

Means in my Power, of which Fort Richepanse is one.

I authorise you, Gentlemen, to prove to you the Affection that I feel, and always have felt, towards the Inhabitants of Basseterre, to make a Convention with the English Generals, to whom you will entrust the Security and Tranquillity of your Persons and Property.

Receive, Sirs, the Assurance of the sincere Attachment with which I have the Honour to be,  
(Signed) ERNOUF.

(Translation.)

The Commandant of Fort Richepanse to Captain William C. Fahie, of His Britannic Majesty's Navy.

SIR,

WHAT Opinion can you have entertained of a French Officer, in expecting him on the First Summons to surrender a Fortre's committed to his Charge? I do not believe it is the Practice in any civilized Nation.

His Excellency the Captain-General Ernouf having entrusted me with this Command, I cannot but answer his Confidence by making every Exertion to defend the Fort.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

CATERAU.

(Copy.)

*Pombée, Basseterre, Guadalupe, 9 Feb. 1810.*

GENERAL MEMORANDUM.

ANOTHER important Conquest is obtained over the Enemy by the Capture of the Island of

Guadalupe, which has been accomplished in less Time even than that of Martinique.

The Troops have had an Opportunity of displaying their Bravery, and they have outdone what could have been looked for by the most sanguine.

The Commander of the Forces is highly satisfied with Commodores Ballard and Fahie, the Captains, Officers, Seamen and Marines, more particularly attached to the Army; and I have great Pleasure in annexing a Copy of his General Orders \* on the Occasion, to which I beg to add my Acknowledgements for their great Perseverance and Exertions in the various Duties carried on; and I also desire to acknowledge the Services of other Captains, Officers, and Men employed on this Expedition; as well as of those who have so long and effectually blockaded the Island, which has so much contributed to the general Success.

(Signed) A. COCHRANE.

To the respective Captains, &c. &c.

*Return of Prisoners of War, killed, and wounded, &c. at Guadalupe, February 8, 1810.*

Total Number embarked, 1309; in Hospital, 300; deserted and dispersed about the Country (not yet taken up), 250; ditto Seamen, 600; killed and wounded, from 5 to 600.

(Signed) A. COCHRANE.

\* See the General Orders of February 7, 1810, in Inclosure No. 6, in Lieutenant-General Beckwith's Dispatch.

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