

Provisions was issued for their immediate Consumption, and three Days for the March, which was accordingly cooked this Afternoon.

Friday, Feb. 2—This Morning, pursuant to the Orders of Yesterday, the Division marched by the Right in One Column, but previous to being put in Motion, the Light Battalion was placed at the Head of the Fourth Brigade, the Detachment of the York Light Infantry Volunteers replacing it at the Head of the Third, with which I received Orders to proceed by the Pass of Walkannar, to turn the Palmiste by its Right, and gain Possession of the Heights thereof, while the Commander of the Forces at the Head of the Fourth Brigade was, by a shorter but more difficult Ascent, to reach the Summit of the same Heights about the Centre. Accordingly, the Heads of both Columns (of the Third and Fourth Brigades) arrived nearly at the same Time at the Points intended, and were ordered to take up their Ground, on which they remained until Daylight the next Morning, without any particular Occurrence taking place.

Saturday, Feb. 3.—At Daylight the Commander of the Forces being on the Ground, ordered the Division to be put in Motion, the Third Brigade leading, followed by the Fourth, in the same Order as they moved Yesterday, himself being at the Head of the Fourth. Having descended with the Third, the North Side of the Palmiste, passed the River Galton, and formed on the opposite Heights, I directed the Captain, commanding the Detachment of Artillery attached to the Third Brigade, to examine Two Pieces of Ordnance, which were in a Redoubt in our Front, and in which none of the Enemy appeared. This Officer (Captain Clewe) returned, and reported his having found an Howitzer, and an Eighteen-Pounder, both spiked. At this Moment I was ordered by the Commander of the Forces to march forwards, and take up a Position along the rising Ground, on which Pelletier's Estate is situated; by doing which I should find myself placed so as to intercept the Communication by the great Road, between the Town of Basseterre and the Enemy's Camp, which was accordingly immediately executed; my Right resting on the Buildings of the Estate before mentioned, and my Left extending towards the Ravine, which separated it from the Enemy's Position at the Park.

Having placed a strong Piquet in a Redoubt evacuated by the Enemy at this Point, about Five o'Clock this Evening, my Attention was drawn towards the Right by a heavy Musquetry Fire in the Woods, between Morne Hoel and the Poits occupied by the Enemy on the same Heights, as well as from the quick Fire he kept up from his Batteries commanding the Road towards the Bridge of Voziere. Accordingly, I instantly ordered the York Light Infantry, supported by the Flank Companies of the 90th Regiment, composing the Advanced Guard of the 3d Brigade, to move forward for the Purpose of diverting the Attention of the Enemy towards our Side, from any Operations which might be carrying on against his Left by our Reserve, a Conjecture which turned out to be correct.

The advanced Corps beforementioned maintained its Position, without Molestation, during the Night, every Thing remaining quiet in the Enemy's Batteries in its Front.

Sunday, Feb. 4.—At the dawn of Day, I directed

the left of the Advanced Guard to be thrown back, and placed out of Sight of the Enemy's Redoubts at the Park to which it was exposed, and taking with me a small Covering Party from the York Light Infantry, I approached as near as was necessary (in Company with Brigadier-General Maclean) the Enemy's Post at the Bridge, and for some Time unperceived, and without being molested, but a Piquet of the Enemy, moving along the opposite Side of the Ravine, commencing a loose Musquetry Fire upon the Covering Party, which gradually augmented by the Increase of their Numbers, it was necessary to order forward the whole of the York Light Infantry Detachment, under Major O'Hara, to disperse them, which was soon effected, and it was said with some Loss on their Side; only one Man of the York Light Infantry was wounded, but it was found he was badly so.

While reporting this Circumstance to the Commander of the Forces, the White Flag was perceived to be hoisted at General Ernouf's Quarters, at Matouba, from which Moment a Suspension of Arms took place.

I cannot close this Report without bearing Testimony to the good Order and Discipline of the Division which I have had the Honour to command, the same having been in every respect highly meritorious and exemplary; no Complaints having reached me, or a single Man committed to the Custody of the Provost Marshal, since I took the Command of it.

As the zealous and effectual Services of Colonel Soter, who accompanied the Division, in the Distribution of the Guides, as well as in his own personal Exertions, could not fail to fall under the Notice of the Commander of the Forces, the mentioning thereof by me with a View of attracting it must be superfluous, but I owe to my own personal Feelings, not to omit in this Report the Expression of my most grateful Acknowledgements, as well as the high and just Sense I entertain of his able and important Assistance.

(Signed) J. HISLOP, Major-General,
commanding First Division.

To His Excellency Sir Geo. Beckwith, K. B.
Commander of the Forces.

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SIR,

IN obedience to your Excellency's Commands, I have the Honour to submit to you the following Detail of the Operations of the Second Division of the Army, the Charge of which your Excellency was pleased to repose in my Hands.

On the Morning of the 30th Ultimo, between Nine and Ten o'Clock, the First Brigade, under my immediate Command, disembarked at a Bay somewhat to the Northward of the Village of Les Vieux Habitans; and Brigadier-General Barrow, with the Second Brigade, was directed to make his Disembarkation at the Village itself; both of these Operations were effected without Opposition.

It was my Intention to have moved the Division in Two Columns, and to endeavour to reach the Enemy's principal Position at Bellair in the Interior, as a first Object, (conceiving thereby that your Excellency's wish to compress him would be best at-