

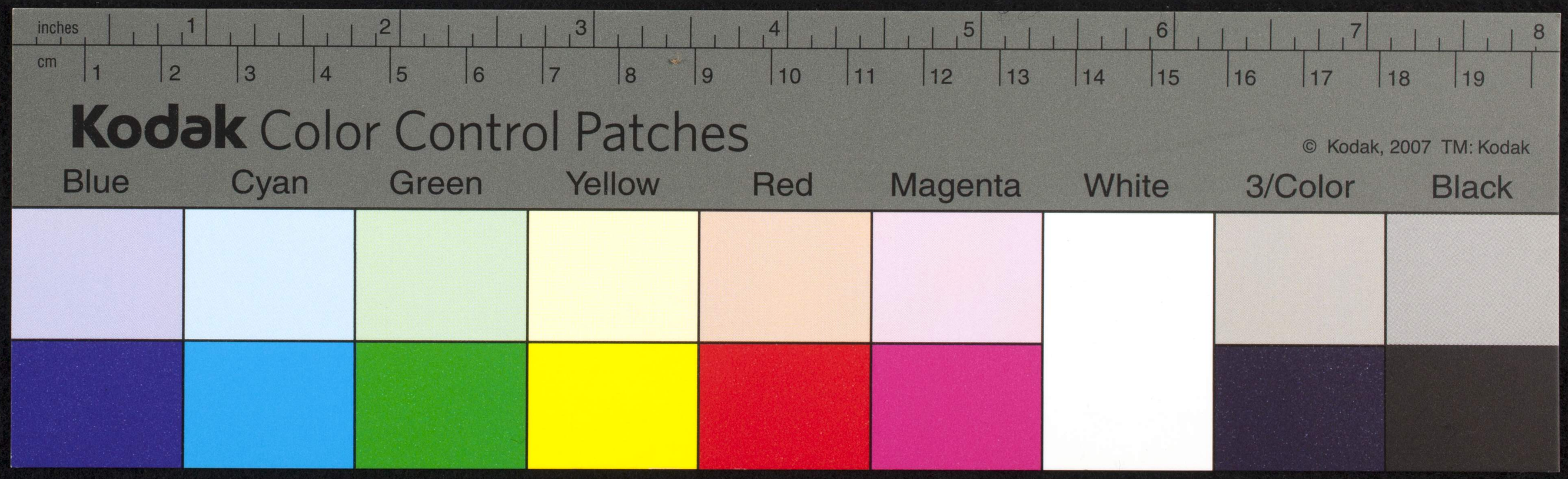
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Journal from the 20th October 1796

Journal from the 18th October 1796 . . . .

I got a letter this morning from my Uncle saying, all arrangements were made & that we should set off for Chatham at twelve O'Clock at night, which we did and arrived there at seven O'Clock in the morning of the 19th Wednesday & never did I & wrote to three pass a more miserable night Colonel Soutay and Ed Continental acquaintance, & a Mr. E. . came with us, he is to be our fac totum

I was amazingly glad to find
Soutay was to go with us, for he
is an uncommonly clever zealo-
man — we staid for a few hours
at Chatham — called on Mrs Fox
who poor soul was amazingly
low and upon Mitchell to
make arrangements about my
letters, we set off for Settingbourn
(my Uncle Col S. & Mr E. & myself)
dined there wrote to three & set off a little after
~~three~~ four for Sheerness we crossd
the Kings ferry which in my
opinion is as ill managed as
almost anything I ever saw

the boat upon a miserably
bad construction, yet compara-
tively dear, for we had to pay
6 Shillings for our post coach &
a Shilling for each pair of
horses, that tho', was owing to its
being after eight O'Clock, the
poor men who attend this ferry
do realy earn their bread most
dearly, for from the stile of
the beach, they are obliged to
be constantly up to their knees
in the water, I was amazingly
surprised at finding them very
fine young men, how they

could bear to lead such a life
of not only in some measure
inactivity but of infinite mi-
:sery seemd astonishing for they told me upon
enquiry that they were from
day light until 10 O'Clock at
night continually in the water
and that were very often obliged
in case of Kings Messengers
or that sort of thing to get
out of their warm beds & as usual
get up to their knees in the
water. they were both they
said exceedingly unwell

from Colds, & that a third
Man who did once belong to the
ferry a few days before was
lying at the point of death from Effect of Cold, &
mention all this merely because
I was so forcibly struck at
seeing fine young fellow who
ought to be serving their King & Country
either by Land or Sea, I mean
in a more active way, for
it will perhaps turn out &
I pray God it may, that they were
serving both, in bringing us over
the ferry — but of that hereafter
we called upon the Admiral
(Buckner) upon our arrival

in expectation of getting off
instantaneously on board, but
it turned out not to be possible
never was more disappointed than at not being able to write to three but the post was out three hours before we
So we remained there all night
& this morning wrote to three 26th October
we got on board the Ramilies
never was anything half so
comfortable as has Sr Richd
Bickerton made us all, every
possible thing towards making us
so has he done he really does
perfectly answer the ~~desc~~ character every
one gives him, that of being

a most gentlemanly good
man & wrote to three — We have
on board ~~[illegible]~~ my Uncle, Major
Debownie of the 10th Major Butler of
87th Captns Desmore & Fitzgerald Lieuts
Pinn of the Artillery & Bell,
Kenna, Cashell, Air Disney Dewash
of the 10th Captns Malgrath & Blakeney
Lieuts Warren, Sutherland, Evans, Carroll
Wm Carrol Kell of the 87th Lieut Coll
orders as Brigade Major my Uncle & Turre congratulated & our health drank as General & Major
Sunday Nov 2 myself I was this day but in
very singular thing has happened
and seems to be a very great reflec-
tion upon the arrangement at
least of our Government, by as
much as that it seems a very

extraordinary thing that a
man hired by government to
carry round naval stores Grape
Shot &c — nominally to Portsmouth
but ~~in short~~ intentionally to attend our fleet
should refuse to come supposing that we are not going there for he hearing positively know & that
we should have no power to
force him, his reason for not
coming is to be sure the most
absurd I ever heard, he says
no, he's an Englishman, that he
loves old England too well &
himself so much that he'll
be damn'd if he quits it, he

was hired ~~for~~ go round to
Portsmouth that he'll go there
but d— a him if he'll go any
for particular reason the communication with shore is so allowed all letters stopped the general conjecture of
where else 21 at last we've got our destination being perhaps too true
it is not thought adviseable that they should be heard
our obstinate friend to let his
boat go with us, but he has
cut & run — we weighed Anchor
yesterday at three O'Clock but
could only ~~get~~ make two
for want of wind & the current being against us
leagues, our fleet now consists of
two 74 Guns Ships Ramilies Capt.
S. Richd Bickerton Robust Capt.
Thornbrough, one 64 Capt Ferrier
36 Guns
one Frigate Eurus Capt Ross two
Fire Ships Incendiary 14 Guns Capt.
Digby the Megaera 14 Guns Lt Miller
and one Stone Ship Atlas —

what our destination is, perhaps it would not be proper in me even to guess at ——

A Poor Soldier of the Artillery was taken so ill to day of a putrid fever that my Uncle fearful lest it should spread has sent him on shore, by the way I managed to smuggle a letter to three by the boat that took him on shore —— We were joined today by a Captain Holmes of the 10th Regt. who is just come from the West Indies & gave us both a miserable account of it, and indeed idea of it, from the poor Mans own looks ——

This Mans arrival has given rise to a very handsome pleasant

thing on the part of the Officers of this Ship; in consequence of his arrival it became necessary for the ease of the Officers to remove one of the Captns. to another Ship but a Lieut of the Ship was deputed by the Ward Room to intreat Genl Doyle to allow him to remain on board for that they ~~did~~ would not at all mind the inconvenience if he was allowed to remain, ~~they~~ besought that none of their old friends should be sent away. I mention this merely to prove the extreme cordiality of the two Services, which is really the case — we live in hopes of

of a breeze in the morning, if we are so lucky we break ground at daylight — Saint Bell ~~of the Artillery~~ who is reckoned one of the cleverest men in the Artillery in his way, brought into the Cabin to day an improvement upon fireships which he means to lay before government, I am not myself much a judge of course, of that sort of thing but common sense seem'd to point out that his was certainly an improvement, he seem'd to lay the greatest stress upon the necessity of immediately upon running the fireship upon its object, getting

rid in some way or other of the bousprit, his plan is by hanging all over it, bunches of faggots, & combustible enclosed in iron hoops ~~[illegible]~~ in order that it should appear a perfect column of fire, his reason was certainly a very just one, twas, that if the bousprit was not either made away with ~~[illegible]~~ by blowing it off or in some way or other, that a single man by putting his foot to it could push round the vessel, upon the principle of a lever, his great object then was, that both head & stern of the

Ship should be the principle
places on fire to guard against being
towed off & to hinder this effectually
by the head of the Ship, he would
have two howitzers loaded with
grape & not pointed so that in
case anyone should attempt to tow-
off the Ship they would suffer
not a little. here ended my
formal pour reasons best known
to my cot & myself, I have
to be seen been miserably ill
but now thank God feel tole-
rably well. Wednesday
26th & as a proof of our

being well out of sight of
Old England, we yesterday saw
the steeple of the Hague - the
day before yesterday Capt.
Pyget Bayly of the Tanner Frigate
came within hail & brought
with him a Dutch Ship a Prize worth
he thought about £20000 rather
a pleasant thing - we were
employed all yesterday in
making conductors for the
fire Ships, grappling Irons and
drag Ropes by the evening Hail
said attentively Good thing

to Sr Richd Bickerton certainly
a very apropos one, Sr Richd said
he had set people at work to
make a number of drag Ropes
& things that would be necessary
for us on shore, my Uncle told
him that the only thing he seemd
not to know how to make, was
a difficulty — we have
not yet been able to fall
in with Admiral Duncan
tis a sad thing to be so depen-
-dant upon the wind &

Thursday 27th October
this morning was roused
by the good tidings of having
fallen in with Admiral
Duncan, that is to say that
his fleet was in sight but
so far to to windward that
unless they happen to see
us, we shall be apt to lose
them a second time, for it
seems, which I did not before
know that we had a sight of
them on ~~Tuesday~~ Sunday Evening but
from its being just dusk tis

supposed they did not see
us for we have not been
able until now to stumble
upon them, tho always at our
rendezvous or very near it —
a Frigate from the Fleet just
bearing down upon us, thank
God for things must now
come to a crisis — delay
might be dangerous, & it would
be a miserable thing after
beating up & down for two
or three weeks to, go back

without doing anything —
Friday 28th this morning
was roused from the only com:
fortable sleep I have had
since I have been on board
(having had at least three
good hours sleep, or three hours
good sleep, and 1/2/3) ——
with the noise of "Sr Rich^d we
are in the middle of the fleet.
A fine sight I have not for a long
time seen. fourteen sail
of the line ~~four~~ six frigates ~~four~~ two
fireships a man of war brig

three or four Gun boats two floa:
:ting batterys & a great number
of small craft. Sr Richd has
been good enough to give me
not only the names of our
Ships but their order of Battle
upon entering (if we are lucky
enough to do so) the Tagus.

Order of Battle

Albion — Captn Henry Savage
Ramillies — Sr Richd Bickerton
Montague — John Knight
Robust — Edwd Thornbrough
Belliqueux — John Inglis
Repulse — James Alms

Venerable — Adml Duncan
Captn G.W. Fairfax
Nassau — Captn Herbert Sawyer
Ardent — Richd P. Burgess
Lion — Edmd Crawley
York — Jas Ferrier
Directeur — Wm Bligh
Inflexible — Sol. Ferris
Leander — J.B. Thompson
Trent — Edwd Bowater
Samer — Capt Bayley
Concord — Richd Bass
Squirrel — Parker
Garly — Douglas
Eurus — Ross
Ranger — Hardy

Brigantine

Mexicana Lieut Miller
Incendiary Capt Digby
Capt Dorrigas
Small Sea

four Cutters & a Lugger
one of our Gun boats &
all our ~~small~~ small craft
Dutch boats were
blown away & disperse the
Night before last by the way
I forgot to mention that
the night before last it
actually blew a gale of Wind

Days, 123 Pieces in Run & 5 ff. in Ladies
myself were taken ill the only
day we went onboard the
Apparently perfectly well when
the night before last it
actually blew a gale of Wind

indeed it has blown excessively
hard every since we have
been out my Uncle went
onboard the Admiral to
Day at three O'Clock &
brought back with News not
very good but as tis Private
& belongeth unto the Expedition
I shall not touch upon it
but he also brought pleasant
News, at least to me that there
was a Cutter to attend our Ship
in order to carry our letters

Them put on board the different Transport
by which means the Army were embarked
in half the time they otherwise would have
been had they been obliged to go alone
to their respective Transports which
lay some Three & 4 Miles out

in hopes of a few moments rest, by which I ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ I should be able to drive away a nasty feverish feel, I had during the latter part of the March, but I was roused, & called by Sr Ralph, who kindly gave me some Madeira, but I could not keep it on my Stomach, I was so ponevill he asked me a number of Questions, as did Genl Hope, & very affectionately wished me better & sent for our Surgeon Genl for me in the interim the boats came ashore & the El-Chiberkahn commenced, at about half after six, at ten the whole Army, & fortunately all our sick and wounded, were once more afloat. thus ended the expedition from which we were led to expect so much, I must not forget that on the beach I learnt the issue of the attack made at the bridge yesterday

Lt Col Schlammersdorf who went down to support

This does not seem to favour us much — 30 p. all at

[illegible]

* which we had done only every two hours during the Night —

such Men, had I to depend; the hour at Last came we Spiked the Guns, after discharging them* all destroyd the Ammunition, Side Arms &c called in my parties & moord off, was joined by the detatch:ments of Lew Fus. & 14th. who with the Artillery, Capn. Newton led followd by the Detatchs. of 42nd 87th. 53d. who brought up the rear. It is not my power to give the most distant idea of the Misery we experienced during this March, of Eleven Miles without a single halt excepting Momentary one's to see that everything had been destroyd, in the different Battries & in the Park of Artly. not a drop of any sort of liquid had any one Man, the Consequence of which was, that as we mood along the Beech, the only means we had of moistening our parchd Mouths, was by stooping for a Mouthfull of the salt Water. What a Scene did the beach exhibit Tasks of Beck, Pork, Flour, innumerable, strewd the whole extent of it for upwards of 8 Miles and these interspread with the remains of boats dashd to pieces by the surf: every moment Men crying out, they could dice but one, & that they could get no farther they had Strength, I was fortunate enough in having two Strong attendants by who's sup:port I managed to get on, and at last at half past four reachd the Army, lying upon their Arms on that part of the beach, upon which had landed 14 days before with very very different countenances & Expectations a Breast Work was thrown up on the right of 87th. into which that Regt. was to throw itself in the event of an attack. I threw myself down on the beach

(the Regt one of Loew's Fus.) I naturally concluded they were deserters, there was no possibility of attempting to catch them, for the least noise would have discovered my ~~party~~ post, & endangered the party. I dreaded their swimming across, which we could not have prevented, & discovering the retreat. this was an additional comfort, but a still greater soon occurred. at 11 O'Clock I was roused by the Sound of "Where's Capt Doyle? they're coming up thro' the Wood to our left? I was just then walking round the Men to keep them awake and on the left of the Batty. I immediately turned my Eyes to the left & saw a light certainly advancing thro' the Bushes, I ordered my Men to follow, but found upon reaching the light, twas occasioned by the wadding of one of our own guns, which was blowing about by the Wind ~~[illegible]~~ When I turned round to desire some of the Men to put it out, judge of surprise & disappointment at finding out of my whole Party, only 1 Sergt & 5 Men in my way back I met the rest, moving leisurely on, returning their Rammods, has I waited contrary to my positive orders, to load. A pleasant reflection did this afford, that upon

Tub.s that it would be necessary to occupy
again that post, as we were not to be relieved,
he very handsomely said, "If you will allow
me Sir I believe I may venture not only to
offer my own services but those of my whole
Party for that duty, we were on last Night
~~and~~ consequently know the situation better, ~~than~~ and the
precautions necessary to be taken, than
any fresh Men you can send." I thought it
very handsome, thanked him very much
but told him I could not hear of it, that
would not be fair, for twas a service of
imminent danger however just before it
grew dark, he came to me to report his party
paradest and ready to march off. I could not refuse
him, indeed, to say true, I had then a very particu-
lar reason. I was sorry to find that two Men
had been discovered by one of my Sentries, in the
Wood to the right of my post, at the side of the Water
and without Arms, from this Circumstance & one of them
having a White Hat

in their situation must naturally be when in pursuit of a flying Enemy, in high Spirits, in short I realy had an hard part to act, to appear myself in Spirits, in order to keep up those of the Soldiers, who had by this time learnt from an Artillery Man, who came from Camp, that the Park of Artly was reimbarking, & of course pretty well guessd what going forward and were not in very high Spirits, so tired too that twas out of the power of possibility to keep them awake so much so, that even when fallen in they dropt as leep upon their Arms. Just as I set off to visit the Piquets the fire suddenly abated or rather the light became more faint from the ~~fire~~ wind directing the course of the Fire along the back of the Well. I therefore left the sentries as they were, with directions to lye close upon their faces. I ought not to forget the handsome conduct of Lieut. Fraser of the 42nd Regt. who was one of my Sub's (not a word about my other) and upon whom devolved the duty of the advanced post at the foot of the Tete de Pont, ~~upon~~ the first Tor. as soon a I mentioned to my

Song.

Grape & Canister, & saw the poor Devils tumbling head over heels after my Shot. I sent off to Capt. White to say every thing was quiet, but did not long remain so, at least God knows I was not at quiet, for Confidential orders came down from Sr Ralph to say that the Army was that night to retreat, we were not to be relieved, but remain in the Batty till 12 O'Clock at Night, when we were to Spike the ~~Guns~~ 24 Pdrs destroy the Ammunition &c. & cover the retreat of the Army taking with us the remaining six Pounders having been sent for, to support Col Selam.a at the Bridge; I would not be very easy to describe my feelings just at this moment the idea of having to cover the Army with 400 Men who had already been on duty 24 hours, and would now have another Night, & a March of 10 or 11 Miles thro' the heaviest sand one can conceive, perhaps too harassed every inch of it by the Enemy, this I say did not hold out the most comfortable prospect in the world, my only hope was that the Retreat would be managed so secretly, that ~~they~~ the Enemy would not have time to send more than an equal Number across the Water to follow us, in this hope did I live until dusk when, after having posted my Picquets as I had the Night before & returned into the Batty, I found the whole Camp, or rather Hut-ment in a blaze, the fire every moment in-creasing, & the Glare of light, consequently be-coming more strong, so much so, that the Off. I had that moment posted sent in his Secy to beg I would go down to him, for the light was so glaring, he feared his party would be discovered; what was the state of my Mind at this moment, no one, who has not been in a similar situation can conceive, all hopes of not being discovered vanished nothing before me, but to make a fight for eleven Miles with Men harassed to death from fatigue, without a Drop of Water, or any sort of liquid, against perhaps three times their number, fresh, well supplied and as Men

Dorset



was begun, had passed across the river
in their boats, & were actually forcing
their way thro' the wood to the Battg. never
was I more gratified, than at finding
upon looking over the Parapet, that
twas a party of about 100 Men, who
were amusing themselves, at our expence
in trying to pick off the Artillery Men
from the Guns, they had thrown up a
breastwork of Sandbags at the bottom of the
tête de Pont, we soon demolished it, tho' by di:
:recting one of our six pounders at it, & killed
or wounded, for we saw them carried off, five of
them - I had forgotten to mention that
in the course of Yesterday Afternoon we killed
or wounded 17 Men, three boats full of people
had come down the river with ammunition
to the tête de pont, at each of these we had
two fair Shots with our six pounder laden with

Line to fall in, as soon however as I had fallen in my party, I got upon a height in the rear, from whence I could discover, that it was an Attack upon the bridge in the rear of head Qrs. I went to Capt. White's party to mention to him that it would not be necessary to disturb his Men, for I had found out from whence the firing came, I had scarcely reached his post, which was about 100 Yds on my left, when a very heavy fire of Musketry commenced, and seemed to come immediately from my post I ordered Capt White to fall in his party, & send an Off with a few Men forward into the Wood to see what it proceeded from, & ran back directly to my Party fully imagining that I should find them engaged, my Idea being that the Moment the Enemy found from the fire commencing at the bridge, that the attack

a few hours before they went on with me.
but this indeed has been the case with the whole
Army, Off. & Men ever since we landed, off
duty in the Morning at 6. on again at three
in the Afternoon, sometimes too a Working party
to make fascines intervening; the fire on
both sides to night was very heavy, I
was unfortunate enough to lose seven
men killed & eleven wounded - half an hour
before daybreak I calld in my Piquets &
found nothing extraordinary had happend
since I last visited them, they all agreed
that; the Enemy must have been throwing
some new work during the Night, from
the noise of dragging things, they had heard
this proved to be the case at day break. I
reported of course accordingly - at about
eight O'Clock in the Morning I was a good
deal alarm'd at hearing a very heavy fire
of musketry in my Rear, & the Horns sounding for

be occupied the first day we erected that Batty, & was surprised at my not having found one there) in my return to the Officers party, I posted double Sentries along the Edge of the Water, to communicate with his Sentries, one of whom I found it necessary to take off, from the brightness of the moon, for although he was flat upon his face at the ~~bottom~~ foot of the Bridge yet I was afraid he could have been discovered while the Moon was at for I could almost distinctly distinguish the features of the Evening in the Tete de Pont. I had a miserably fagging night, with visiting my Sentries every Quarter of an hour, and keeping my own party awake, which was not the least tiresome part, for the poor fellows had allmost all of them been on duty, until a

In visiting my Sentries the second time I took a Short cut, & was agreably obstructed by two dead bodies one 87th the other 53d over one of which I fell the head & Shoulders only being ~~buried~~ covered, they smelt horribly, however we buried them (I had a Serf with me) ~~& took~~ back with us their Accoutrements –

river sides, with very thick underwood
all round it & extending to the Water Edge
how it struck me they might land any
number of Men without the possibility of
being discovered by either of the parties
as they were before posted (apropo to this
I was not a little flattered, when upon
joining the Army, Genl Hope questioned
me as to the spiking the Gems, whether
every thing was quite when I marched,
what men I had lost & so on & &c &
I mentioned to him the circumstance of
having posted a party at the white
house, to watch the motions of the Enemy
on the left side of the bridge; he immediately
said I had acted very properly, that he
pointed out that very post, & desired it
should be

posted Capt. White 2 Sub & 100 Men on my left & in my rear to support me, Capt. Mead & Capt. Powell 1/4th each with 100 Men Off in proportion went to the Mag. ~~Battg.~~ on the left one into the Battg. the other to support, 2 Sub 50 went to the Batties on the Right (the 2 G. & Mortar Battg.) & 50 of Lewis: took the out Picquet between the 3 & 2 G Batties After reconnoi=tring my Position, for I had never been outside the Battg. I posted an Off, Sergt. & 10 Men at the foot of the Bridge, a Sergt. & 10 in the rear of this party to support, these two Detatchments took up the same Ground as those Relieved, but upon examining strictly their position I found the Off party so completely commanded the bridge & the river on the right of it, that twas im=possible anything could get across with=out their knowledge, I took upon my=self to post the Sergeants party, so as to occupy a position to the left of the Tete de pont, & Officers Picquet, twas at the ruins (for the House had been burnt down) of a large White house close upon the

combined exertions, were certainly the means of forwarding, the Total Ransack of of all the Huts, & destruction of all the Cattle & Poultry in the Country through which I pass'd, I wish'd much to have prolonged my ride but was afraid of tiring myself knowing that I was for a 24 hours duty in the Evg. I ought to mention that before I dared venture to go so far from Camp after the orders of Yesterday I had then explained to me, & found there was no intention of calling us out, twas only because Lew.s had Expended a great deal of their Ammunition & we had landed with but 40 R. I dined with Genl. M. who wrote to me to say he would send me on duty with a belly full of fresh meat I learnt here that a Major Riddle had arrived with the intelligence of three thousand Troops having reached Barbadoes who had left England the Ends of March its certain that 4 Regts. 43 & 1 Comp.y of Fus. had arrived but I fear twill turn out that 1000 is the Strength in the Evg. Corps I went to see Rind who for the 1st time was visible, I thought him infinitely better than I had any reason to expect. I found upon my Return to Camp (he was at house half a mile in the Rear) the Parties just about to fall in; so I filled my Haversack with Pork & Biscuit & my Canteen with Grog, & march'd off the Evg. Party of which I found I was the Comm.g Off as Senior Captain I took with me 2 Sub.s 100 men to the 3 G Batty.

the Country about 100 Yds we rode to it & a little beyond but found the Country just such as at our Side, thick Underwood & swamp's, of our Part of the Country I saw more to day than ever since our arrival, for I rode about 8 miles into it, & came out upon the beach very near where we first landed, except a few Sweet Potatoe fields & very few, the whole Country I rode thro' was one continued wood of Cocoa Nut Trees, Cashoo Nuts & Sea Vines, here & there an open space which was invariably a swamp & the soil a heavy sand & no kind of Cultivation to be seen. The Huts I found ~~[illegible]~~ were all covered with dry weeds that extended from Top to within about 2 feet of the Ground which makes them very cool, by allowing the Wind to blow in this is probably the intent, but except 3 poor Old Women Negro Slaves who came into us not a creature of the Island has ventured near us, from whom one could have gained any information, indeed tis not to be wondered for such a scene of Plunder as this fortnight has exhibited never was, independent of the trifling business carried on by Lieu's in our Quarter the Sailors & Marines a Party of the latter ~~[illegible]~~ was landed on the 26th to cover some Stores that lay far up the beach opposite the small Craft these good people's

Lew.s that went across, one of the Men struggled from his Party & was charged by a Spanish Trumpeter who galloped up flourishing his Sword the Chasseur fell upon one Knee, & held out his Rifle, as if to give it up to him - the Trumpeter stoop'd to take hold of it at that inst. old Yeager pull'd the Trigger, shot him thro' the breast, pull'd him off his horse, mounted, & rode off with his Trumpet & all his Accoutrements Lew Twg. & our Reg.t furnish'd no men for duty to day, nor for this Ed.s duty, & received orders to be completed to 60 R.ds of Cartridge & 3 flints a Man no Man quit the Camp, so that we were in momentary expectation of being call'd out, it certainly wore the Appearance of it, the 2 particular Reg.s being mentioned, however both day & Night passed without anything extraordinary occurring

29th Saturday to day I rode down to the Bridge with Col Schlammensdorf, having previously seen him, send Office party of 80 men to take possession of a small bridge & for'd about 3 miles up the river across which several Parties he said had come & this was immediately in our Rear & until now taken no notice of, - he mentioned to me that 18 Frenchmen of his Reg.t had deserted since our landing, but that he had taken care no more should for he had sent every F. Man on board not even excepting Off. Sev.ts. We found upon getting to the Bridge a Picquet had been push'd up

much for the Navy & so much for our situation in the event of such a thing happening. the Batty at the Magazine opend this Evg, upon the Town, with 2 8 Inch Mortars, from which we had been led to expect so much, I fear we reckond without our Host, the Shells did not reach the Town so much for our Mortar Batty & so much for the judgement of our Engineers. The Army recd Publick thanks from Cmdr Chief to day for their exertions, God knows they deserved it. Friday 28th. again bad News of which seems now much more prevalent than good 1 of our 24 Pds dis-mounted, 3 Artillery Men killd & 1 wounded by the same Shot; 2 10½ Inch Mortars that were intended for the Mag Batty. & twas expected would have had more Effect than the 8 Inch, were swamp'd last Night in dragging them down, there they must remain until tis dark & even then tis a Quere whether they will be able to get them out, this proceeded from the good management of our very active friends the Drunken Sailors. who have richly deserved this name day & night since they landed, now to wind up the happy & fortunate occurrences of to day [illegible] men of Lew's Chasr were wounded & an Officer wounded & taken Prisoner at the opposite of the bridge. they say 25 of the Spaniards were killd, what then? a ridiculous thing happend with this party of

but the heavy dew every night that wets
them (Off & then) as if they were to rise from
a tub of Water — we had fresh Beef delivrd to
the Army today the first fresh meat we have
had since our arrival hitherto Salt Pork
Biscuit Rum & Water, has been our Breakf.st Din.r & Sup.r
I need not say how much we relishd this, tho an
insipid thing wild fresh beef without Salt or
Vegetables. Genl M. sent to me to say Capt. Passmen
was ashore so that there was an opportun.y of sending
on board I went to his Hut & learnt dreaful news
from Capt. P. that the Master, Clerk, & the whole
of his long boats Crew excepting 2 Men were
drowned & the boat dashd to pieces, that he sup-
-posed upwards of 30 Men were lost, of the
different Ships, & 4 of the 14th Off. Serv.ts Acc.t by the boats
being dashd to pieces with the violence of
the Surf this was the case with 3 of the flat
Bottmed boats, out of the 7 the Army had to (I
was going to say Reembark in) disembark in
the whole Beach he said was covered with Cables
belonging to the Comp.y & wrecks of boats, lost by
endeavouring to land nearer the Camp than
we did the 1st day in order to save the walk
along the sand he also said that if there should
happen to be a gale of Wind he would not be a tall sur-
-rised if the whole fleet were ~~[illegible]~~ driven on the
Breakers ~~from~~ which run the whole length of the beach
& from which they were not 3 Cables length. So

with Chevaux de Frises, this is well manned too in Short I realy cant help Venturing an Opinion, which is that after being 9 days ashore, we are just as far from carrying those works as we were the day we landed nor can I see the most distant prospect of our ever taking them until the Navy assists us by taking the Gun boats, or at least furnishing us with boats for that purpose ~~xxxxxx~~ as well as for the purpose of carrying us over. I realy fear we built too much upon the conduct of the Spaniards at Trinidad, & as usual conceived no Enemy could withstand us. I am sure I pray it may not turn out so but the appearance of things to day ~~was~~ is certainly not as favourable, as twas the day we landed, when it occurred to me, & not only to me, that they wanted both means & will to oppose us, this tho' does not appear to be the case just now - we are not one bit advanced towards the reduction of the place, have lost a number of fellow, those we have not lost harrassd to death, never more than 12 hours off duty & growing sickly, not only from that fatigue

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to think he shared the same fate our five
Men did who were first supposed to be Drivers
but afterwards found dead. In the Eds. a Mortar 10½ Inch
Batty. erected to day, in the rear of of our 2 18 B.
opened, just about the same time 2 74 Gun
Ships came down The Bellona & Vengeance &
fired a few Shot at the 7 G. Batty. In my opinion
they had better have remaind quietly with
the Fleet, their Shot fell short except 1 or 2.
& only tended to shew what very little assis-
-tance, we could derive from them. I could
not help thinkg. our friends of the Navy
afforded us as little assistance, as possible
certainly much less than we were in need of.
the time was, when boats would have been
carried upon sailors Shoulders across so
narrow an Isthmus as we have here, &
the Gun boats destroyd, until they are I
fear our progress will be very slow. how-
-ever its possible the Navy may have good reasons
Thursday 27th. This Morning a very heavy
fire was kept up by all our Batties & but feebly answerd on the part of the
Enemy particularly from their Tete
de Pont which was silenced



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the Coy. Party of the 3 G. Batty. were posted
3 Men of 60th. 2 of 14. 1 of 53d. 1 of Lt Dragon
& 2 of Tobago Corps, were wounded, before
they could be removed. the Flag was
cut down & the Stone Centry Box on the
7 G. Batty. knocked to pieces but except
this, little has been done by our 24 Pond.
The Spaniards have formed a strongly entrenched
Camp about three Qrs. of a mile up the
Hill from the Advanced Works, it would
seem as if they were determined to dispute
every inch with us. Besides these redoubts
round their Camp which communicate with
each other, by a covered way, they are now
flinging up a Breastwork all along the
Shore the parapet of which they have cover

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for above an hour they however moun-
-ted a gun at the foot of this work & opend
against us, a 12 lb. only the Gun boats were
towed nearer the Bridge & kept up a very
heavy fire of Double headed Shot, Grape
Canister & cut bars of Iron, which I am
sorry to say did a great deal of Ex-
-ecution by raking the trench in which
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side of his knee by an 18 Pd. Shot luckily it
had cut down a very large Coaba Nut Tree
which broke its force so much so that
no bone was broken, very many Shot
pass'd thro' the Ranks but none touched
this Batty will be pretty hot for tis di-
rectly in the range of the Shot intended
for our 3 G. Batty. I stop'd at Col Lindorbond
Nut & met there Col Schlawmensdorf who told
me he had just returned from an excursion
into the Country, at the other side the Bridge
that he had fallen in with a party of
Cavalry & Infty posted about 100 Offd. at the
other side, the same he imagined that had
taken 1 of his Off & 13 Men the day before
(a circumstance I had not before known) that
he dealt roughly by them, having killed fifteen & taken but
2 Prisoners 1 of whom was an Irishman by
name Fitzpatrick, of some Property in the
Island, he sent him up to Wd. Ds. where
he was detaind a few hours, but had leave
to return to his estate upon conditions of
his promising not to carry arms again he
said he had been forced to do so & to
serve in the Militia, he mentioned that the
Off. of Lwd. was very well treated, but knew

by a single 18 Pounder for the right hand Gun of the two was perfectly useless all their endeavours to bring it to bear upon the work were useless nor could they account for it. Just as we were returning the Tamer F. came down, & fired a few Shot, but was at such a distance, as to have no kind of Effect. I forgot to mention the Royals we have in this Batty are not of the smallest use Capt. Rey intended applying for a 3d 18 Pd. instead of them ## Wednesday 26th This Morng our 3 24 Pds. opend we could from our Hutment see the Shot take place its to be hoped these Guns will be of some service ~~with Effect~~ after our working Party had marched off I went down to this Batty. & found we had besides the three 24 a long six Pr. that play'd upon the Tete de Pont and a small six that was directed against the G. Boats three of which were near the Tete de Pont, In my way back I stopped at our 13 Inch Mortar Batty which was ~~erected~~ thrown up last Night just upon the left of Lew Fag & the Depot, by a Party of our Regt. they were just falling in, to march home, as I reached it, when one of our Grendrs. was hit in the

Beaty of the 60th came to eat his Cork with me today & was a very welcome guest for he brought with him the Quoi to make some excellent soup, a Parrot & some of the Top of a Cocoa nut tree which served as Cabbage which with our Pork & Broken Biscuit made a most excellent dinner

mind of this, & concluded with saying,
"nous n'en ferons jamais des Prisonniers." in the
afternoon I rode down with Genl. M, with
whom I dined today, to the 2 G Batt.y where we
staid two or three hours, in which time I am
sorry to say our poor little Army suffered a
serious (tho it may appear trifling) loss, four
of our Artillery Men were killd, that is to
say three were killd on the Spot, the 4th had
his thigh Broken & his right Arm carried off
completely so that I scarcely imagine he
could have lived up to the Hospl. I say this
is a truely serious loss, for, with disem=
=barking Guns, Stores, & Ammunition, & man=
=ning the Works the Artillery Men (of whom
we have so few) are so constantly employd
that the Party we found in this Batty under
Capt. Rey had been in the Work 2 Day & Nights
& did not at all expect ~~all~~ to be relieved until the
next morning, he made several extremely
good Shots A Red flag that they hoisted in
the Tete de Pont in defiance of us, for the
Epaulement was falling to pieces, he twice
knocked down they did not hoist the 3d time
the Staff of their Spanish Colours too was broken
when they again put it up twas scarcely
visible above the parapet, and all this done

fortunately the Wood did not extend the entirely to the River Side, so that they were able to fall upon them in a body which they did, killd about 50 of them, one of whom was a Lieut Col, & a French Man of Martinique by name Jacques sunk two of their boats, & sent in four Prisoners the rest managed to get off, leaving our people in possession of the Mag & Guard out of which all the powder had been taken, a great deal of it flung loose upon the water side our loss was very trifling only five men wounded, 1 of them tho' died in the Eds I am enabled to give a pretty correct account of this business as I rode down to the Major whom I knew, immediately upon hea=ring the firing, he told me with great glee" vous voyez mon cher Doyle q'on a fait que 4 Prisonniers" twas the Majors Brother who was killd at the attack of the Bridge on Thursday. he put me in

left, an Officer with each and 30 of the British under Lieut ~~[illegible]~~ Campbell of 42nd with directions to remain between the two parties & keep his people collected, the others were to extend to the right & left be cautious not to fire a Shot, and allow them all to land; his orders were strictly adhered to, they were allow'd to land, some of Lew's who had advanced too were discovered by them, which as things turned out, proved to be a lucky circumstance for they immediately fired (altho they certainly had seen but one Man) & kept it up for near ten minutes, never advancing tho' their fire then became more slack, which made our people imagine they were either advancing or recombarking, determined therefore to meet them, if the 1st were the case, & to intreat a few of them to remain behind were the latter, the Parties on the right & left ~~Parties~~ closed in at the same instant that Lt S with his Detatchement pushd forward

to add to the misfortunes of this day 7 more of Lew.s Chassens deserted, & two boats laden with Provisions were dash'd to pieces by the Surf 2 men drowned & the Casks which were Flour staved & spoilt * Tuesday 25th this Mon.g things seem'd to take a more favourable turn. Elated with their success yesterday, the Spaniards, or (I am again led to think) French effected a landing last night at a Magazine & Guard house which they had close to the river Side upon the left & in front of the Position taken up by the body of the Army and immediately upon the left at 2 miles distance of Lew.s Fuz.e yet this Mag. had hitherto pass'd unnoticed. here they landed, not without being perceived tho' by the Cov.g Party at the Batty, which I shall call the 3 Gun Batty (opposite the Tete de Pont but in opposition to the 7 G. Batty.) The Major of Lew Fuz. received intelligence of them being close under the Shore in boats & in some force. He immediately detatch'd 60 of the Men of his Reg.t 30 to the right 30 to the

This Eve.g after dark Maj.r Hamilton of 4th went in disguise in a great coat of Lew.s dark coloured to the bottom of the Tete de Pont with a line to find the depth of the Water, where the arch was broken down, which he did, without being discovered, the depth I dont immediately recollect, but think it somewhere about 5 feet.

A very heavy fire commenced from both their Batt.ies & their Gun boats, entirely directed against this half finished Work, nor without effect. Capt. Rind of the 53.d who was on the Cov.g Party received a dreadful wound in the left thigh, supposed from his being so mang:led, by the Splinter of a Shell; I cant help remarking, that it seemd a judgment upon him, for when he went on duty last Night he actually was so drunk, that the B.de Major in:sisted upon his falling out of the Ranks ~~[illegible]~~ he would not & I got Capt. Blakeney of our Reg.t to go down with him, & in fact take Com.d of the Party 100 Men - 2 Soldiers of the 14.th 1 of the 42.nd 2 of the 53.d & 2 of Lew Fry were killed, 3 of the 14.th an Officer & 2 of the 53.d & an Off. & 7 of Lew Fry wounded; An Off of Lew Chasseurs but employd by us as an Engineer was killd to day too by the Wind of a Shot, at least there was no apparent wound & the moment the Shot passd which it did close to his head he fell, & Blood gushd from his mouth & Nose in Short our loss to day has been dreadful, greater than any one day during the Siege of Valenciennes, I mean to the British, & before the storming of the Covered way. The Total loss these 12 hours. 1 Off. a Capt. killd 2 Off. 1 Capt. 1 Sub wounded, 1 Capt. Miss.g 14 Men killd, 14 Wound.d 7 Miss.g Its quite Shocking

of the 53d: who Comd: the Work'g Party & was in the French, was taken Prisoner, at least tis hoped & believed so, as he was not found amongst the poor fellow's so cut to pieces. That the Cov'g Party were neither on their Gd. or in their proper places is most certain or so infamous a thing could not have happened at least, they would have given a good account of these Fellows, but they managed to get off before Genl Hope & Col H. could collect & return with the Cov'g Party who were under the Comd of Capn Powell of the 14th. A few men that he Collected, were just in time to give them a few Shot, & but a few had effect this Party that one cant help calling Gallant, were certainly French men for Col Hunter distinctly heard them speak in French, had they not foolishly shouted before they got into the French I fear our loss would have been very great, but this served as an alarm, & many took advantage of it, it was unfortunate that our Regt. only were employ'd just at the part of the Work these cursed fellows intend, of course we bore the brunt. As soon as they had retired

They had worked very hard during the Night & perhaps confiding in their Comrades on the Cov's Party fell asleep, it will be as well to observe here, that our Working Pty. never paraded with Arms (this was not the Case at Valenciennes), they had lain down very few moments when they were roused by a Shout of Chargé, but before they could get out of the Trench (which they were desired to do by Genl. Hope & Col. Hunter who were sitting in the Trench with them, & were fortunate enough to escape, tho' several Shot were fired at them) a Party of Men appeard on the Top of the Parapet, fired down into the Trench, & some few jumped in, Bayonetted 2 of our Regt. who were left dead on the Spot, Wounded 2 very badly & carried off we supposed 12 more, somehow or other they got safe off again into their boats, with the loss of but two or three who were found dead when some of the 53d in the Eg went out to bury five of our poor fellows whom we imagined taken Prisoners, but now found dreadfully mangled & dead, as they did not know the Men's names we did not alter our return, sent into Head Qr. ~~of 12 Missing~~ which reported them among the 12 Missing; Capt. Dover

Capt. Dover

at that moment would have been rather serious. Jolly Jack is not to be trusted on Shore, this was bad news, but still worse followed. Chapman dined with me & told me that the Spaniards, had thrown up an Epaulement with sand bags & Casks, which effectually prevented our taking them in reverse, however Vive L'Espérance, its to be hoped when our Batty does open, which will certainly be tomorrow then Epaulement will tumble about their own Shoulders — to day as yesterday a Cannonade, rather more of it upon our Nutment but no further accident. A great number of horses driven in today by Lew: & sold for 2 & 3 Dollars a piece, bought 2, to night very Strong Works & Cov.d Parties, some new Work to be thrown up. Monday 24th. this Morning a little after day break a melancholy thing happened, which was felt more severely by our Regt. than any other, the Work'g Parties that went out last night were employ'd in throwing up a Work for three 24 Pounders just in front of the Tête de Pont Batty. & about 300 Yds from it, but to play upon the 7 Gun Batty. after having coverd themselves they lay down to rest in that part of the Work intended for the Batty, which was of course in front of the Trench where the Cov.d Party lay

coverd with thick Bushes, which allowed us to reconnoitre, without being seen; the Army were employ'd again to day in making Fascines & Gabions, in the Ev.g the Sailors past our Camp, (the road runs just upon our right Flank) with the 18 Pounders & Royals. they continued to throw some few Shot among us, without any effect, tho' their fire seemed more directed against Lew.s Camp. who were not so fortunate they last 2 Men killd, & a Man of the 14th who was in their Camp sharing their Spoil was wounded, the Gun boats, kept up a heavy fire to day having moor'd off the Tete de Pont.. five more of Lew.s Deserted, they belongd to the Chassers & were French. Strong Cov.g Parties were sent out to night, the Work.g Party small. the whole Req.t as usual an inlying Picquet. Sunday 23d this Morn.g we were very much dissappointed, at finding our 2 Gun Batty. not ready to open, the Sailors being so drunk & riotous, that when they got near the Batty, the Artilling Off was afraid to let them drag on the Guns lest they should be discovered from the noise they made, a heavy fire drawn on them just

all its symptoms however ridiculous this may seem, tis realy the case — When the Work & Party who went out last Night returned I found there was some foundation for the report yesterday of our throwing up a Work so near theirs, but it seems ~~they~~ ~~are~~ tis intended to open against the Tete de Pont Batty. and if their report be true, will astonish them not a little they said it perfectly enfiladed it, & that we had not been discovered. I was determined to be a better judge from ocular demonstration, so set off for the Batty. as soon as I had march'd off the Work & Party, and was a little gratified at finding twas exactly as they told me I could see the Buckles of the Men Shoes, & the Carriage of one of their Guns I must confess it surprised me not a little to find our people allowed to Work so quietly this Batty. which I shall henceforth call the 2 G. Batty. as tis intended for the 2:18 P.d & 2 Royals was actually within three hundred Yd. or less of the 7 G. Batty. but completely covered I mean from Shot, by a small Hill

had been made, was very trifling, 1 of the 14th Killed 2 of 53d Wounded, & 1 of the Lt Dragoons Wounded upon my return to Camp (If I may call it Camp) I found a poor Man of the 60th which is upon our left had lost his leg by a 24lb Shot while the poor fellow was cooking his dinner, it proved I was but too right in my conjecture of being within Gun Shot of their Advd Works, the whole day both Shot & Shell, fell in the very centre of our Hats thank God without wounding a single Man of ours or indeed any other Regt except that poor Man of the 60th many of the Shot pass'd over us & fell within an 100 Yds of Herd Qrs which is at least half a mile in our Rear. Strong Works & Cov'd Parties again ~~to Night~~ this evening report says we are to fling up a Work to night within ~~three~~ 100 Yds of the 7 G. Bs

Saturday 22nd When I awoke this Mowg I found from the ~~Violence of the~~ very heavy dew last Night I had caught a violent sore throat not likely to be easily gotten rid of, at breakfast tho it appeard easier than I had imagined, I was hungry & managed to swallow my Pork & Gray with great good will, which entirely banished

and we followed them with our glasses down to the rear of the 7 Gun Batty. where they halted upon a rising ground, the Dragoons in his front opened & we distinctly saw a Soldier of Lew, Fusiliers from his White hat & Cloathing, mounted more forward & point out we took for granted the situation of our Camp, when we returned to the Picquet Genl. M desired me to ask the Off whether he had lost any men during the night. He said "Yes, that one of the men of his Picquet when on Centry, deserted off his post, and that he knew the man had served some years in the Spanish ~~Service~~ Army this left no doubt with respect to its being the very man we ~~saw~~ had seen we rode up to Head Qu.r & mentioned it to Genl. Ab. who we found just returned from the Picquet at the bridge, which had been attack'd, from the report of the Prisoner taken by a body of Militia, Part of the 42nd had been ordered down to support, but they had retreated before their arrival, Lew were the only people who were engaged, they had an Off, & five Men wounded, none of them badly. we learnt that our loss during the night in throwing up, or rather in breaking ground, for no part of a Work

× I ought not to forget dining with Genl M. today –

Captain in the Regt. & 12 Sub. only of 15 so that in fact the 87th had 1 Field Off. 3 Subs. 23 R. in the whole Regt. who were not either going on or coming off duty & those coming off as usual lay down fully accoutred, the duty this Evg were for Strong Working & Covering Parties

The British lost no Man today Tobago Corps
I ought not to forget I had fresh Beef today I dined with Genl Hoshead
1 Wounded Lew 1 killed 4 Wounded – 21 –

Friday This morn. I early I rode down with Genl M. to our Gens that had opened upon the Gen. boats, & drove them off without any loss altho there were four of them & there was a heavy fire kept up by both the Tete de Pont & y Gen Batt.ies we passed our advanced posts towards their Batt.ies where we left our horses, & crept on about two hundred Yards past our most advanced Centries to a rising ground, upon which was a small Bush behind this we knelt down & could distinguish even the features of the people in their Works we had been there, very few minutes, when we discovered the Spanish Governor at least we supposed it to be him from his Suite & Equipage he was well mounted with extremely rich furniture, two led horses in his rear equally richly caparisoned, a Party of Drag.s in his pont, another in his rear, his Aid de Camp &c – all about him, they came out of the Citadel

Capt. & Brother to the Major of the Regt. I am sorry to add too an acquaintance of mine) 8 Pewitt Killed & 13 Wounded. I learnt from Genl. M. that a flag had been sent by the Enemy this Morning, as the other one was on board the Admr. they purport, "that they hoped we should carry on the War as Englishmen & Spaniards had always been accustomed". The person who brought this flag was told that none others would be received except they passed thro' our advanced posts, for by passing along the shore as they had hitherto done they were enabled to observe everything that passed on the beach - we had 2, 18 Pounders, & 2 Royals landed today the only Artillery we have had hitherto with us excepting some few field pieces, & 2 medium twelves, Sailors were landed with them to drag them down to the river side, & open upon the Gun boats - The duty was very severe upon the Army this Eve, after having been at work all day making fascines, out of our Regt. (and in the same proportion did every other Regt. feel it) we furnished 404 R & F. out of 427. 3 Field Off. out of 4. every

Artillery, Stores &c. A few shot were thrown into Camp today from the Tete de Pont & 7 Gun Batty. luckily they fired but few, and no accident happend, Lew's Fuz were not so fortunate, they were hutted within range of the Gun boats, as well as Advanced Work's which were toured down so much upon their left Flank as to oblige several Comp.ies to change their position, I am sorry to say with some loss, I understand 1 killed & 5 Wound. Lt Col Marlow was directed to take some light pieces to the river side, & endeavour to drive away the Gun boats, but twas found impracticable. I had some chat with an Off. of Lew's Chasseurs, who was employ'd yesterday in driving in a Strong Picquet of the Spaniards, who were in possession of a Bridge directly in our rear about a Mile, the engagement was very smart while it lasted, which was but for a few Minutes, when they retreated with some loss & left our people in possession. their loss was 3 killed 2 Wounded 2 taken Prisoners ours much greater, 1 Off killed, this young Man

this opportunity of seeing some service, as his hopeful Cousin has, who left England expressly for the purpose he said of seeing actual service & therefore remained at Barbadoes, tis true he will see service but twill be a service of good Meat &c poor Chapman did not look very well however he partook of my Pork & Grog & we had a good deal of chat, his one of the best creatures in the World & I had in some measure made him my confidant while we were together in the York, our Chat was naturally, at least to me very interesting & lasted until nine O'clock, near three hours later than I had sat up since ashore we had strong Requests out from each Bde and as usual every man lay down with his accoutrements on, today our loss was very trifling 2 men killed 1 wound.

Thursday 20th ~~Today~~ the whole Army were employd in making fascines & Gabins until noon, when the 53. Regt. were ordered to fall back & cover the landing of the

thro', a Portugal Cloak, Blanket, Coat, Waistcoat, & even the very flannel I had next my Skin, the only comfort is that the Sun is so powerful that you are dry you in a quarter of an hour after it rises. The Position of the Army now was: the 1st Brigade in front of Head Quarters. the 2nd Bde on their Right. the 3d on the right of the Whole extending to the sea tho I say the 1st Brigade were in front of Head Qrs. twas in fact but only the 14th. who were immediately there, for the other Regts who composed that Bde were disposed of thus, the 42nd in the Rear & covering H:d Qrs. Lew: Fuz: in front of the Whole about if I may be allowed the expression a short mile from, their advanced Works but covered in some measure by a rise in the Ground vide Plan. Just after I had built my Hut of some Cocoa Nut Branches I was agreably surprised at finding my old friend Chapman at my Shoulder, I had left him at Barbadoes with his Uncle Genl Mowry & feard he would have lost this

Prisoners in general, that I took very little of what he said for granted, I could not laughing at an expression he made use of in the course of our Confab; ~~he said~~ "that at first they imagined it was one of their own convoys, and every creature was so joyful, but they soon discover'd their mistake and were very well prepared to receive us," car tous les canons etoient chargés: Some of our men brought me in a horse, a miserable one tho' The purport of our flag yesterday, was pretty well explained by the Answer we received today "from the Governor" that he would perish under the ruins of the Citadel. Shortly after the line received an order to move forward, we did, and took up a new position, which to me appeared much too close, & within Gen Shot. we were given to understand that we were likely to remain on this ground some days so set to work to build Huts & if possible keep out the dew, which is incredibly heavy, so much so, as to wet

Gen Murray & [illegible]

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his return I had a great deal of that with him, ~~he proved to be a French man~~ the cream of which was that for some time past they had been in hourly expectation of a visit from us, that there were about four or five hundred French Men in the Island, the Crews of Privateers who had all of them prizes in the Harbour & were determined he said not to lose their property easily. that he was himself naturalized in the Island having lived ~~there~~ in it fifteen years, but was obliged to carry arms, as indeed ~~they all were~~ every man was the Women had been all sent into the Country amongst whom was his wife, he said he had been forced to marry her by the laws of the Island, tho' she had lived with another Man before, to whom she was not married yet such was the law — he supposed their force including Militia, to be about 8. thousand Men; that there were two parties in the Town, one amical to the English, & he thought they were in want of Ammunition however there is so little dependance to be placed in the information received from

Gen Arwing [illegible]

the Trees, that bore exactly the resemblance of Firelocks that had flash'd in the pan ~~[illegible]~~ in the center of a very thick wood so that twas not atall impossible, nor even improbable that the Enemy might have passed our Rieguets, however I recollected just then, to have heard of Fire Flies which they proved to be; I dont know whether I did not feel a secret satisfaction, at finding when our Rieguets came in at day break, that these self same flies were the means, when first they began to fly about, of their Standing to their Arms, the height they fly is just about that of a Man, which makes it ridiculous enough. We met with no loss tho' the fire, which was all on the part of the Spaniards was very heavy but they kept a respectable distance

In the Morn^g. 19th. Wednesday, a Chasseur of Lewenstein passed us that had lost his thigh by a cannon shot the only ~~loss during~~ the night or morn^g, tho the Cannonade since Day break was very heavy. A Prisoner too passed us in his way to Head Q^rs. ~~[illegible]~~ he turned out to be Frenchman upon

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established, but indeed were it not I think an other opportunity of proving it, would have been as well, and his disembarking with the 2nd Division would have left no risque of the unpleasant ~~circumstance~~ consequence that might have ensued ~~[illegible]~~. I neglected to mention that the following was the order in which the Army ~~were~~ ordered to Disembark, 3d Brigade first, 1st Bde second 2nd Bde last. we had an order this Evg for a very strong Picquet, from each Brigade, from ours A Capt. 2 Sub 80 Men, so strong a one was found unnecessary tho' & reduced to 1 Sub 30 — A Ridiculous circumstance that occurd during the night alarmd me not a little I was roused from a dose, by the report of a heavy fire of musketry I bounced up & ~~upon looking~~ towards the quarter whence the sound came, which was immediately in our rear, I observed several flashes among

here upon the serious consequences that would have been attendant upon the loss of Genl Ab; and that he ran too great a risque ~~I can't help thinking~~ in landing with the very first boats; is evident I am led to suppose the Consequences would have been serious, if not fatal to the Army, from ~~Genl Ab's~~ his keeping so perfectly secret, even from the 2nd in Command his plans & arrange-ments; for how things could have been carried on, if we had been so unfortunate as to have lost him, I have no idea; with such a Man as Sr Ralph I can't help thinking it rash, his Character as a brave Man, has been long

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drink, before I began to eat, he would not allow me to take more than a wine glass full, the comfort I'll say luxury of this glass of Rum & Water, I can't attempt to describe. I learnt from him that the sailors were very slack & backward in pulling ashore when the Musketry began, he seem'd to lay a great stress upon it too. & that besides the peo=ple I mentioned to have lost we had only seven Men killed & 23 wounded this whole day, all of the 3d Brigade, & that Ld Craven (~~who~~ ~~will~~ Col Nightingale of 38th Regt ~~will~~ attatched to head Quarters), had a very narrow escape, as indeed had Genl. Ab. next to whom he was sitting, a Shot pass'd through the seat upon which he was, & immediately under him, I can't help reflecting

Genl Murray's

relief I received from Col Hunter who
commands our Brigade, I had
between the Soldiers & myself en-
-tirely made away with my Grog
very early in the day, so that I now
truly felt the horror of wanting
even enough liquid to moisten
my mouth, & was lying down
anxiously awaiting the return
of the watering party, when I
received a message from Col Hunter
to say he begged I would take
share of his eatables, I went
with great Glee, & found him
under a tree, with a ham &
some Grog, altho' I really would
have given the world for a

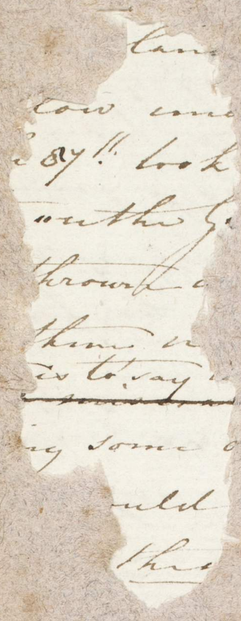
half an hour we reached & passd thro' it ~~this work~~, they had not even spiked the Guns, or destroyd any part of their Ammunition but the Guns proved to be but 2. 6Pd. & 2. 4Pounders Brass. there never was so miserable a performance as this work, we got to our Ground at about six O'Clock Evening piled our Arms & lay down, not a little inclined to sleep, but afraid to indulge from the dread of being attacked every moment, we were fortunate in finding Water within a few hundred paces of this which was great relief, by the bye I can't help mentioning, tho' a foo=lish trivial circumstance, the

twas not only to me that the heat appeard so excessive, but to the whole Army, many of whom had been through the greater part of the West India Islands & in South Carolina, yet agreed in thinking this, by much the hottest place they were ever at, to add to the misery of this march not a drop of water was to be had; in the midst of all our distress, we re=ceived intelligence that the Enemy had been driven from the Work they had thrown up for those 4 pieces of Canon, which had fallen into our hands, & were 12 Pounders, this report gave us new life, and the Men seem'd to forget their Suffering; in about

in the same proportion of the other Regts, I carried the firelock of one of the Grenadiers (who poor fellow was affected by the heat but wished to get on) for about 3 miles, but the sand was so hot & heavy & in short I was so near falling myself from the same cause heat that I was obliged to drop it, & for the 1st time experienced that a man can't take half the exercise or undergo a tenth part of the fatigue in this Country that he can in Europe, I have very often, there, carried a soldiers firelock 15 or 16 miles. in fact anything like the heat or fag of this March I never experienced

I found great comfort in walking up to my knees in the Water every now & then, during the March

few field pieces & medium 12.lb the
60th were lift to cover the Gens
& we moved forward to support
Genl. Ab. our march tho not very
long, was most extremely tedious &
fatiguing to be sure there never was
anything like the heat, altho we
had but ~~7~~ 8 or ~~10~~ 9 miles at most to
march, yet we passed eleven Men
of different Regts. lying at the
side of the Road, gasping and
apparently out of their Senses, 2
of ours dropp'd down from the ex-
-treme heat, & several were obliged
to give their Firelocks to the Sergts.
in hopes of not being obliged to
fall behind, however, with every
exertion, five of ours dropped &



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and in which if two or three hundred resolute fellows had thrown themselves; I would pretend to think they would ~~not~~ have prevented our landing ultimately, but that they would have occasioned great loss is certain, and hindered the possibility of our advancing in such a hurry, our loss ~~in~~ now learnt, in landing, was very trifling indeed 1 of Lt Dragoons 1 of Tobago Corps killed 3 of Lewis Chasseurs ~~Troy~~ wounded on their side 1 Spanish Off & 15 killed & wounded & 2 taken Prisoners whom we saw poor miserable fellows we remaind upon this Ground until past ~~one~~ O'Clock, when the whole Army were disembarked, & some

the Shore, we found Genl Ab. just moving forward with the greater part of Lew Fuez. 7 Compies of 14th & the 42nd Regt in all about 1000 Men - the part of the 60th 53d & ours that were landed received orders to follow under Genl Morshead we the 87th took up a position exactly on the Ground, the Spaniards had thrown up a breastwork to cover them in opposing our landing that is to say with the intention of ~~[illegible]~~ making some opposition, ~~they~~ it certainly would seem, that they either wanted the means or will, to oppose us, for realy from the stile of the beach which now proved to be skirted with a very thick Wood

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last this poor little Detatchment got within Sight of the Battery, & were fired at from 4 Guns, they halted & slipt aside into the Wood leaving three Men at a certain distance from each other towards the battery as Centries, just at this time I heard some one say a boat with a flag was passing us & going towards the Town, it was the case a Spanish Flag in a Row boat. I could only distinguish a Line of the Navy in it, but what interested me much more was, the boats coming for us. Our Flank Comp.s in first Disembarked Col Hughes & myself first with the Grenadiers, Major Butler with the L.t Infty. on reaching

saw our people in possession of the Shore, I again had recourse to my Glass, & could plainly see, I suppose about three or four hundred at most of the Spaniards running away along the Shore in great confusion, but one party in the best regular, they halted when they reached that part of the Shore, where I had seen them throwing up a Work yesterday in which I could now distinctly see two of the four Guns, very close at their heels I am sure not more than half a mile from them, followed an Officer & I could count 22 Men of the Chasseurs of Lowenstein, I took for granted, a sufficient number of them were at the same time advancing in the Wood, at

a fire of Musquetry commenced on
the part of the Spaniards, perhaps just
at that instant more than any other way
anxiety painted strongly in every
one's countinance; particularly as
just then the boats seem'd slack
in pushing forward, at last the
Musquetry ceased apparently owing
to a few shot of Grape from
the long boat of the Prince of Wales
which had a 24lb Carronade in its
bow- this seem'd to have great effect
upon the sailors who now pull'd with
spirits & soon reach'd the shore,
some of the Solays Corps unaccustomed
to being shot at, fired from the boat
before they landed, however luckily
no accidents occurr'd from it & we

did not begin to disembark until
five O'Clock nearly an hour after day
light, with this division Sr Ralph went
himself. The Fury & Dudrix Sloops
of War kept up a brisk fire in
order to scour the Shore, whilst the
boats lay upon their oars, in their
rear, at last the firing ceased &
the boats pushed off, this was realy
an awful, interesting moment, every
creature naturally in anxious expec
-tation, of their making good their
landing, but of course uncertain
of the turn things might take,
at this moment a dead silence
prevaild, I'm sure in our Ship a
Pin would have been heard to
drop, it was of short duration tho
for as they approached the Shore

the setting of the Sun, I then emp:
=loy'd myself, after the Regimental
2 days Prov^s cooked &c
preparations were made, in packing
up my baggage, yet methinks bag:
=gage conveys too heavy a sound
for a flannel Waistcoat & 1 Pr Socks
which with Portugal Cloak, compos'd
my Kit this my Black Servant was
to carry I filld my Haversack with two
days Pork & Biscuit, my Canteen with
Grog which with my Spy Glass
fell to my share, I must not forget
my three false frills which went tho
in my Waistcoat Pocket, of these
hereafter, as I shall find they turn
out well. Instead of disembarking
this morning Tuesday 18th as was order
2 hours before day [illegible]
the 5th Division of the army, consisting of
3d Brigade & part of Lewenstein Fuz.

but afterwards drew them back again
as if they dreaded the idea of a
fourth Campaign making a clash. I
observed them distinctly halt, most
especially upon arriving at a certain
Spot, when they left the Guns with
a party of Blacks who appeared
to be Peones not Soldiers who im-
mediately began to throw up a
work across the Sand, the Party
who had been dragging & covering
the Guns, were busy in bringing
fascines to them from the Wood
which extends by the long, the whole length of the
beach, & appears to be close along
the edge of it. By Dragoons returning along
this road towards the Town
was at last put an end to by

we might promise ourselves, that ~~the~~ their behaviour upon actual service, would be such as one could wish but of that hereafter "le temps viendra, même il n'est pas bien loin" when we shall judge from occular demonstration — I never felt so much the comfort of having a Spy Glass; as I did this day, it afforded me a fund of amusement, for by its assistance I could distinctly see the Spanish Troops moving along the beach in different parties, towards us, four small detatchments, attended by ~~[illegible]~~ 6 Dragoons, were dragging each a piece of Cannon which they at first brought a long way down the beach

any arrangements that he intended making, or had made for the land=ing, or how he intended to proceed in the event of our succeeding in landing. in fact I do think the marked contempt, with which G. W. has been treated by Sr Ralph could have forced me (had I been in his situation) to have declined going upon the Expedition. The Genl & Col Hughes soon returned and brought orders to hold our=selves in readiness to disembark two hours before day light, as far one could venture to judge, from the conduct of the fellow, when the order was read to them, I am sure

until we came to anchor that Porto Rico was the object of the expedition; This the Genl. himself told me, & that when Sr Ralph did mention to him, that twas so, he also said, that he had not a creature with him from whom he could learn anything, respecting the local situation of the place or the temper of the Inhabitants that he knew no more of the Island than Genl. M. did (who knew nothing of it) but that twas the object, and he must get thro' with it as well as he could, this I say Genl. M. himself told me, was all that Sr Ralph had ever said to him about the business, never mentioned

upon seeing him along side, though
it as well by hoisting his Signal
to make the appearance of wishing
him to attend, but that was
only appearance I can almost
imagine, at this as I before said
Genl M. is the second in Command
I cant help venturing an opinion
how, which indeed this, is not only
mine, but every bodys. That his
a very singular thing, the 2d in
Comd. should actually be as little
acquainted with the arrangements
of the Com.r in Chief, & not only ar-
rangements but the common place
incidents, as any Subaltern in the
Army; he literally actually did not know

four tier of Guns, we could
see Men in Body's move down
to some works that were advanced, but
seem'd trifling ones - Every pre-
-paration was made for landing
by us (I mean on board the
Weymouth) but no Signal was
made or orders received until
the Evg. when there was a Signal
for Comd. Off of Corps Col Hughes of course
went, & Genl. Morshead altho' no
signal was made for him, went
with him just as they got along
side of the Admt. The Signal was
hoisted for Genl. Morshead, it
seemd exactly as if they neglected
making any signal for him, but

at ½ past nine a signal was made
to prepare for anchoring, at ½ past
10 we came to anchor in 27 fathom
water about two miles from the shore
and nine or ten from the Town
and Citadel, this gave a decisive
answer to all the suppositions
we could see only few houses of
the Town, which appeared in a
hollow in the rear of the Citadel
we could not of course judge at all
of it, nor indeed of the Citadel, as
twas by the help of our glasses only
that we could make out any
objects distinctly, as far as one
might venture to judge, it ap-
=peared extremely strong, very regu=
=larly & well fortified, and to have

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preparations for reading prayers to the Regt; but was obliged to desist the second time that has happend since we left Barbadoes; upon my honour I regret it very much, for I think just at this moment it becomes doubly necessary God knows now, when we shall have an opportunity again. to day I enter'd upon my twentieth year, our old Boys very good naturedly after dinner drank my health in a bumper & wished me many returns of the day. - At 12 at Night the Admr. made a signal to lye to, day break the next Morng Monday 17th opend to us the Island of Porto Rico about five leagues ahead, at 6 O'Clock A.M. we stood in for the Island

pieces. While he was on board the
Signal was made for sailing, at
about 10 O'Clock he left us & pro-
-mised me faithfully to send by
the first Ship or Packet, some
letters that I gave him. Our sail
to day was really most beautifully
Picturesque, for we passed such a
variety of Islands, indeed so many
that I could not learn the names
of above half of them, more not
being laid down upon the Map
it was quite a party of pleasure
coasting the whole way, until the
Eve, when we lost sight of them all
only for a short time tho', for before
it was quite dark, Porto Rico was
in Sight. When the Signal was made
this Morning I was just making

Sweet Satisfaction, or being a state

the Col who was rather angry at my having staid so long away. In the Morning Sunday 16th. The old fellow came off to me, with a Goat, & some fish, for which we Parted Salt Beef & Pork, of much more value to him than money; the old Boy very good naturedly brought me off a Shrub of the Cotton Tree, for in my ramble with him Yesterday, I happened to say how happy I should be, were it possible to take a tree of it home with me, and he very handsomely said that as I seem'd to admire it Yesterday he had brought it off & that if I would put a slip of it into a bottle of Water, it would preserve & I might take it to England. ~~XXXX~~ I had not the means of giving it a tryal tho' for my Brother Officers with the force of their Admiration, broke my poor Tree in

[illegible] satisfaction or being a tale

returned from a visit I was a good deal diverted with her curiosity, which exceeded all the others, & could plainly see she had been sent for, on purpose, as the Negro Woman who came with her was the first I had seen upon my getting to the house I wished them good night, & returned on board perfectly contented with my little excursion, I think tis always just as well to go on shore every where, & see every thing one can — The Sailors had caught fish enough to give a meal to all the Ships Crew Women & Officers this appeased

least Satisfaction or being a tale

from the corner of the house, where
they had crowded to see the
Red Coat. I had a long chat with
which he said was buzzd about as the place of
our destination
him about Porto Rico, but to say
true paid little attention to
what he said for he began by
telling me he had not been there
for fourteen Years, I of course
thought his account must be
very imperfect, & I recollected
that twas probable I should
soon be tolerably well informed
upon that Subject, just before I
left him, his old Lady a Creole
who he said had been his
worser half upwards of forty Years

close to the door where he was sitting
before he discoverd me, he started
and seemd not a little surprised,
however he soon became collected
& entered into conversation with me
the Questions he put, & his manner
of Questioning, his Curiosity about
all my dress, as well as indeed
the state of his house & household
appendages, really put me very
much in mind of my old friend
Rob. Cruso, what with his Goats
Poultry & the last, not least in number
his Black Servants, two thirds of
whom were Women, whose Curiosity
(naturally) was much greater than his
so much so, that he was obliged
once or twice, to send them away

least Satisfaction or being a tale

to anchor in it, yet so perfectly clear, ~~is~~ was the Water, & the Sand so White, that we could even see the fish swimming along the Bottom the hills round it form ~~a perfect~~ a perfect semicircle and are coverd with Cotton Trees, which happend to be in full blossom & had a beautiful effect, upon the Top of the Cliff on the Left side of the Entrance, was a very pretty Cottage, a number of Goats, Poultry & different kinds of Cattle, running about it added not a little to ~~[illegible]~~ its Romantick appearance ~~[illegible]~~; I left the boat to fishing, and went up to the Cottage, I found a fine Venerable old Man, staring with all his Eyes at our Fleet, upon which he was so intent, that I got ~~[illegible]~~

least Satisfaction or being a tale

rather Drakes passage, by which name tis better known here, from his having first discovered it; the entrance to these roads, was realy the most beautiful thing I ever saw; tho perhaps with so large a fleet, rather dangerous; so very many Islands to pass between & the passage so very narrow we anchored about five or six miles from Tortola, & a mile and half from little Bay St Peters in the Evg with a vast deal of persuasion, I prevail'd upon the Col to allow me to go ashore with the Ships boat, that was going to fish; this little Bay was the prettiest thing I almost ever saw, and altho' deep enough to allow a 74

least Satisfaction, or being a tale

place I had ever seen; at about four O'Clock we were abreast of St. Eustatius, & at one time conceived it was the intention to attack it, for the Admt. lay to, while three frigates ran close into the Shore, recieved a few Shot, & only a few, but as soon as they returned & spoke the Admt. we again stood on, had a famous run all Night & in the Morning of 15th Saturday were in sight of Santa Cruz, Crab, Saba, & all the Virgin Islands, at 11 A.M. the Signal was made by the Agent of Transports, to prepare for Anchoring, at one O'Clock we came to Anchor in Tortola Roads, or

least Satisfaction, or being at all

they would go to Sea. Friday 14th

This Morng the Alfred & Tamar

returned to the Ships proving to be

friends, at 12 O'Clock Noon, the

Alfred (our Commodore) made the Sign

for sailing, at 1 we were all under

weigh, and in about half an hour

my curiosity was in some measure

satisfied, I mean with regard to

Brimstone Hill, we passed close

under it, they saluted the Admrl,

who of course returned it, & this

was pretty enough, it appeared

very strong, as well by Nature as

Art, & I think from the appearance of

its Works, & Lines, put me more in

Mind of Gibraltar, than any

least Satisfaction, or being a tale

for Old England at the same time we ~~left the~~ should leave St Kitts, until then an Embargo was laid, this was comfortable news, in as much as it afforded an opportunity of writing. Thursday 13th this Morn the Admt. made a Signal for the Alfred 74 & Tamer Frigate as fast sailing Ships, to chase two Ships that appeared off; I wrote a second pacquet of letters, & went with them on board the Genius Man the Capt. said he should make the 1st Port he could, & three put in our letters, he had a large ~~[illegible]~~ Thodsome in Thopes bag on purpose for them, so that

least Satisfaction, or being a tall

Guns, so that I ~~am~~ was led to think my
friend Victor, might at any time
send a few Privateers, in here who
would annoy them a good deal
Brimstone Hill, so celebrated, was
at the other End of the Island
I ~~was~~ was very anxious to see it, it was probably
my curiosity ~~will~~ would in some degree
be gratified to morrow, should
Porto Rico be the Object, which I
~~think~~ thoroughly now pretty clear if it be we
the still various & numerous are the Conjectures some
say Eustatius, some St Martins, others that passing Guadaloupe, it was a
feint, & that we shall still go there
shall pass Wed. Wednesday 12

Remaind Quietly on board, no-
thing occurred until the Evening
when we were told there was a
Guinea Man, that was to sail

least Satisfaction, or being a tall
repaid, by anything I saw, indeed
horses were the only things that
were decently good, they were by
some chance infinitely better
than ~~any~~ those I had seen in any
of the other Islands, tis built
irregularly upon a deep hot sand
the houses miserably bad, all
of Wood but merely thin foundations and about three feet from the Ground which is stone
with the exception of
but very few, there is a large
Square, which is the Negro
Market, where they sell Grass
&c &c &c these poor wretches
are in general miserably clad
which of course adds much to

the ill appearance of the Town
there were some very large & good
warehouses, which indicated, at
least, the trade of this place
being good, indeed from the
little I could see of the Country, it
appeard extremely well cultivated
which I am given to understand is realy the
case, things here are excessively
dear, for instance A Goose 25: Shills
English, or 33 Cur.y Eggs 3 for an English Shills
and in this proportion every other
Article, that we were in want of,
and obliged to buy, except Turtle
I could see but one poor little Fort
of I understand three or four

appearance of the Town, I dont
know, but I was out of humour
with every person & thing I saw,
to be sure, tis a loss we shall
feel very severely, & God knows
how & when we shall hear from
our friends; but to continue
with the account, I mean all I
can give of Basseterre ~~Town~~ St Kitts
which is the name of this Town
~~& all of the Roads~~. I am sorry
I can say nothing in its favour, on
the Contrary I never was more dis-
-appointed, nor felt more vexed with
myself, for having taken such
a fagging walk, without the

that was talked of some time ago against Martinique; the Adm.l lay pretty near the Shore so near that I could see enough of it, to make me wish to see a great deal more, from the moment I got on board the Weymouth again, I teized the Col in such a manner, that at last he gave me leave, off I went with great glee, but whether from having heard the miserable news of the loss of the 1st. Feby Packed immediately upon my landing or from the realy wretched

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1108
613
200
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learnt what number of Artificers
But the total Strength of the Army
exclusive of them, is 3450 R & File
Genl Moorhead as second in Comd.
was attatched to no Brigade,
they were Commanded thus,

1st Brigade ... Brigr. Genl Hope
2nd ... Lieut Col Hunter of the 60
3d ... Lieut Col Schlammens=dorf of Lawrenstons.

The 3d Brigade to act as a light
Corps, I ought to mention we were
joind here, by the 42nd 60th &
Tobago Black Corps, this is a
Corps raised of pick'd Negroes
from the different Gentlemens
estates, they were originally
formed to serve in an Expedi-
tion.

was made by the Admirals Ship for all Brigade Majors & Adjut.s. Sr Ralph was on board this Ship the Prince of Wales, I went on board & received the orders, which were, that the Army was to be formed into 3 Brigades & to consist of,

1st Brigade	Strength	2nd Brigade	Strength
14th Regt.	550	53 Regt.	481.
42. Regt.	180	87th Regt.	427.
Lowenstein Fuzileurs	804	60th Regt.	200
Total	1534	Total	1108

3rd Brigade

	Strength
26th Light Dragoons	163
Lowenstein Chasseurs	300
Tobago Black Corps	150
Total	613

The Strength I have collected from the different Adjutants, I am sure therefore of being right, this is only the duty effective Strength tho', We have 200 Artillery, I have not

had it not been for his favourable report of us
at 10 O Clock to day we were off
& St Lucie is a perfect grave
Dominica, pretty close, but not
sufficiently so, to allow one to
judge of the beauty of the Island
in the Eve the Wind fell a good deal
we were becalm'd all the Night & part of next day
9th Tuesday at Midnight we found
ourselves becalmed off Guadaloupe
some of our Ships in the Morning
Monday 10th when the Breeze freshend ran very
close in, but the body of the fleet
continued their course, & no signals
were made, the idea of Guadaloupe
being our destination, now vanished
conjectures still numerous & various
Porto Rico tho' I think seems most
prevalent at 11 O Clock we were
abreast of Montserrat, & close

enough to see that it was a
very rich Island, I mean from its
cultivation, we soon passed Redondo
Rock which is close to it, & at 6
in the Evening ran quite close
along the prettiest & apparently
most Cultivated Island, we
have yet seen; Nevis, its very
small & I think very much the
Shape of a Sugar loaf. at 8 in the
Evening we came to Anchor in
Basseterre Roads St Kitts, close
under the Adm^ds Stern, but it was
so dark, that we were not able
atall to distinguish whether the
Island was, as we had been led
to expect, a beautiful one. 11th
Tuesday in the Morning, a Signal

Weymouth Transport

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at which time I went upon its Expedition which has since turned out to be, against Porto Rico —

Early in the Morning of the 8th Genl. Morshead came on board, and told us Genl. Abercromby had just left the Shore, of course we should immediately sail, we did in about a quarter of an hour I ~~[illegible]~~ must not neglect to mention ~~[illegible]~~ how very much obliged our Regt. ought to be to Genl. Morshead, who not only ~~has been~~ was the means of our making part of this Expedition but ~~has~~ saved us from St. Lucie to which place the 38th were sent, but we inevitably should

A list of the Fleet employd against Porto Rico

Ships	Guns	Captns
Prince of Wales	98	Adml Henry / Capt. Henry
Bellona	74	Wilson
Alfred Commodore's Ship	74	Totty
Vengeance	74	Russel
Tamer Frigate	38	Martin
Arethusa	38	Wooly
Perdrix Sloop of War	24	Hay
Lapwing Do	28	Barton
Barbette	20	Lobb
Pelicon	18	
Fury	16	Evans
Zephyr	16	Lawry
Buldog	14	Reeves
Rakeen	14	Champion
Roebuck Transport	44	Burrows
Ulysses do	44	Lamprier
Weymouth do	24	Passmore
Coremandel	24	Harrison
Carron	24	Simpson
Anna of Bengal	24	Gilmore
Anna of Bombay	24	Horne
Swratte Castle	24	Lowry

To buy Vie privée de Duc de Richelieu.

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Corps	Strength	Com^d of Officers
R. Artillery	200	Lt Col Marlow
R. Engineers	50	Major Shipley
26th Lt Dragoons	163	Capt. Ditcher
14th foot	550	Lt Col. Burnett
42d foot	180	Lt Col. Stewart
53 foot	481	Lt Col Lightburne
60th foot	200	Capt. Campbell
87th foot	427	Lt Col Hughes
Lew. Fuziliers	804	Lt Col Linderbomb
Lew. Chasseurs	300	Lt Col. Schlammerdorf
Tobago Rk Corps	150	Major Glouster

Total 3505 R & File

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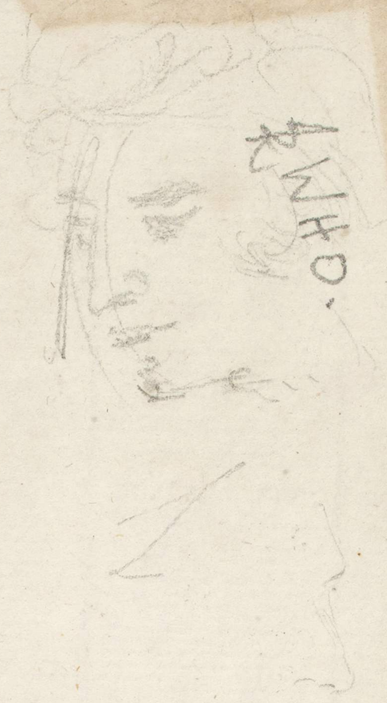

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