

the afternoon, but with light sufficient to point out to Comte Linois and General Boyer that all their plans of concentration were defeated.

After these laborious movements, which the troops executed in the most creditable manner, there was only time before night to place the columns in readiness to attack the formidable position of Morne Houel at day-break in the morning.

The troops accordingly took up their bivouacs. It rained heavily. At eleven o'clock P.M. in the night of the 9th, the Commanding French Engineer came to me on the top of Morne Palmiste ~~verbally to propose~~ a capitulation, in the name of Le Comte de Linois, to which I replied, that the only terms I ever would accede to were already published in the Proclamation issued on landing, and that I would not delay the attack on Morne Houel to wait for any farther communications. It was so dark, and the rain fell in such torrents, that the Officer from the enemy and Captain Moody, my Aid-de-Camp, took up the greatest part of the night in finding their way to the enemy's position.

The troops were put in motion at day-break. An Officer soon after met me with written proposals, which I positively refused, and proposed some additional conditions. A white flag was displayed on Morne Houel, but I sent Major-General Murray (who had joined the army from Demerary the preceding night), and my Aid-de-Camp, Captain Leith Hay, with the British flag, to say, that the only signal which should stop the troops would be to see it displayed on the parapet.

I had the satisfaction immediately after to see the British standard flying on Morne Houel, and thereby to ascertain that all the troops were prisoners of war, and all the forts and the colony in our possession.

I am happy to be enabled to assure your Lordship, that the conduct of the troops has been most zealous, gallant, and exemplary.

To the naval Commander in Chief, Rear Admiral Sir Charles Durham, the service is highly indebted for his prompt and active exertions in whatever concerned the co-operation of the naval force with the army on this expedition.

From Major-Generals Sir Charles Shipley, Stehelin, Johnston, and Douglass I have received most useful and zealous assistance, as also from Major-General Murray since his joining the army. Major-General Sir Charles Shipley was employed in the preliminary occupation of Marigalante, and in reconnoitring Guadeloupe, which he executed with much advantage to the service.

Major-General Douglass, to whose assistance as Adjutant-General I am much indebted, served on this expedition with a Brigade, and executed the service on which he was detached in a gallant and soldier-like manner.

The exertions of all the Captains and Officers of the navy who conveyed troops, covered and conducted the disembarkation, are deserving of the highest commendation, and I hope may recommend them to favour.

Major-General Douglass has especially reported the obligations he is under to Captains Chads and Deacon, in the service of the 2d leeward division.

Lieutenant Sandilands, of the flag ship, accompanied me as an Aid-de-Camp, and assisted me

with such intelligence and activity as I hope may recommend him to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Lieutenant-Colonel Starck conducted the service intrusted to him with intelligence and gallantry.

Lieutenant Colonel Farquharson displayed throughout the service a zeal and attention to the discipline of the 25th regiment, which was proved by the usual efficiency and good conduct of that corps under his command.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ewart, York Chasseurs, is reported to me, by Major-General Douglass, as having distinguished himself.

During the absence of Major-General Douglass, with the line, Lieutenant-Colonel Berkeley, Deputy-Adjutant-General, has conducted that department with zeal and ability, and has rendered me essential assistance. I am particularly indebted to Lieutenant-Colonel Popham, and the officers of the Quarter-Master-General's Department. Lieutenant-Colonel Walker, Assistant-Quarter-Master-General, fitted up and conducted the mortar-boats, which would have been of great use, had an opportunity of employing them presented itself.

The medical arrangements were conducted by Doctor Fergusson, Inspector of Hospitals, in a manner that might be expected from his zeal, knowledge, and experience; and I have every reason to be satisfied with Mr. Bullock, Commissary-General, and the officers of his department.

I must not omit to mention to your Lordship the zeal and intelligence of the officers of Royal Artillery and Engineers.

I received every assistance from the intelligence and activity of the Officers of my personal staff.

I have the honour to transmit herewith returns of the killed, wounded, and missing, of the troops under my command, which, I am happy to say, are inconsiderable.

When it is considered that this beautiful and extensive colony, with a population of one hundred and ten thousand souls, with forts, and an armed force numerically greater than ours—when it is known that every sanguinary measure had been devised, and that the worst scenes of the Revolution were to be recommenced, that the 15th of August, the birth-day of Buonaparte, was to have been solemnized by the execution of the Royalists, already condemned to death, it is a subject of congratulation to see Guadeloupe completely shielded from Jacobin fury in two days, and without the loss of many lives.

Thus, my Lord, the flag of the most unprovoked rebellion, under which the slaves had been called to arms, and many were wrought up to a pitch of sanguinary frenzy, threatening the immediate destruction of the colony, has disappeared from the American Archipelago, while the colonies faithful to His Most Christian Majesty are secured to his dominions by British garrisons. I cannot avoid on this occasion expressing my sense of the honourable, firm, and wise conduct of Admiral le Comte de Vaugiraud, Governor-General of Martinique, who had afforded me every information and assistance in his power against the common enemy.

This dispatch will be delivered to you by Captain Leith Hay, my Aide-de-Camp and Military Secretary, who was on my staff the whole Peninsular