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his return. I had a great deal of chat
with him, he ~~promised to be a Frenchman~~
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~~ fifteen years but was obliged to
carry arms, as indeed ^{every man was} they all were. 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 law
of the Island tho' she had lived with another
man before, to whom she was not married
yet such was the law. He supposed the
force including Militia to be about 8.
thousand men. That ^{there} were two parties in
the Town, one amicable 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
your country & so much reason to doubt