

under the Command of Brigadier-General Maclean, to which it belonged. The Commander of the Forces landed at the same Place before Ten, as I did immediately after. The whole Brigade being ashore between Twelve and One o'Clock, and having formed on the Heights, I reported the same to the Commander of the Forces, who ordered the Light Battalion to march and take a forward Position for the Purpose of keeping open the Communication by the high Road with Cabesterre, and obtaining Information of the Situation, Force, &c. of the Enemy. Brigadier-General Maclean was at the same Time ordered to put himself at the Head of the Light Battalion, which had then become the advanced Guard of the Army that landed to Windward.

About Two o'Clock, I received Orders from the Commander of the Forces to follow the March of the advanced Guard with the other Battalions of the Third Brigade, marching by my Right; and having come up with it at the Position it had taken and halted at, I ordered it forward; directing Brigadier-General Maclean to pass the River, (called Rivieres des Peres Blancs,) beyond the Village of Marigot, and to halt on the most advantageous Ground for maintaining himself during the Night, that he could discover near it.

At Five in the Evening I reached Marigot, in the immediate Vicinity of which the Troops took up their Ground, and lay on their Arms for the Night. The Troops marched this Day, with Three Days' Provisions in their Haversacks, which had been previously cooked on board Ship. The Weather extremely favourable.

*Monday, Jan. 29* — The Brigade was under Arms an Hour before Daylight, and, in consequence of the Orders received from the Commander of the Forces, I awaited his Arrival at my Post before I moved forwards, and which having taken place between Ten and Eleven o'Clock, the Troops were soon after put in Motion; the Commander of the Forces directing in Person the March of the advanced Guard. The Fourth Brigade, under the Orders of Brigadier-General Skinner, having come up before the Rear of the Third had moved off its Ground, the whole Division marched this Day in One Column, arriving at Bannaniers before Sunset, where it halted, taking up its Ground in Two Lines, and bivouacking for the Night. Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart, commanding the Light Battalion, was ordered immediately to possess himself with Two Companies of the strong Pass (above our Position) at Lacasse, where we yesterday could perceive the Enemy had a Post, but which he abandoned last Evening. The Weather had been very hot during the whole of this Day's March, but it began to rain soon after the Troops arrived on their Ground.

*Tuesday, Jan. 30* — The Light Company of the 8th West India Regiment, in pursuance of the Orders of the Commander of the Forces, was detached this Morning at Two o'Clock, to relieve Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart and the Two Companies at Lacasse, which were ordered to return with him to his Battalion. The Division having been under Arms as usual, an Hour before Daylight, formed at that Column of March by the Night, when, on the Arrival of the Commander of the Forces at the Dawn of Day, Orders were given for the Light Battalion to march forwards, and for the Two Brigades to follow at their proper Distance, the Commander of the Forces placing himself between the

Advanced Guard and the Head of the Third Brigade. The former having, between Nine and Ten o'Clock, descended the Heights on the Side of the Trois Rivieres, came up with the Rear of a Detachment of the Enemy, which appeared not to have had timely Notice of our Approach, in consequence of which they were exposed for a short Time to some Shot from our Riflemen, from which they sustained some trifling Loss. The advanced Guard pursuing its March, reached the open Ground or Savannah at Loriois Trois Rivieres about Eleven, when the Commander of the Forces, arriving at the same Time, ordered it to halt, and the Men to rest themselves, until the Column should come up. In consequence, however, of the Enemy being still in Possession of the Sea Batteries commanding the Anchorage in the Grande Ance, and from both of which they continued to fire on our Men of War, the Light Company of the 70th was sent to dislodge them, which was instantly effected, the Party of the Enemy escaping along Shore.

A Company of the 8th West India Regiment was at the same Time detached to take Possession of the Battery De la Pointe, which was already abandoned, and by which the Security of the Anchorage was insured. The Enemy's Position, which was defended by a Line of Redoubts, Intrenchments, &c. on the commanding Heights of Petrizel, was now before us, and in Front of which the Commander of the Forces ordered the Army to take up a Position, the Light Battalions moving to the Left, and the Third and Fourth Brigades extending along the Heights on its Right. In the Execution of this Order, the Light Battalion advancing upon the High Road leading towards the Enemy's Position, alarmed him to such a Degree as to induce him to open from all his Batteries and intrenched Lines, with Cannon, Mortars and Musketry, as well from Petrizel as from his Post at Dolé, from which he kept up for some Time an incessant Fire, without doing us any other Injury than killing One Man and wounding another. The Troops took up their Position in the meantime without any further Inconvenience. Towards the Close of the Evening Numbers of the Enemy were seen ascending the Mountain above their Works at Petrizel. The Heat this Day was excessive, and the Country through which the Troops marched extremely difficult, the strong Pass of Trou au Chien lying in their Way.

*Wednesday, Jan. 31* — Nothing extraordinary occurred during the preceding Night to occasion Alarm or Disquiet, but at Daylight not a Soul was to be seen in or near the Enemy's Redoubts or Intrenchments. As the Day, however, advanced, some of our own Riflemen were plainly perceived on the Parapets. The Evacuation of them by the Enemy being in consequence ascertained, the Commander of the Forces ordered the Light Company of the First West India Regiment to march at Twelve o'Clock this Day to take Possession, following immediately himself, and escorted by the Light Company of the 90th Regiment. On his Return to Head Quarters, the Light Company of the 46th was detached to possess itself of the Batteries at Dolé, which were likewise evacuated by the Enemy.

*Thursday, Feb. 1* — The Troops remained in the same Position they occupied Yesterday. One Day's

