

I wait your Excellency's Answer by the Officer who carries this Letter. Accept the Assurance, &c.
(Signed) BARQUIER.

No. 5.

SIR, *Head-Quarters, 1st July 1809.*
I HAD the Honour to receive Your Excellency's Letter of Yesterday, in consequence of which I agree to a Suspension of Arms until Twelve o'Clock To-morrow, at which Time Notice will be given for the Re-commencement of Hostilities, should the Conference have an unfavourable Termination.

As it is necessary for me to have an Interview with the Commander of His Britannic Majesty's Squadron, I cannot now name the exact Time for the Meeting of the Commissioners, but on receiving the Commodore's Answer to the Letter conveyed to him by the Military Secretary, the Time will be notified to your Excellency by me.

I am fully sensible of the gallant and persevering Defence of the Garrison of St. Domingo, under your Excellency's Command, and every brave Soldier must deplore the sanguinary Result of an Assault and Defence of the City of St. Domingo, and in which, probably, the Effusion of Blood would not be confined to the Combatants.

From the Sentiments His Britannic Majesty's Forces must have for a brave Enemy, no dishonourable Terms will be imposed upon them.

I think it proper to observe, that it is my indispensible Duty to avoid any Procrastination, and which is, I presume, equally so to your Excellency.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

H. L. CARMICHAEL, Major-General, commanding His Britannic Majesty's Forces before the City of St. Domingo.

No. 6.—(Translation)

Army of St. Domingo.

Head-Quarters, St. Domingo, 2d July 1809.
Barquier, General of Brigade, &c. to His Excellency Major General Carmichael, &c.

SIR,

THE Suspension of Arms which exists between the British and French Armies should have prevented the Movement which your Troops have made in taking a Position at St. Carlos. At this Moment, English and Spanish Soldiers are advancing still nearer and occasionally under the Walls of this Place; thus affording Pretexis for hostile Reprisals, which I am desirous to prevent, as my Proceedings shall continue to be open and faithful.

Persuaded that your Excellency holds the same Sentiments, I request you will give Orders that Individuals belonging to your Army do not approach this Place, and that they keep within their advanced Posts.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. BARQUIER.

No. 7.

Head-Quarters of His Britannic Majesty's Forces
SIR, *in St. Domingo, St. Carlos, July 2, 1809.*
I HAD the Honour to receive your Excellency's Letter, and in Answer thereto, beg Leave to observe

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that the Advance of the British and Spanish Troops to St. Carlos, was in consequence of an Arrangement made, and Orders issued respecting that Post, which I had taken Possession of previous to any Communication between your Excellency and me with regard to a Suspension of Hostilities.

I am fully persuaded of your Excellency's most honourably adhering to the Engagements mutually entered into, and with regard to any Irregularity of the Soldiers individually approaching the Walls of the City, it may probably have occurred from their straggling through the Bushes, against which I have given the most positive Orders.

I advanced Yesterday myself with some Dragoons towards the Gate in consequence of some Irregularity of Shots fired and Signals thrown out, though the White Flag was in the Air; but your Excellency's Answer by my Aid-de-Camp was perfectly satisfactory.

My advanced Guard will be under Arms in Half an Hour, for the Purpose of a complimentary Salute to the Commander-in-Chief of the Spanish Forces and the Spanish Nation, which will be done under a Flag of Truce, to be kept flying till the Suspension terminates.

(Signed) H. L. CARMICHAEL, Major-General, commanding His Britannic Majesty's Forces before the City of St. Domingo.

His Excellency General Barquier, commanding in the City of St. Domingo.

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SIR,

St. Carlos, 6th July 1809.
AS the necessary Communications with the Commander of His Majesty's Squadron consequently protract the Proceedings of the Commissioners arranging the Terms of Capitulation, and as Delays cannot be attended with any Advantage to either Power, I think it proper to propose to your Excellency an Ultimatum.

However deplorable it may be to the Feelings of Humanity, the Storm of the City, particularly under the present Circumstances, and the Fate of a brave Garrison that has so long and gallantly defended itself, I would not feel myself justifiable to my Sovereign, with the Means in my Hands, were I to accede to any other Terms than those now proposed.

If an Answer does not arrive in One Hour after the Delivery of this, Hostilities will be considered as recommenced.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) H. LYLE CARMICHAEL, Major General, commanding His Britannic Majesty's Forces before the City of Saint Domingo.

His Excellency General Barquier, commanding in the City of Saint Domingo.

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GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, St. Carlos, 5th July 1809.

PROVIDENCE having peculiarly favoured this Expedition in a just Cause against the French Ga-