and the Whole being completed, General D'Henin and his Staff came on board the Vanguard at Three o'Clock in the Morning of the 4th, and we made Sail out of the Bay.—The Situation of this Garrison was the most deplorable it is possible to imagine; they were literally reduced to nothing, and long subsisted on Horse-flesh. I forgot to mention that, on the 1st, we captured the same Schooner we had taken on the 26th past, with Twenty-five Barrels of Flour, going to St. Marc, which I took out, and transferring her People, with Fifteen Soldiers she had on board, to a small Sloop we took at the same Time, sent her away, and kept the Schooner, as she might be eventually useful to us; and she is the Vessel I have made over to General D'Henin.

The Vessels delivered to us consist of the Papillon Corvette, pierced for Twelve Guns, but only mounting Six, having Fifty-two Men on board, commanded by Mons. Dubourg, Lieutenant du Vaisseau; the Brig Les Trois Amis, Transport, nothing in; and the Schooner Mary Sally, who has between Forty and Fifty Barrels of Powder. General

D'Henin has given me regular Receipts for the Garrison, which amounts in all to Eight Hundred and Fifty Men.

I have further to inform you, Sir, that on the 5th we captured the National Schooner Le Courier de Nantes, of Two Guns and Four Swivels, and Fifteen Men, commanded by an Ensign de Vaisseau, from Port au Prince, with a Supply of Thirty Barrels of Flour, and sundry other Articles for St. Marc.

I enclose a Weekly Account; and have great Satisfaction in stating, that we are almost well again, not one of the Men who came from the Hospital has died.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

JAS. WALKER.

Sir John Thomas Duckworth, K. B. Rear-Admiral of the Red, and Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

*Shark, Port Royal, Jamaica,
September 29, 1803.*

SIR,
HIS Majesty's Sloop Pelican having been employed these Eight Weeks in watching the Port of Aux Cayes, Captain Whitby writes me, on the 21st Instant, that the General of Division Brunette, had sent off Brigadier-General Le Fevre to propose taking off this Garrison, but as it appeared that the Numbers are beyond what the Vessels in the Harbour, with the Assistance of the Pelican, could effect, Captain Whitby, (of whose Affiduity I cannot speak too highly,) agreed on an Armistice of Ten Days to communicate with me, and though I had in some Degree anticipated the Want by sending the Pique on that Service, I have in consequence added the Theseus, and am in Expectation, that before the sailing of this Packet, I shall have to request that in Addition to this, you will communicate to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the Capitulation of the Garrison.

I am, &c.

J. T. DUCKWORTH.

Sir Evan Nepean, Bart.

*Shark, Port Royal, Jamaica,
September 30, 1803.*

SIR,
CAPTAIN BLIGH, whose Merits as an Officer are always conspicuous, having, during the Time he was Senior Officer at the Blockade of the Cape, thought it for the good of the Service to attack Port Dauphin; I send you herewith his Statement of the Success, and the Capture of La Sageffe, of Twenty Eight-Pounders on her Main Deck, and Eight Four-Pounders on the Quarter-Deck.

I am, &c.

J. T. DUCKWORTH.

Sir Evan Nepean, Bart.

*Theseus, Port Dauphin, St. Domingo,
September 8, 1803.*

SIR,
HAVING found extreme Difficulty in preventing small Vessels from passing into Cape Francois with Provisions from the little Ports on the Northern Part of the Island, in consequence of their finding a safe Retreat from our Pursuit under the Batteries of Port Dauphin, and conceiving that Port to be of the utmost Importance to the Enemy, I deemed it necessary to make some Efforts for the Reduction of the Place, and the Capture of a Ship of War at anchor there. As soon as the Sea-breeze this Morning rendered it impossible for the Enemy's