

Had it not been for his ^{favourable} report of
~~the quantity of the island~~
at 10 O'Clock to day we were off
Dominica, pretty close, but not
sufficiently so, to allow one to
judge of the beauty of the Island
in the day the wind fell ^{deal} a good
we were becalmed all the night & part of the day
~~on Sunday~~ at midnight we found
ourselves becalmed off Guadaloupe
Some of our Ships in the morning
Monday ^{10th} when the breeze freshened 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
prevailing. 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 point & 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^l's Stern, but it was
so dark, that we were not able
at all to distinguish whether the
Island was, as we had been led
to expect, a beautiful one. ^{11th}
Tuesday in the morning, a signal