

until we came to anchor that
Puerto Rico was the object of the ex-
pedition. This the Genl. himself
told me, & that when S^r Ralph did
mention to him, that was 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 justifying of it) but that ~~that~~ was
the object, and he must get thro
with it as well as he could, this
say Genl. M. himself told me, was
all that S^r Ralph had ever said to ^{him}
about the business, never mentioned