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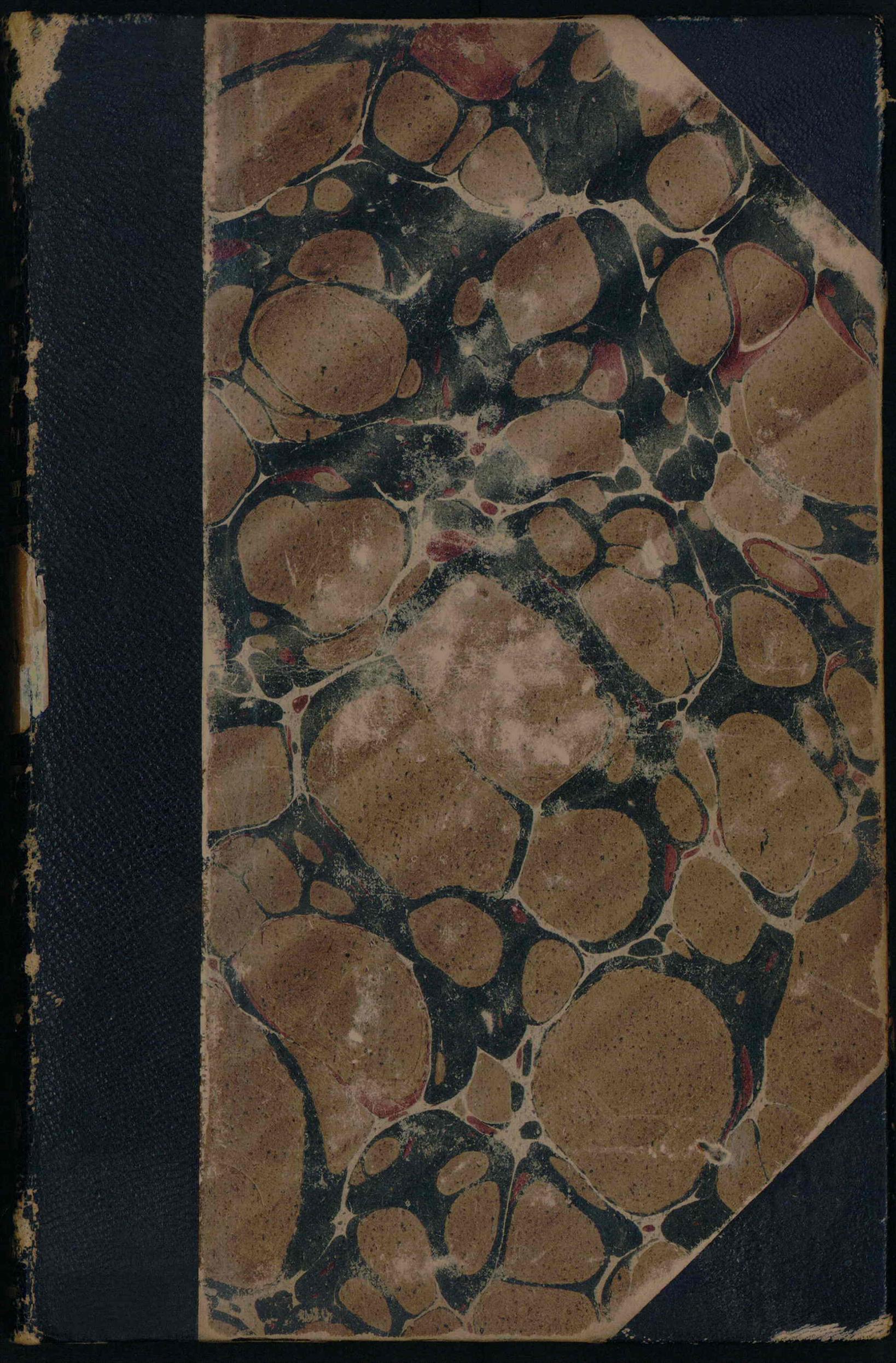
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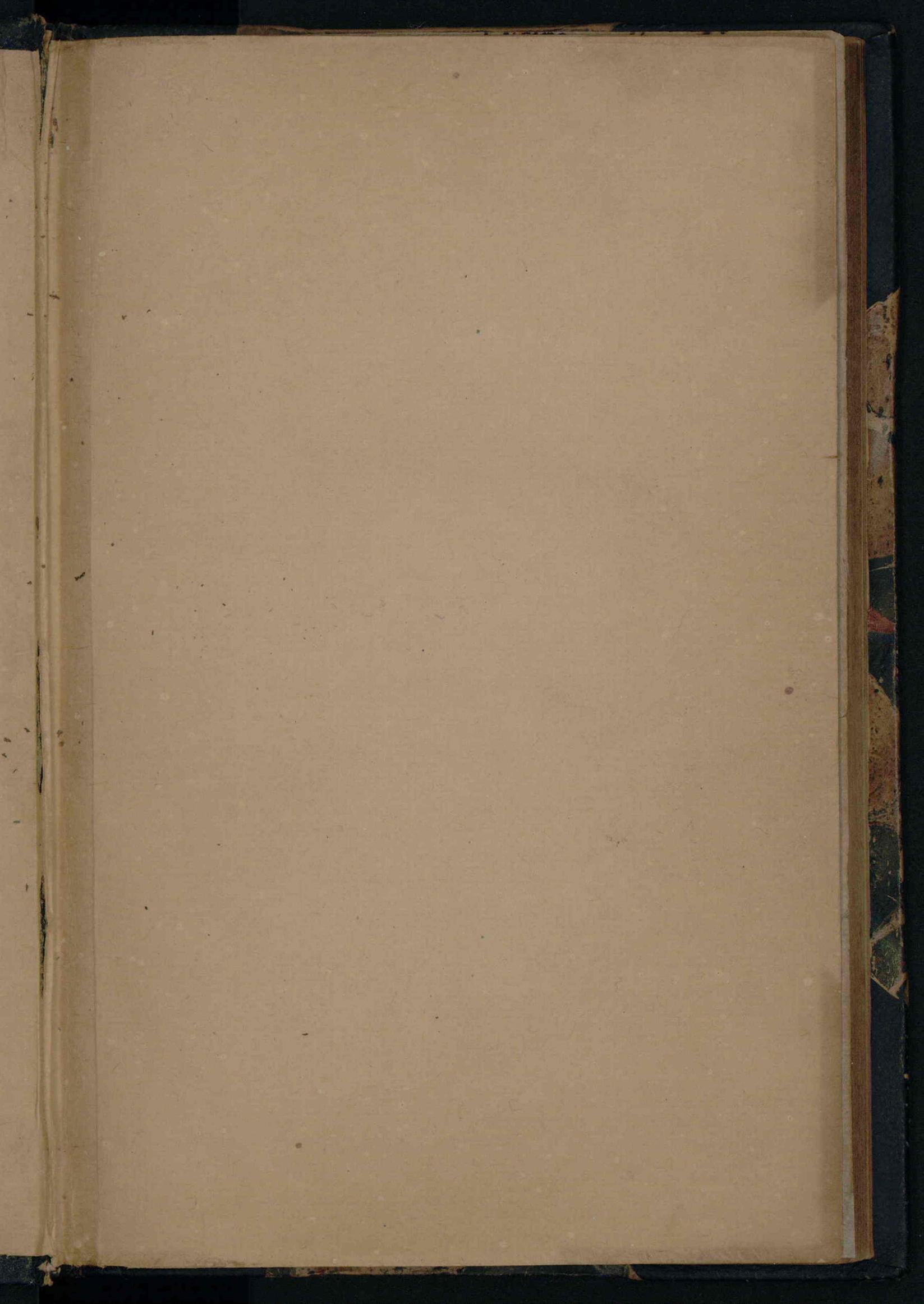
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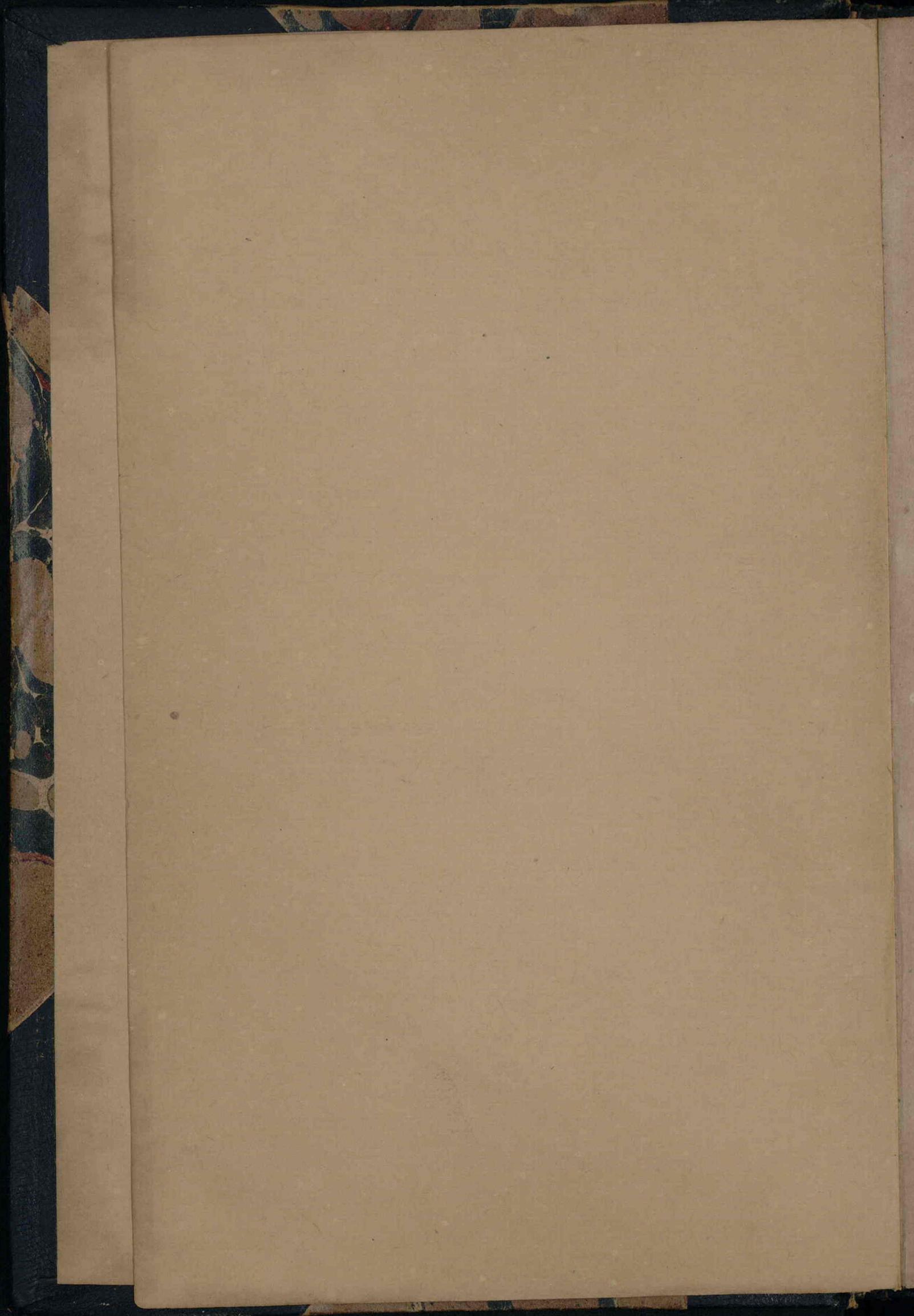


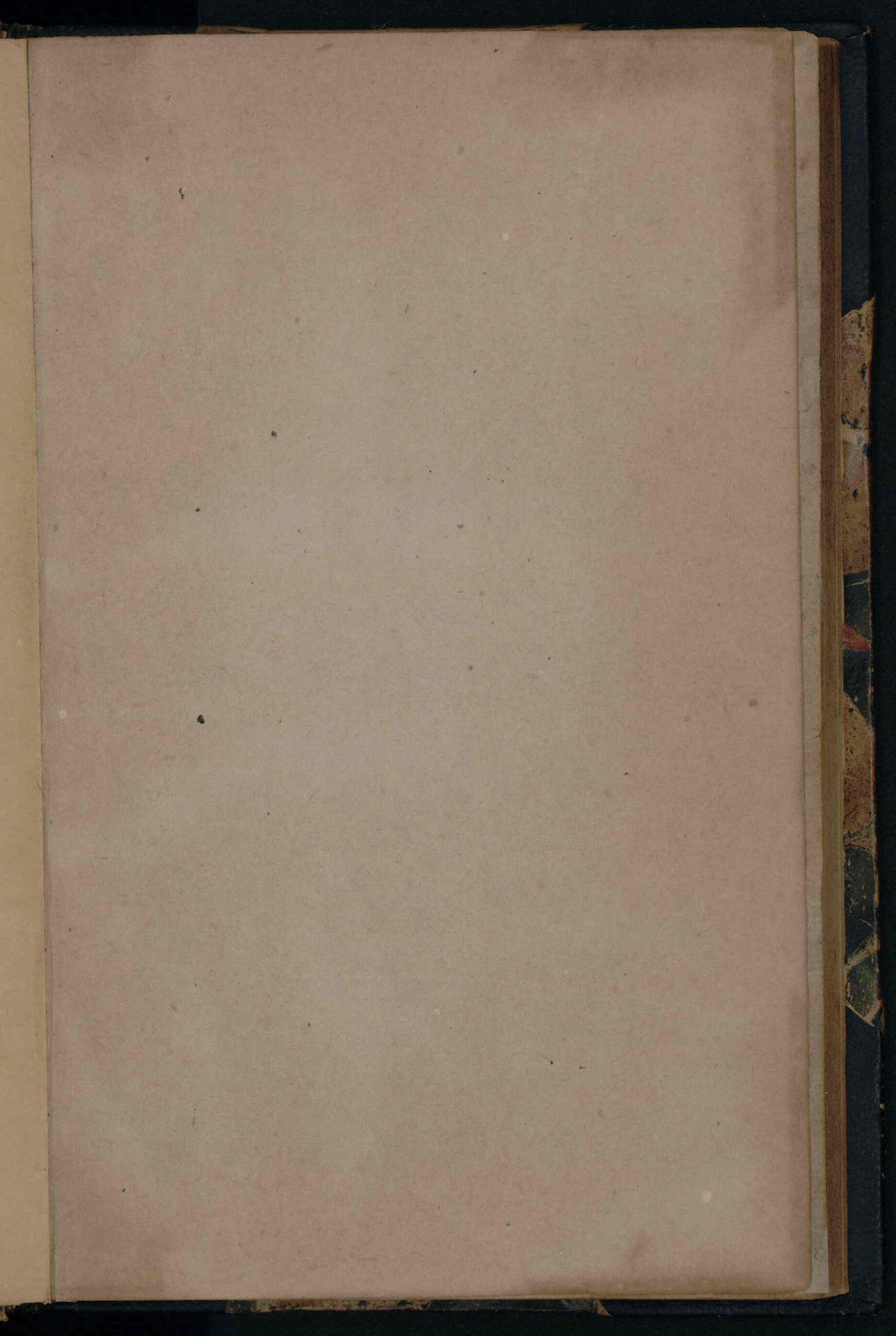
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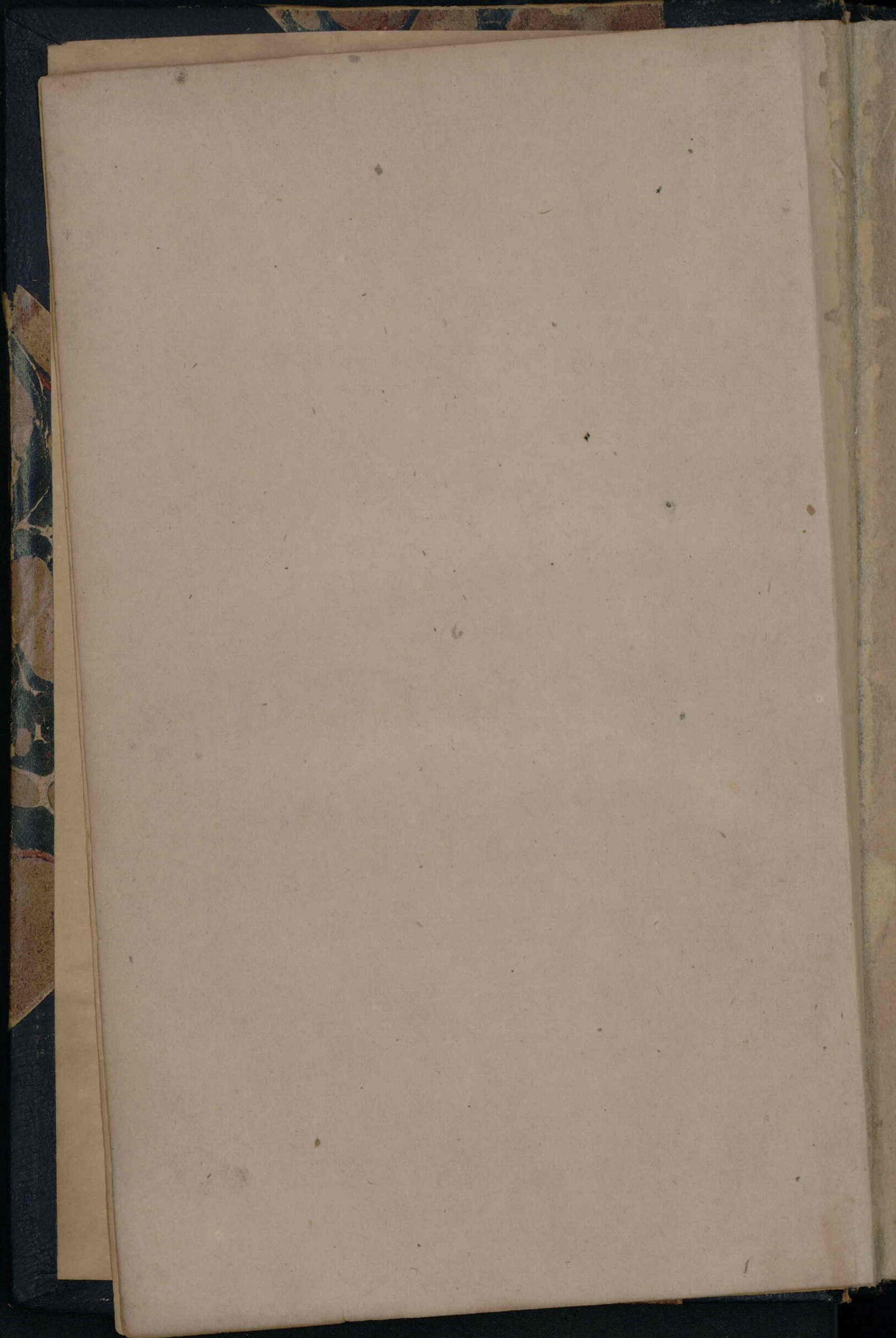


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A
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Of the late Intended

SETTLEMENT

Of the ISLANDS of

St. Lucia and St. Vincent,
in AMERICA;

In Right of the

Duke of *MONTAGU,*

AND UNDER

HIS GRACE'S Direction and Orders,
in the Year 1722.

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M O N T A G U,

Marquis and Viscount *Mountbermer*,

A N D

Baron *Montagu of Boughton*,

Master of the Great Wardrobe, Lord
Lieutenant of the Counties of *Nor-*
thampton and *Warwick*, Knight of
the Most Noble Order of the Garter,
Captain-General of His Majesty's
Islands of *St. Lucia* and *St. Vincent*,
and Lord Proprietor of the same ;

T H I S

R E L A T I O N of the Intended SET-
TLEMENT of those ISLANDS in
America, is, with the greatest Humility,
inscrib'd by

His G R A C E'S

Most Obedient, and

Most Faithful Servant,

J O H N

D U R I N G

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B A S I S

of the Great Wardrobe, Lord
Treasurer of the Chamber of
Accounts, and Knight of
the Most Noble Order of the Garter,
Captain General of His Majesty's
Militia of the County of St. Andrew,
and Lord Proprietor of the same;

T H I S

is a list of the names of the
persons who have been
admitted to the office of
Secretary of the Admiralty,
with the date of their
admission.

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A RELATION of the late
intended Settlement of the
Islands of St. LUCIA and
St. VINCENT in Ame-
rica.

HIS Britannick Majesty, by his most Gracious Letters Patent bearing Date the 20th Day of *June*, 1722. having granted to his Grace the Duke of *Montagu* the Islands of *St. Lucia* and *St. Vincent* in *America*, and constituted him Captain-General of the same; which till then were in Commission, and under the Government of the Governors of the Island of *Barbados*; and his Grace having been pleased, under the Approbation of his Majesty in Council, to appoint *Mr. Uring* his Deputy-Governor, he accordingly, by his Grace's Direction, set out at the latter end of *August*, 1722. from *London*

for *Portsmouth*, in order to embark on board his Majesty's Ship *Winchelsea*, commanded by Captain *Humphry Orme*, lying then at *Spithead*; who was appointed to convoy, attend and protect the Colony his Grace was sending to make a Settlement on the Islands of *St. Lucia* and *St. Vincent*; the *Little George Snow* and *Griffin* Sloop being also at *Spithead*, with Servants and Stores for the intended Settlement. The *Charles* and *Free Mason*, with about 100 Servants, besides Officers, having also on board great Quantities of Stores of all sorts and Provisions of War, had been failed about Ten Days for *Corke* in *Ireland*, in order to take on board more Provisions; and that some more might be made ready against the Arrival of the Man of War with the Transports that were to join in that Port, and take them on board. His Grace had also provided two Ships to follow with more People and Stores; besides a Vessel he had freighted with Cannon and other warlike Stores, and all sorts of Utensils and working Tools of every kind in great Numbers, which had been sent to *St. Christopher's* with Capt. *Paul George*, and several Officers and Servants, to be ready against the Arrival of the Colony; as also a large Ship from *New England* laden with Timber, Plank and Boards, Frames of Houses and live Cattle, who were directed to join the Colony at *St. Lucia* by the time of their Arrival. A List of the Ships, Stores, &c. is hereunto annex'd.

About

An Account of the Ships sent by his Grace the Duke of MONTAGU on the Expedition to St. Lucia, with their Burthen, Guns, the Number of Officers and intended Servants, and the Store of Provisions in each Ship, viz.

SHIPS NAMES.	Tons.	Guns.	Officers.	Indented Servants.	Beef and Pork.	Flour.	Oatmeal.	Butter.	Stock-fish.	Beer.	Rice.	Brandy.	Tobacco.	Cowls.	Candles.	
Elizabeth	130	4	3	9	Barrels, 300	Barrels, 120	Barrels, 99	Butter, 24	Quintals, 20	Tons, 20	Barrels, 16	Gallons, 126	Pounds, 112	Cowls, 10	Candles, 58	
Charles and Free Malon.	200	10	13	108	Laden with Stores, 300	Barrels, 50	Barrels, 171	Butter, 24								
Griffin Sloop	90	17	3	48	Barrels, 150	Barrels, 24	Barrels, 31	Butter, 24								
Little George	100	4	8	30	Barrels, 90	Barrels, 60	Barrels, 80	Butter, 12								
Adventure	200	12	13	141	Barrels, 220	Barrels, 76	Barrels, 66	Butter, 6								
Hopewell	250	6	11	89	Barrels, 600	Barrels, 58	Barrels, 100	Butter, 30								
Leopard	190	8			Laden with Stores in New-England with Houics fram'd, Live Cattle, &c.											
	1160	56	54	425	1360	242	508	96	30	84	20	756	1523	28	203	

An Account of Cannon, Small Arms, and other Stores, sent on the above said Expedition to St. Lucia, viz.

56 Pieces of Cannon.	20 Tons of Bar Iron, flat, square and round.
36 Carriages to Ditto.	2 Ditto of Steel.
30 Rounds of Shot to each.	30 Iron Pots.
2 Machine Guns of Puckle.	6 Anchors of several Sizes, and all forts of Naval Stores.
1163 Muskets and Bayonets.	A great Quantity of all forts of Fishing Tackle.
583 Powder Flasks, with Frog and Leather Straps.	Iron Axle-Trees, Iron Traces, Iron Sreaks, and Iron Boxes for 40 Waggon.
500 Cartouch Boxes.	58 Dozen of best Steel Hoes.
30 Pair of Pistols.	56 Dozen of Stockings.
1000 Granado Shells fix'd with Fuzees.	30 Dozen of Shoes.
4 Brads Cohorn Mortars.	30 Dozen of Hats.
100 Barrels of Musket Ball.	800 Holland Waistcoat and Breaches.
20 Hundred of Bird and Drop Shot.	800 Check Shirts.
A great Quantity of all forts of Gunners Stores.	800 Check Handkerchiefs.
100 Barrels of Gun-Powder.	800 Holland Caps.
200 Barrels of all forts of Nails, and Iron Work.	400 Hammacks.
Tools of all forts for 40 Carpenters.	450 Beds, Blankets, and Pillows.
Ditto for 20 Bricklayers.	30 Groce of Knives.
Ditto for 15 Smiths.	
Ditto for 10 Malons.	

Goods by the Leopard, Capt. Samuel Foye, from Bolton in New-England.

- 30 Houfe Frames.
- 1 large Ditto for the Governor.
- 50,450 Feet of Boards, Joyst and Plank.
- 95,000 Shingles.
- 40 Live Sheep and Two breeding Sows.

Goods taken up by the Governor at Barbados, viz.

- 10 Hogheads of Rum.
- 10 Barrels of Sugar.
- 320 Feet of Plank.
- 2880 Feet of Joyst.
- 5000 Feet of Boards.
- 10,000 Shingles.
- All forts of live Poultry, Seed, Corn, Hogs, Black Cattle, &c.

A great Quantity of Shoe Buckles, Combs, Scizars, Thimbles, Needles, Thread, Silk, Buttons, Tape, &c.
 A great Quantity of all forts of Stationary Ware, in two large Cases.
 3652 Ells of Linnen.
 62.4 Ells of fine, 3 qrs. Checks.
 50 Pieces of Callico.
 100 Ells of Flaxen Sheeting.
 1 Suit of Diaper.
 39 Yards Napkin, and 12 Ditto Tabling.
 5 large Chefts of Medicines.
 5 Sets of Surgeons Capital Instruments.
 Sundry Soldiers Cloaths, Gorgets, Grenadier Caps, Drums, King's Flags, Standards and other Colours in Silk.
 All forts of Brads and Copper Ware, Pewter, Chairs, Stools, Tables, Looking-Glasses, Feet-Glasses, Drinking-Glasses, Pickles, Gauden Seeds, and all forts of Kitchen Furniture.
 16 Pipes of Wine from Madera.

to encourage them. On his Arrival at the Island of *Madera*, he order'd the Masters of the Transports to send all their empty Water-Casks on Shore, that they might be fitted and filled again with Water, having spent most of their store in the Passage. Boats were hired, and most of it sent on board with as much speed as the Conveniency of the Place would permit; and in the mean while the Wine for our Voyage was providing, in which no Time was lost; and as soon as compleated, and the *Little George* refitted, who by Accident had lost her Bolt-sprit, we sailed again for the Island of *Barbados*; but contrary and small Winds occasion'd a long Passage thither, so that we did not arrive at that Island until the 7th of *December*. In the Voyage, Mr. *Uring* consider'd and made a Memorandum of what was necessary to take in at *Barbados*, which were Boards, Plank, Joyce and Shingles for building Houses for our immediate Use, not being sure when the Ship from *New England* would arrive: He thought this absolutely necessary for the present Use of the Colony; as also Horses, Black Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Turkeys, Ducks, Fowls, &c. which in great Numbers were provided to stock the Settlement; Rum, Sugar and Tobacco for the Use of the Servants; Corn, Pease and Roots of several sorts for Planting, and supplying the Colony; and apply'd to Mr. *William Crofts* for the same, he having engag'd to serve his
Grace

Grace the Duke of *Montagu* with what we had Occasion for there ; and as he was directed by my Lord Duke, Mr. *Uring* acquainted the Store-keeper, and desired that he would look to the Quantities and Qualities of the Stores, and take care they were ship'd on board a Vessel which had been hired for that purpose. It was the 15th of the same Month before Mr. *Uring* had procured what was wanted ; we sailed the same Day for the Island of *St. Lucia*, our intended Settlement.

December the 17th, in the Morning, we saw the Island of *St. Lucia*, and anchored there about Noon in *Pigeon Island Bay*. Seeing several Men on *Pigeon Island*, Capt. *Orme* sent his Boat to know who they were ; they were *French*, which came from *Martinico* in a small Canoa to catch Guanoes. In the Afternoon, Mr. *Uring* ask'd Capt. *Orme* for his Boat to take a View of *Pigeon Island* and the Bay, which had been recommended to him by some People of *Barbados*, as a fit Place to make the first Settlement. Capt. *Orme* and the Engineer-General went with him round the Bay, and view'd it. They found the Land a barren sandy Soil, and the Road not fit for Ships to ride in with the Wind Westerly ; therefore it was concluded to go for the *Petite Careenage* next Morning, which was between two and three Leagues further to the Southward.

December the 16th, at Seven a Clock at Night, a *Barbados* Sloop arrived from *Martinico*; the Master produced a Copy of a Mandate by the King of *France*, which he said was publish'd by Order of the *French* General in all the Churches of that Island, and in all their Towns by Beat of Drum; which contain'd in Substance, That if the *Englifo* did not leave the Island of *St. Lucia* in the Space of Fifteen Days, they were to be drove off by Force of Arms. This News did not a little alarm us, but we hoped it might be a *French* Gasconade; however, we took care to let the People know as little of it as possible. The same Master said, that his Majesty's Ships *Feversham* and *Hector* were then at *Martinico*, and promis'd Mr. *Uring* to run over to them the next Morning with his Letters.

December 17. This Morning we weigh'd from *Pigeon Island* Bay, as had been determin'd the Night before, and stood for the Harbour of *Petite Carenage*, where we anchor'd about 10 a-Clock; at which time a small Canoa came to us from the *Shocque Bay*, with two *French* Men in her; one of which undertook to shew us the Watering Place, and other convenient Places in the Harbour. Mr. *Uring* had the *Winchelsea's* Boat, in which Captain *Orme* and the Engineer-General went round it, and found it a very good one. The Watering Place is a small Rivulet, that came down between two Hills,

Hills, which was suppos'd to be no other than Rain Water, by reason when we had three or four dry Days it was dry'd up. In the Harbour are several Places fit for careening Ships, shelter'd from every Wind; in one of which, Ships of Sixty Guns and upwards may careen very conveniently: But the Land is very hilly all round the Harbour, and in most Places steep, ascending from the Water-side, which makes it very inconvenient to build Fortifications, without great Charge and Trouble, and must be a Work of Time. This made Mr. *Uring* not fully determine to fix here; however, at Two a-Clock in the Afternoon he landed Fifty Men, to cut down the Trees and Bushes on the Point, that lay very fit for a Battery of Guns to command the Entrance of the Harbour. At Four a-Clock he sent Mr. *Faulkner*, our Secretary, to *Martinico*, with the Duke of *Montagu's* Letters, the Admiralty's, and his, for Captain *Charles Brown* of his Majesty's Ship *Fever sham*, and Captain *Elles Brand* of the *Hector*, with Orders to bring their Answer immediately without going on Shore. His Letter to each of the Captains runs thus:

S I R,

Dec. 17, 1722.

‘ HIS Grace the Duke of *Montagu* ha-
 ‘ ving done me the Honour to ap-
 ‘ point me his Deputy-Governor of the Islands
 ‘ of *St. Lucia* and *St. Vincent*, and now
 ‘ being arriv'd with some hundred People

‘ to

' to settle on the first of these Islands, un-
 ' der the Protection of his Majesty's Ship
 ' *Winchelsea*, appointed to attend and assist
 ' us in it; and having a Letter to forward
 ' to you from his Grace, I take this Opportu-
 ' nity to send it by one of his Officers, that
 ' if you have Orders from the Admiralty to
 ' join us, pray you'll do it as soon as possi-
 ' ble, at the Harbour of the *Little Careenage*,
 ' where we are now going and intend to for-
 ' tify, being apprehensive that the Governor
 ' of *Martinico* designs to molest us. The
 ' Gentleman that has the Pleasure of deliver-
 ' ing you this, will inform you other Parti-
 ' culars you may desire to know. I'm glad
 ' of this Opportunity to tell you how much
 ' I am,

S I R,

Your Humble Servant,

From on Board his Maje-
 sty's Ship *Winchelsea*, be-
 tween Pidgeon Island and
 Little Careenage.

Natha. Uring.

December 18. Early in the Morning, Mr.
Uring order'd the People on Shore to their
 Work, and then went on Board the *Griffin*
Sloop, where the Store-keeper was, and order'd
 him to go on Board the Transports, to search
 the Casks for such Tools as we wanted, tel-
 ling him what they were; and at the same
 time, order'd Capt. *Lloyd*, of the *Sloop*, to
 make ready for Sailing out of the Harbour;
 and in the mean time, he went on Board the
 Tran-

Transports, which he had directed to haul on Board each other, for the Conveniency of hoisting the Casks out of one into the other, that we might better come to search for what we wanted. When he had put the Officers in a proper Method to look for the Tools, and had order'd them what to do until his Return, he took the Engineer-General and the *Winchelsea* Pilot with him on Board the *Griffin* Sloop, and sailed out of the Harbour about Nine a Clock in the Morning, with intent to view the Southermost Part of the Island, to see if he could find a more convenient Place that Way for a Fortification than the *Petite Careenage* afforded, and less exposed to the Enemy. For he plainly saw, how easy 'twould be for the *French* to land their Men in the *Shocque* and *Pidgeon Island* Bays. After we had sailed about two Leagues to the Southward, it proved little Wind, and Calm. Mr. *Uring* then asked the Pilot, how the Winds commonly were used to be thereabouts? Who answered, That it was common to have such Winds there, and it might probably be two or three Days before we could get back, if we went to the Southermost Part of the Island. Mr. *Uring* consider'd the Consequence of being wanting from the People so long, and that a Moment's time was not to be lost; he therefore determined to return, and accordingly tacked and stood back again; and the Wind freshening, we soon came into the *Shocque* Bay,
and

and viewed the Back of the Hill we had an Eye to in fortifying. We anchor'd again in the Harbour about Two a Clock in the Afternoon, and then Mr. *Uring* took the Engineer General with him in the Sloop's Boat, and viewed a low flat Point on the South side of the Harbour, which would equally command the Entrance as that on the other Side; but having high Hills behind it, and a quick Ascent in a little Distance from the Water-side, considering the Inconveniency of both, the first was thought most proper to fix upon for our Fort and Battery; we went on the other Side where our Men were at work, and Mr. *Uring* ordered a broad Path to be cut up the Hill, where he was directing them. One of our Men, who was bit by a poisonous Viper, and render'd unserviceable, was order'd on Board; he was sick many Days, but recover'd. When we had got on the Top of the Hill, he saw it was narrow and steep towards the *Shocque* Bay, and facing the Point, but not so on the other two Sides: The Engineer-General approved of the Place for the Fort; and indeed fortifying our selves on the Point would have been of very little Use, if the Enemy once became possess'd of the Hill, which is not half Musquet shot from it, where we designed our great Battery for the Command of the Entrance of the Harbour, which we called *Montagu* Point. We worked hard till Night; then sent the People on Board, hav-

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ing as yet no Shelter for them on Shore. About Five a Clock this Afternoon, Mr. *Faulkner* returned from *Martinico*, and brought Mr. *Uring* a Letter from Capt. *Brown*, which confirmed all that he had heard before, and was as follows.

Feversham, Port-Royal, Dec. 18. 1722.

S I R,

I Congratulate you on your safe Arrival here Abroad, and am sorry the Settlement of *St. Lucia* is like to meet with any Difficulties; for you may depend, that last *Sunday* an Order was publish'd in all the Churches of *Martinico*, from the Court of *France*, that after Notice given, if you do not remove in Fifteen Days, that then they are to compel you so to do. Capt. *Brand* is much your humble Servant. We shall wait on you on *Thursday* next, and am,

S I R,

Your Humble Servant,

Charles Brown.

To Nathan. Uring, *Esq;*
Governor of *St. Lucia*
and *St. Vincent.*

December 19. Capt. *Orme* lent us a Sparr, which was raised for a Flag-Staff, and Mr. *Uring* hoisted the Union Flag on *Montagu Point.*

Point. We continued clearing the Woods both on the Point and the Hill, and put on Shore our great and small Cattle. There came also on Shore some Wood Axes and Mat-rocks, with which our Men worked hard all Day, clearing the Side of the Hill and *Point Montagu*.

December 20. This Day we rais'd a large Tent, for which Purpose Captain *Orme* lent us a Sail. We landed several useful Stores, a Raft of Boards and Plank, and some Shingles and Joyce; began to frame a House; read the King's Letters Patent to his Grace the Duke of *Montagu* for the Islands of *St. Lucia* and *St. Vincent*; read also Mr. *Uring's* Commission as his Grace's Deputy-Governor in and over the said Islands. By this Time it was near Night; the Governor made a short Speech to the People, wherein he exhorted them to be industrious, and go on chearfully with the Work we had begun, and that it very much behoved 'em to use all their Diligence in fortifying our selves with all Expedition, and that they should have all possible Encouragement from him which they could expect. We drank the King's Health, that of the Royal Family, and the Duke of *Montagu's*. The *Winchelsea* fired Fifteen Guns.

December 21. Mr. *Uring* took the Oaths, and the Oath appointed to be taken by the Governors of the Plantations. He swore the Members of the Council, and read the
other

other Officers several Appointments. We continued landing our Boards, Plank, Joyce, and Shingles, and went on building a large House, and kept the People close to their Work, clearing the Hill. The Engineer-General made several Effays to mark out the Ground on *Montagu Point*, which the Governor had recommended for inclosing our House, Tents, Stores, &c. but did not bring it to bear.

December 22. This Morning the Governor ordered Commissions to be made out for the several Offices, and sign'd them; formed the People into Two Companies, and directed a Guard to be kept, and Centinels at proper Places, as well to hinder our Men from stragling, as any Strangers to come to us, till he was acquainted who they were, and their Business. We were still at work building our House, landing Stores, and the rest of our Boards; and also continued clearing the Ground of the Woods on the Side of the Hill. About Eleven a Clock in the Morning, Captain *Brand* arrived with his Majesty's Ship *Hector* from *Martinico*, and Captain *Brown* with him; which was four Days after they had received the Duke of *Montagu's* Letters and Mr. *Uring's*, tho' it was but six Hours Sail from thence. The *Feversham* kept out at Sea. Soon after a *French* Sloop, wearing a Pennant, came in also, which brought two *French* Officers from *Martinico*, who went on board the

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Winchelsea. Captain *Orme* sent to acquaint the Governor, that there were two Officers from *Martinico* with a Message to him, and desired he would go on board; one of the Officers, being an *Irish* Man, spake very good *English*; he said, they came from the Chevalier *de Feuquiere* their General, with a Letter and Memorial, which he delivered the Governor, and let him know that they expected an immediate Answer. He told them he would give them an Answer in due Time, when he had considered of what they brought. As soon as the Governor had received their Message, he went from on board the *Winchelsea* and call'd the Council, opened the Letter, and laid it before the Board, with the Copy of the *French* King's Order to the Chevalier *de Feuquiere*. The Translation of which is as follows.

S I R,

‘ B E I N G assured for three Days past
 ‘ of your disembarking in the I-
 ‘ land of *St. Lucia*, in pursuance of the
 ‘ Orders of the Duke of *Montagu*; I like-
 ‘ wise, in the Execution of the Orders of
 ‘ the King my Master, have sent to let you
 ‘ know his Commands to me; together
 ‘ with a Copy of them in Writing, by Mes-
 ‘ sieurs *de Cleax* and *de Carney*, Captains of
 ‘ Two Companies establish'd in this Island. I
 ‘ beg, Sir, to let me know your Intentions;
 ‘ and I hope you will in this Respect take
 ‘ the

the safest Method, and not oblige me to
execute the Intentions of his Majesty. I
beg you to believe that I have the Honour
to be very perfectly,

S I R,

At Martinique 31
Dec. 1722.

Your most humble and

To the Commandant
of the English dis-
embark'd at St.
Lucia.

most obedient Servant,

De pas Feuquiere.

*Mandate of the King to the Sieur Chevalier de
Feuquiere, Governor and Lieutenant-Gener-
al of the Windward Islands in America.*

HIS Majesty having been informed
that the King of *England* has given
the Islands of *St. Vincent* and *St. Lucia* to the
Duke of *Montagu*, has made his Complaint
of it to the Court of *England*; and has al-
ledged, that neither the one or other of
these Islands belong to that Crown; the
first of them ought to remain to the *Cari-
bees*, according to Conventions made with
that People; and the second belongs to
France, who have been willing to suspend
the Settlement of that Island, on the Re-
quest of the King of *England*. Notwith-
standing those Reasons, his Majesty hath
not been informed, that there has been
B any

‘ any Revocation of this Grant. On the
‘ contrary, he understands that the Duke of
‘ *Montagu* is preparing to send and take Possession of those Islands, and to transport
‘ Numbers of Families. This Undertaking
‘ being contrary to the Rights of his Majesty, his Intention is, that in case the *English*
‘ should take Possession of *St. Lucia*, and settle there, the *Sieur Chevalier de Feuquiere*
‘ shall summon them to retire in Fifteen Days, in regard that Island belongs to
‘ *France*; and if they do not so depart, he shall compel them to it by Force of
‘ Arms. He shall take care to charge some of the wisest and most experienced of his
‘ Officers with this Expedition. His Majesty desires there should be as little Effusion of
‘ Blood as possible, nor will he have any Pillage made; he only wishes the *English*
‘ would retire, and not possess themselves of a Country which belongs to him. Done at
‘ *Versailles* the 21st *September*, 1722.

Sign'd. LOUIS,
Seen and approved,
Phillip de Orleance.

Compared with the Original the 31st Dec. 1722..
De pas Feuquiere.

It was resolved in Council, to answer Monsieur *Feuquiere's* Letter; and to write to the Captains of his Majesty's Ships of War, to know how far they would assist and protect us against the *French*; and accordingly a Letter was wrote by Mr. *Uring*, and approv'd by
by

by the Council, and sent by the Provost-Marshal with Orders to bring their Answer in Writing; who sent Word they would answer it next Day.

A Copy of a Letter sent to the Captains of his Majesty's Ships.

Montagu Point, Dec. 22. 1722.

Gentlemen,

HAVING Copies of your Instructions from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 5th of July, 1722. which I refer you to; and you may be truly sensible how far your Assistance is necessary to protect this Settlement at this Juncture. Your Consideration on the Memorial, dated at *Versailles* the 21st of September 1722. this Day arrived from *Martinico*, whereby you may perceive, that his Majesty's Ships under your Command, are absolutely wanted for our Assistance and Defence; which I take to be impossible to defend from the People of *Martinico*, without your Assistance.

To Capt. Charles Brown
of the *Feverham*,
Capt. Ellis Brand of
the *Hector*, and Capt.
Orme of the *Win-*
chelsea, in *Petite*
Careenage.

Gentlemen, I am,

Your most humble Servant,

Natha. Uring:

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Tho:

Though the Governor's Letter was directed to all the Three Captains of his Majesty's Ships, which they took time to consider of till the next Day, it produced no other but the few following Lines from Capt. *Brown*.

Feversham, at St. Lucia, Dec. 23. 1722.

S I R,

THIS owns the Receipt of yours, dated the 22d of *December*, with the inclosed Letters and Declaration from Monsieur *Feuqueire*, I have only to answer, that I shall always be strictly careful in the Execution of my Duty, in every thing that relates to his Majesty's Service; and am,

S I R,

Your most humble Servant,

Charles Brown.

The Governor's Answer to Monsieur Feuquieré's Letter and Mandate of the King of France.

S I R, *St. Lucia, 23 Dec. 1722.*

I Thank you for the Honour of your Letter, signify'd by Messieurs *de Cleaux* and *de Carney*; and as to the Orders you have received from his Most Christian Majesty, your Master, the Copy of which you have been pleas'd to send me signed by yourself, I must refer to the King of *Great Britain*, my Sovereign, for Answer.

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' In the mean while, Sir, I protest a-
 ' gainst any Act of Hostility, as having done
 ' nothing my self, but by Order of his Ma-
 ' jesty's most gracious Letters Patent to his
 ' Grace *John Duke of Montagu*, Lord Pro-
 ' prietor of the Isles of *St. Lucia* and *St. Vin-*
 ' *cent*, under his *Britannick* Majesty; and am
 ' obliged and commanded, with the rest of
 ' his Majesty's Governors and Commanders
 ' in Chief in *America*, as also the Comman-
 ' ders of his Ships of War, to assist and
 ' maintain the Settlement till such time as I
 ' shall receive contrary Orders: But if, Sir,
 ' you have Instructions that give you Power
 ' to suspend the Execution of the Orders
 ' contain'd in the Memorial, from the King
 ' your Master, till such time we may reason-
 ' ably hear from *Great Britain*, 'twill be but
 ' a just Regard due to the Subjects of a
 ' powerful Prince, in the strictest Alliance
 ' with your Master, and may prevent Effu-
 ' sion of Blood, and consequently be very
 ' injurious to this Part of both their Maje-
 ' jesty's Dominions, (if not in *Europe*.) For
 ' the rest, I refer to your known Wisdom and
 ' Experience, and assure you I am, with E-
 ' steem and Respect,

S I R,

Your most humble Servant,

To the *Sieur Cheva-*
liere de Feuquiere,
 Governor and Lieu-
 tenant General of
 the French Wind-
 ward Islands in A-
 merica.

Natha. Uring.

When this Letter was wrote, the Governor went on Board the *Hector*, and Mr. *Braithwaite* with him, and communicated it to the Captains of his Majesty's Ships, who were all there together. Captain *Brown* objected against the Part, which says, the King commanded all his Ships of War to assist and maintain the Settlement, alledging his Orders were not so; and thereupon produced them. The Governor told them, that those Words were specified in the Body of the Patent, which are these: 'And we do
 ' by these Presents, for us and our Successors, strictly charge, require, and command
 ' all our Governors, Commanders in Chief,
 ' Magistrates, and all other our Officers and
 ' Ministers whatsoever, to be aiding and assisting to the said Duke, his Heirs and
 ' Assigns, in the Premises, in and by all
 ' things as becometh, &c.' * and offered to shew it him: But after some Debate, they allowed it a reasonable Answer, and that it might be sent. When this Debate ended, he told the Captains, that he thought it absolutely necessary for them to write a Letter jointly to Monsieur *Feuquiere*, to tell him they had Orders to assist and support the Settlement, which they were prevailed on to do; but of that Letter he could never obtain a Copy, though he ask'd for it several times.

* Vide These Instructions at Length in the Appendix.

The Governor, seeing the *Feversham* did not come into the Harbour, and Capt. *Brown* telling him he designed to go to *Barbados*; he represented to Capt. *Brown*, how reasonable it was for him, and desired he would remain with us, and assist us. He answer'd, he must go to *Barbados*, but would be with us again before the Fifteen Days were expired, limited by the *French King's* Order. When the Governor found Capt. *Brown* could not be prevailed on to stay and assist us, he wrote the following Letter to President *Cox*, of *Barbados*.

S I R,

St. Lucia, 23 Dec. 1722.

I Have the Honour to acquaint you, that
 ' having made a Settlement on this Island
 ' in the Harbour of *Petite Careenage*, which we
 ' are endeavouring to secure our selves in as
 ' well as possible we can; that Yesterday I
 ' received a Message from the Governor of
 ' *Martinico*, wherein he tells me, that he had
 ' Orders from the King his Master, to give us
 ' Notice to depart in Fifteen Days, and on
 ' our Refusal, to force us off from hence;
 ' of which Order he sent me a Copy. To
 ' which I have returned Answer, that I can-
 ' not depart from the Instructions given me
 ' from *Great Britain*, which I shall endeavour
 ' to maintain as long as I am able; therefore
 ' pray you will give us what Assistance you
 ' can, being already acquainted from his
 ' Grace the Duke of *Montagu*, that all his

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' Majesty's

† Majesty's Governors and Commanders in
 † Chief in *America*, are required to assist and
 † support the Settlement. I am, with due
 † Respect,

S I R,

To President Cox, of *Your most humble Servant.*
 Barbadoes,
 Sent by Capt. Brown.

Natha. Uring.

The Governor, seeing our Affairs look with
 so ill a Face, with regard to *St. Lucia*, re-
 solved to try what could be done at *St. Vin-*
cent; in order to which he hired a Sloop,
 the *Griffin* being full of Stores, and being
 loth to hazard so much of them thither for
 fear of Accidents.

December 24. Call'd the Council, when
 it was resolved to send Mr. *Egerton* forthwith
 to *St. Vincent*; Mr. *Medly* offering his Service,
 and considering he could be best spared, con-
 sented he should go, and by speaking *French*
 might assist Mr. *Egerton*. Mr. *Egerton's* In-
 structions were prepared, the Presents or-
 der'd, with Necessaries for the Voyage to
 sail the next Day. The same Day, observing
 that several of our People strayed into the
French Habitations, notwithstanding the strict
 Orders that were given to the contrary, the
 following Proclamation was order'd to be
 made publick by Beat of Drum.

St. Lucia, ff.

By the Governor, a Proclamation.

WHEREAS I have been inform'd, that several of the Persons, under my Command, have absented themselves without Leave, and strayed amongst the *French* Habitations of this Island; and to prevent the ill Consequences that may happen, I have thought fit, with the Advice of the Council, to issue this Proclamation, strictly commanding and requiring you, and every of you, upon no Account whatsoever to depart beyond the Centinels without my Leave, or some one of the Council; and whosoever do not pay due Obedience to this Proclamation, shall receive Corporal Punishment. Done at *Point Montagu*, 25 *December*, 1722.

The same Day, having provided such Tools as we wanted, we began to fortify the Hill; the Governor went thither with our Engineer-General; and when he saw the Engineer did not go about to mark out the Ground, he pointed out to him that Part which he thought would be most proper, and the least Work to fortify, and the manner of doing it; the Engineer readily came into it, and began the Work. We continued landing the remaining Part of the Lumber, and building our House. Capt. *Orme* lent us another

ther Sail, with which we put up another Tent.

December 25. This Morning the Governor deliver'd Mr. *Egerton*, Agent to the *Indians* and *Negroes* on *St. Vincent*, his Instructions, and the Copy of an Ordinance for the Encouragement of the free *Indians* and free *Negroes*, and free *Mulattoes*, together with the Declaration of my Lord Duke of *Montagu* to those People.

The Agent's Instructions were as follow.

‘ **Y**OU are immediately to repair on
 ‘ Board the Sloop *William and Sarah*,
 ‘ *Samuel Story*, Master, and proceed directly
 ‘ for the Island of *St. Vincent*, and there to
 ‘ Anchor at the most convenient Place or
 ‘ Places nearest the chiefest Settlement of the
 ‘ *Negroes* and *Indians*; and then to use the
 ‘ best and quickest Means to get together
 ‘ the Chiefest of the said *Negroes*, *Indians*
 ‘ and *Mulattoes*, and to make known to them
 ‘ in the most publick manner the Declara-
 ‘ tion herewith given you, and to use all
 ‘ possible Means to cultivate a good Under-
 ‘ standing with them; and you are also to
 ‘ endeavour to get Intelligence of the Per-
 ‘ sons that have most Influence and Autho-
 ‘ rity amongst them, which, as soon as you
 ‘ are assured of, to give them the Presents
 ‘ you will herewith receive, as from my
 ‘ Lord Duke; with Assurances, that every
 ‘ thing

' thing that is contained in the Declaration,
 ' shall be punctually perform'd and observ'd ;
 ' and you are to assure them further, that
 ' they may repair hither with all Safety and
 ' Protection, and there shall be such Com-
 ' missions given them with as ample Autho-
 ' rity as any given by his Majesty's Gover-
 ' nors in his Dominions. Done at *Point*
 ' *Montagu* 21 December, 1722.

To Mr. Robert Egerton, *Agent*
 to *St. Vincent*.

A Copy of an Ordinance sent to the Indians,
&c. on St. Vincent.

' BY the Governor and Council it is Or-
 ' dained, and for the speedier peopling
 ' and strengthening the Islands of *St. Lucia*
 ' and *St. Vincent*, it is hereby, and by the
 ' Authority to Us given, Ordered, Directed
 ' and Ordained, That all free *Indians*, free
 ' *Negroes*, and *Mulattoes* being free, who
 ' shall transport themselves into the said
 ' Islands of *St. Lucia* and *St. Vincent*, and
 ' shall be register'd and inlisted within three
 ' Months, shall be deemed and adjudged
 ' and taken to be free Denizens of the said
 ' Islands of *St. Lucia* and *St. Vincent*, toge-
 ' ther with their Children and Descendants,
 ' and shall and may have, hold, take and en-
 ' joy Lands and Tenements, Goods and
 ' Chattels therein, or in either of them, by
 ' Gift, Grant, Devise, Descent, or Purchase,
 ' and shall or may dispose, pass away, or

' be

' bequeath the same, by all or any of those
 ' Ways or Means, as fully, legally, and be-
 ' neficially as they might or could do, if na-
 ' tural born Subjects of *Great-Britain*: And
 ' in all Tryals of Right or Criminal Causes,
 ' shall be treated in the same Manner as na-
 ' tural born Subjects of his Majesty within
 ' these Islands are and ought to be.

Given at Point Montagu,
 on St. Lucia, the 25th
 of Decemb. 1722.

Natha. Uring.

The Agent having received his Dispatches,
 he and Mr. *Medley*, and the *Winchelsea* Pilot
 went on Board the Sloop, with several armed
 Men to reinforce her, and sailed out of the
 Harbour for their Voyage: But of their
 Proceedings, an Account shall be given in the
 proper Place. It being *Christmas* Day we
 killed one of our great Cattle, which was
 divided amongst the Servants, who were per-
 swaded to work, tho' on so great a Holy-
 Day.

Dec. 26. Continued carrying on our
 Work on the Hill, landing our Cannon and
 small Arms, and other Things we wanted, as
 we did several Barrels of Gun-Powder; but
 were very much perplexed where to keep it
 from the Weather and Accidents, till observ-
 ing an old Oven we suppos'd made by the
 Duke *de Estres* Colony when there; which
 we dry'd very well, and made it the Maga-
 zine. Some of the Servants complaining
 their Allowance was too short, the Gover-
 nor

nor ordered whole Allowance of all Species, and kept them well ply'd with Punch to spirit them up to their Work. The *Griffin* Sloop was ordered to clean, she being very foul, and not fit for any immediate Service.

December 27. Kept close to our Work on the Hill; and seeing it mount so fast on the Side of the *Shocque* Bay, was in great hopes to have made it defensible before the Fifteen Days were expired. This Day we landed several Pieces of Cannon, Rum, Sugar, and and a large Quantity of other Provisions, from the *Griffin* Sloop, her Guns, and Musquet-shot, and several other Things. Many of our Men fell sick with Griping of the Guts and Fevers, chiefly occasioned by drinking bad Water, and many more lamed with Stumps of Trees and Bushes.

Decemb. 28. A Sloop arrived from *Barbados*; the Master of her inform'd the Governor, that the *Feversham* arrived at that Island on the 24th of this Month; but he had no Letters by her, or any News from thence. This Morning the Tradesmen and other Servants came to the Governor, to know how they should be paid their Salaries; he assured them that the Duke of *Montagu* had sufficiently provided for their Payment, and that he had Directions from his Grace, that such Money should be drawn for on the Agents which he had appointed, and that the Treasurer had Orders to pay them as it became due, which he told them he would see performed;

perform'd; and that what they wanted, which was in the Stores, they might have: He also told them, that his Grace had given him Orders to grant them such Parcels of Land as were necessary for their Use, and that the Store-Keeper was directed to lend them Provisions for that Purpose; and that such were to be discharged from his Grace's Service as should desire it, in order to become Planters for themselves as soon as we had provided for our Safety. Therefore he hoped they would go on chearfully, and use their utmost Diligence in securing our selves, and they should have all the Encouragement from him they could expect. At which they seemed very well pleased, and went briskly to their Business, and carry'd on our Work as fast as possible. More Men fall sick, and others lame. Two young Negroes came to us, which were suppos'd to be *French*, of which the Inhabitants of the *Shocque Bay* were acquainted; they were claimed, and return'd to the Owner. Captain *Brand* had acquainted the Governor, he could not answer to stay any longer with us, except he writ him a Letter of Request for so doing; which was accordingly done as follows.

S I R, *Montagu Point 28 Dec. 1722.*

‘ Y O U having already been acquainted
 ‘ with the Summons I have receiv'd
 ‘ from the Governor of *Martinico*, and be-
 ‘ ing apprehensive of an Attack from thence,
 ‘ and

‘ and also from the *Indians*, make it my Re-
 ‘ quest to you, that you will remain here
 ‘ with his Majesty’s Ship *Hector* under your
 ‘ Command, to countenance and assist us in
 ‘ making our Settlement; you being sensible
 ‘ how unable we are of our selves to make
 ‘ a vigorous Defence against either, having
 ‘ yet no Place of Strength or Security; and
 ‘ I hope, Sir, you will think this so necessary
 ‘ to his Majesty’s Service, that we may de-
 ‘ pend on your Assistance.

I am, SIR,

With due Respect,

To Capt. Ellis Brand,
 of his Majesty’s Ship
Hector, sent by the
 Provost Marshal.

Your most humble Servant,

Natha. Uring.

December 29. Early in the Morning, we
 saw several Sloops with white Pendants, stand-
 ing into the *Shocque* Bay, and could discern
 from the Hill, that they landed Men; which
 I conceiv’d, was with Design to put their
 Master’s Orders in Execution. The same Day
 the Governor sent the Provost-Marshal to
 Capt. *Brand* and Capt. *Orme*, to desire they
 would lend us a sufficient Number of Men to
 get our Cannon upon the Hill, as they had
 promised him; which was granted. The Go-
 vernor had caused a Road to be made from
 the landing Place to the Foot of the Hill,
 which

which cost us a great deal of Trouble; the Ground being wet and spongy, on a clayey Soil, we were obliged to make it good with Faggots and Brush, which we cut for that purpose; and it luckily happen'd, a Gentleman from *Barbados* had brought down a Cart with him, such as they used to carry Timber out of the Woods, which he lent us; and in it we carried the Guns to the Foot of the Hill, from which Place they were parbuckled to the Top of it, where we were building our Fortifications. The Boatswains and People of the Men of War were very serviceable on this Occasion, they bringing with them Ropes for that purpose, and were very well entertained. Some part of the Day Capt. *Orme* sent the Governor Word, that his Boat had been in *Shocque* Bay, and had seen several Sloops at Anchor there, and that they had spoke with one which had forty Men in her, and were going to land; upon which he consider'd with Capt. *Orme*, how to prevent their landing more Men: Upon a Letter of Request, the Captain said, he would endeavour to hinder them from landing any more there.

December 30. In the Morning the Governor called the Council, where it was resolv'd a Letter should be wrote to Capt. *Orme*, of the *Winchelsea*, to go out and lie in the *Shocque* Bay, in order to prevent the *French* landing more Men. It runs thus:

S I R,

S I R, *Point Montagu, 30 Dec. 1722.*

Being assured that several Sloops daily arrive from *Martinico* in the *Shocque* Bay, and there are already about 70 armed Men landed; and being apprehensive 'tis with a Design to attack us; I make it my Request, that you will, as soon as possible, weigh from hence, and proceed into the abovesaid *Scocque* Bay, and use your utmost Endeavour to prevent any Sloop, or other Vessel, coming thither, and landing Men thereon; and you will be pleased to transmit me an Account by all Opportunities, what Vessels you may intercept, and what else you shall think necessary for the Publick Service; which will very much oblige,

S I R,

Your most obedient

To Capt. Humphry Orme, of his Majesty's Ship *Winchelsea*.

humble Servant,

Natha. Uring.

At the same time it was resolved, that a Proclamation should be sent, and read to the *French*, to warn them off the Island. Mr. *Braithwaite* offering his Service in that Affair, he was accordingly sent with it, and order'd to read it to them; a Copy of which is as follows.

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St.

St. Lucia and St. Vincent.

By his Grace John Duke of Montagu, Captain-General of the Islands of St. Lucia and St. Vincent.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

Requiring all Strangers and Foreigners now within the said Islands, or either of them, to submit and conform to the Government therein established, or to depart thereout; and for prohibiting the illegal cutting of Wood, Fishing or Hunting within the said Islands, or either of them.

‘ W H E R E A S his most sacred Majesty,
 ‘ G E O R G E, by the Grace of
 ‘ God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland,
 ‘ King, Defender of the Faith, &c. by his
 ‘ Letters Patents under the Great Seal of
 ‘ Great Britain, hath granted the said Islands
 ‘ of St. Lucia and St. Vincent, (being the
 ‘ right, lawful, and undoubted Inheritance
 ‘ of our Sovereign Lord the King, and his
 ‘ Royal Predecessors, and so admitted, ac-
 ‘ knowledged, and allowed by all Nations,
 ‘ and confirmed as well by the late Treaty of
 ‘ Utrecht, as by divers other Treaties and
 ‘ Conventions,) and the Government of the
 ‘ said Islands under the Sovereignty and Do-
 ‘ mi-

' minion of his Majesty, his Heirs and Suc-
 ' cessors, to Us and our Heirs. And where-
 ' as it hath been represented to Us, that di-
 ' vers Persons, Strangers and Foreigners, not
 ' subject to his Majesty the King of *Great*
 ' *Britain*, have presumed, of their own Au-
 ' thorities and Will, without any Licence from
 ' his said Majesty, or Permission from Us, or
 ' any other Person lawfully authorized, not
 ' only to cut, sell, and carry away Wood and
 ' Timber in great Quantities, as if the same
 ' to them did of Right belong; but have al-
 ' so farther presumed to make divers Settle-
 ' ments in many Places of the said Islands,
 ' without any Colour of Right; not own-
 ' ing or taking Notice of his said Majesty's
 ' ancient and uninterrupted Right, Inheri-
 ' tance and Possession of the same, and of
 ' his said Majesty's Grant of the said Islands
 ' and Government thereof, to Us and our
 ' Heirs; and in Contempt and Derogation
 ' of his said Majesty's Right of, in, and to
 ' the said Islands, and of the Grant afore-
 ' said to Us made by his said Majesty.

' These are therefore, in the Name of his
 ' most Sacred Majesty, the King of *Great*
 ' *Britain, &c.* to will and require all man-
 ' ner of Persons, of what Nation or Country
 ' soever they are, that have so presumed to
 ' make any Settlements or Plantations, or to
 ' make, erect, or build any House, or other
 ' Structure in or upon the said Islands of
 ' *St. Lucia* and *St. Vincent*, or either of them,

‘ without any Delay or Resistance, to de-
 ‘ part off from the said Islands in peaceable
 ‘ manner, taking along with them such
 ‘ Goods, Household-Stuff, and other Things
 ‘ as to them do belong, lest by refusing so
 ‘ to do, they bring upon themselves farther
 ‘ Trouble and Inconveniency; unless such
 ‘ Persons, having so unlawfully settled them-
 ‘ selves on the said Islands, shall think fit to
 ‘ submit to our Government of the said
 ‘ Islands, and own themselves Tenants at
 ‘ Will to Us and our Heirs, and that they will
 ‘ be conformable unto, and yield all strict
 ‘ and due Obedience to our said Sovereign
 ‘ Lord, his Heirs and Successors, as the only
 ‘ true absolute Sovereigns thereof, and to Us
 ‘ as rightful and lawful Proprietor under his
 ‘ said Majesty’s Grant to Us and our Heirs,
 ‘ and acknowledging and submitting them-
 ‘ selves to the Direction, Authority and Go-
 ‘ vernment of our said Islands, as the same
 ‘ now is, or hereafter shall be by Us and our
 ‘ Heirs established; in which case they may
 ‘ be assured of all Encouragement, Protection
 ‘ and Security.

‘ And we do farther, hereby, in his said
 ‘ Majesty’s Name, strictly charge and re-
 ‘ quire all Person and Persons, of what Na-
 ‘ tion soever, that they do not hereafter pre-
 ‘ sume to fish or hunt in or about the said
 ‘ Islands, nor to cut, sell, or carry away
 ‘ any Wood or Timber whatsoever, within
 ‘ or from the said Islands, or either of them,
 ‘ with-

without Licence from Us, or from our Deputy-Governor, or Commander in Chief, first had and obtained, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril.

Witness *Natha. Uring*, Esq; Deputy-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the said Islands of *St. Lucia* and *St. Vincent*, at *Montagu Point*, 30 December, 1722.

William Faulkner, Sec. *Natha. Uring*.

On Mr. *Braithwait's* Return, after his having been with the above Proclamation to the *French*, he reported to the Governor, that they pretended they did nor understand it, and made light of it; but the Commanding Officer sent him a Paper translated thus :

IT is order'd that Monsieur *Cornette* be Commander in Chief of one of the Companies of this Island, and to embark on board the Vessel called the *Gallant*, with as many armed Men as he can procure, to go in Search of the Pirate Ships, which we are advis'd are upon our Coast, to attack them and take them, and bring them hither. And it is likewise order'd, that he should have the Command of all the Officers there, and therein to conform himself to the present Order : he is also permitted to stop at the Island of *St. Lucia*, to

' cut Timber, and oversee the Workmen ;
 ' also to search for the Negroes that are run
 ' away, and if they should insult him in any
 ' manner, he is permitted and ordered to de-
 ' fend himself against those who should at-
 ' tack him. Dated at *Fort Royal* the 7th *Jan.*
 ' 1723. Sign'd by the *Chevalier de Fenquiere.*
 ' Conform to the Original, sign'd the 10th of
 ' *Jan.* 1723. by *Cornette.*

We were building a Barricado, to secure our
 selves from being surpris'd, and enclosing all
 our Tents and House for our Stores.

December 31. About Eight a-Clock in the
 Morning the *Winchelsea* sail'd for the *Shoque*
Bay, and fired several Shot at a *French*
 Sloop standing in thither, of which she took
 no Notice ; but kept the Shore close aboard
 and landed her Men, and stood out again to
 Sea in the Afternoon. The *Winchelsea* fired
 at her again, she took no more Notice of these
 than the first ; she went out to Sea and stood
 over for *Martinico*. Our Men work'd hard
 both on the Hill and the Barricado. Capt.
Brand lent us Twenty Men, to help and assist
 us in clearing the Wood on the Hill. Four
 of our Men deserted to the *French*. In the
 Afternoon the Agent, in the Sloop from *St.*
Vincent, arrived. His Report was as fol-
 lows :

should have the Command of all the
 to the present Order : he is also permit-
 ed to stop at the Island of *St. Vincent*.

St.

St. Lucia, Petite Careenage, Dec. 25. 1722.
in the Sloop William and Sarah, Samuel
Storey Master.

Decemb. 25.

‘ S E T out on my Embassy to the *Indians*
‘ and *Negroes* at St. *Vincent* in the Af-
‘ ternoon; fair Weather and a small Gale.
‘ We failed along the North-side of this Island
‘ South West and South West by South; and
‘ as the Land trenched away South West and
‘ South South West, the Land being very
‘ mountainous and hilly with some Bays
‘ a-long Shore, that Vessels might anchor
‘ in. At Night we were under the West and
‘ and South West part of the Land, which
‘ seem’d to be a good level Land as well
‘ as I could judge in the Night. Fair Wea-
‘ ther and a good Gale.

‘ *December 26.* Last Night we stretch’d
‘ over to St. *Vincent*, steering South South
‘ East and South by East. Between One and
‘ Two in the Morning we were up with the
‘ Island, and to Windward of it we lay by
‘ till Day. Being driven something to the
‘ Northward, we stood into the Shore into
‘ a Bay inhabited by the *Indians*, saw seve-
‘ ral Huts; and as we stood farther in, we
‘ saw a Canoa with three *Indians* in her pad-
‘ dling off to us; we discover’d they were
‘ fearful, and that they would paddle away
‘ from us, and then lay to; we call’d to
‘ them, and they to us: We hoisted out our

‘ Boat. Mr. *Medley*, who came with me as
 ‘ an Assistant on my Embassy, went in her,
 ‘ and brought them on board. One of the
 ‘ *Indians* spoke very good *French*. Mr.
 ‘ *Medley* inform’d them, that the *English*
 ‘ were settled on the Island of *St. Lucia*;
 ‘ and that if they would come under and
 ‘ submit to their Government, they should
 ‘ be protected, and deem’d and dealt with
 ‘ as *Englishmen*. He seem’d to like it, and
 ‘ inform’d us that the *French* had been with
 ‘ them; and as we understood him, pre-
 ‘ possess’d him with a Notion that the *En-*
 ‘ *glish* were their Enemies, and would make
 ‘ Slaves of them; but we inform’d them to
 ‘ the contrary. We made them several small
 ‘ Presents of Beads and other Things. He
 ‘ inform’d us, that there was one of their
 ‘ Chiefs, or Great Men, that lived in that
 ‘ Bay. Mr. *Medley* went on Shore with the
 ‘ *Indian* to his House, where he found him
 ‘ with many Attendants; he brought him on
 ‘ board with about Fifteen or Twenty more;
 ‘ and by an Interpreter, having discours’d
 ‘ him of the *English* settling at *St. Lucia*,
 ‘ and the good Friendship that might be
 ‘ between us (the *English*) we entertain’d
 ‘ them with Drums, and gave them Rum to
 ‘ carry on Shore, and made them Presents
 ‘ of Beads; and to the Chief, or Governor,
 ‘ we made a Present of a Sword, a Coat, a
 ‘ Cap and Gorget, and a Gun, giving his
 ‘ other Attendants some Beads, and set them
 ‘ on

‘ on Shore in our Boat as he desired, firing
 ‘ our small Arms. We sailed along the
 ‘ Shore, and saw an *Indian* Canoa put into a
 ‘ Bay; we believ’d they were afraid of us,
 ‘ therefore did not go in, that we might
 ‘ not give them Occasion to think we pur-
 ‘ sued them; we lay too in the Bay, but
 ‘ they would not come out of the Woods.
 ‘ We saw a Sloop turning up, coming round
 ‘ a Point to Leeward of us, as we sail’d a-
 ‘ long Shore. They bore away and were
 ‘ afraid of us. We haul’d down our Fore-
 ‘ sail and lay too in a Bay; then the Sloop
 ‘ clap’d on a Wind again, and steer’d her
 ‘ Course; then we loofed up to the East-
 ‘ ward, but there went a great Sea and a Lee
 ‘ Current. Being near Night, we stood into
 ‘ and anchored in a Bay; we saw several *In-*
 ‘ *dians* on Shore.

‘ *December 27.* This Morning the Ma-
 ‘ ster of the Sloop went on Shore with his
 ‘ Boat and Cask, and water’d her. We have
 ‘ had several Canoas with *Indians* this
 ‘ Morning; but found none of them so in-
 ‘ telligible, as two *Frenchmen* were in one of
 ‘ the Canoas; we understood by them, that
 ‘ they had been acquainted with the *English*
 ‘ settling at *St. Lucia*, and pretended they
 ‘ were willing to live amongst them. We
 ‘ bought some Plantins and Yams of the *In-*
 ‘ *dians*, and made some small Presents of
 ‘ Beads. We weigh’d before Night, intend-
 ‘ ing to have put into some Bay on the
 ‘ South

South East Part of the Island; but it prov'd little Wind and Rain, that the Current set us very much to the Northward, so that we were obliged to use our Oars to keep her off the Rocks. Rainy Weather.

December 28. Last Night we had the Wind at South East, and stood to the Southward and made some Tacks in the Night, and this Morning were near *Beakway*. We stood again to the Southward, intending to have turn'd up along the South Shore, and to have anchored in some Bay as near the Negroes as we could; so that we bore away, and put into a Bay to the Westward. Several *Indians* came on board, and brought us Plantins and Bunnanoes; we gave them Drams and some small Beads. Mr. *Medley* and the Pilot went on Shore in the Morning; in the Afternoon I went on Shore with them to see the *Indian* Dwellings; we found them drunk and ill-humour'd, and therefore got from them as soon as we could. About Three this Afternoon the Wind came about to the North East; we weigh'd and stood to the Southward, intending to get up into a Bay to the Eastward. The Current setting strong to the Northward, we were obliged to put into a Bay to the Leeward of it, where we intended to Anchor in a very deep large Bay, in about Ten or Twelve Fathom Water. In the Night our Anchor dragg'd and came home, and we drove off the Bank, and with much Difficulty

' culty kept her off the Rocks. We hove
 ' up our Anchor, and got in again, and lay
 ' till Morning.

' *December 29.* In the Morning our Ma-
 ' ster went on Shore, and got some Wood.
 ' Two *Indians* came on board, and brought
 ' a Bunch of Bunnanoes: I gave them some
 ' small Beads and some Rum; they went on
 ' Shore. The Wind being at North East,
 ' and North East and by East, we weighed
 ' and stood to the Eastward; we stood along
 ' Shore intending to go into a small Bay,
 ' and saw how the Negroes were seated a-
 ' long the Water-side to the North East. I
 ' judg'd putting into a Bay so far to the Lee-
 ' ward of their Settlement would not be a-
 ' vailable, and that we could have no Op-
 ' portunity of letting them know what we
 ' had to say to them at that Distance; we
 ' stood to the Southward lying up South East
 ' and South East by East; our Wieth at the
 ' Mast-Head gave way, and our Main Sail
 ' came down; the Block was carried up a-
 ' gain, and hooked in a Strap of Rope. The
 ' North East Part of *St. Vincent* bore North.
 ' Showery Weather, and often calm.

' *December 30.* From Six last Night till
 ' Twelve this Day, we had the Wind shifting
 ' from the North East to the East; we made
 ' several Tacks in the Night plying to Wind-
 ' ward; as the Wind veered, sometimes
 ' Squales, and at other times small Winds.
 ' Before Ten last Night the Halyard Block

' came

' came down a second time. In the Morn-
 ' ing we were about South East from St.
 ' *Vincent*, we lay up North; and as we failed
 ' to the Eastward of St. *Vincent*, was a plea-
 ' sant Prospect; there seem'd to be a large
 ' Quantity of good Land, tho' hilly; yet a
 ' great deal of Land planted, and fit to plant
 ' from the South West to the North East. In
 ' some Places along Shore there were Heads
 ' of Rocks not very high; but in many
 ' Places there seem'd to be good landing,
 ' with pleasant Descents down to the Water-
 ' side in fine green Patches, and a great deal
 ' of Upper Land lay unmanur'd fit for Planta-
 ' tions. We lay becalm'd to the Eastward
 ' of the Island, and they made many Smoaks
 ' at the Water-side; which, I thought, shewed
 ' that they desired we should come to 'em.

Sign'd,

Robert Egerton.

December 31. The Governor having an
 Opportunity to write to *Barbados*, he writ to
 the President of that Island, as he did to
 Capt. *Brown* of his Majesty's Ship *Fever-*
sham; in which he acquainted them of the
 Danger the Settlement was in, and pray'd
 their Assistance: That to the President was as
 follows.

S I R,

S I R,

I HAVE already acquainted you, in a
 Letter by Capt. *Brown*, that the Go-
 vernor of *Martinico* had threatened us, that
 if we did not depart in Fifteen Days, he had
 Orders from the King his Master to drive
 us off by Force of Arms; and now can as-
 sure you, that there are One Hundred and
 Fifty Men well arm'd landed in the *Shocque*
Bay, within an Hour's March of us: This
 is therefore to pray your Assistance to sup-
 port this Part of his Majesty's Dominions,
 which is in so much Danger from the People
 of *Martinico*. As you have been pleas'd to
 assure me you would give us all the Assist-
 ance you could, I now claim your Promise,
 and pray you'll do it with all possible Dis-
 patch.

I am, S I R,

Montagu-Point, 31
 Dec. 1722.

To President Cox of
 the Island of Bar-
 bados.

Your most humble and

most obedient Servant,

Natha. Uring.

A Copy

*A Copy of a Letter to Capt. Charles Brown,
of his Majesty's Ship Feversham, at Bar-
bados.*

S I R,

‘ THIS comes to acquaint you, that
‘ the People of *Martinico* have for se-
‘ veral Days been landing Men in the *Shoque*
‘ Bay, and are already there about One
‘ Hundred and Fifty, all well armed, with
‘ proper Officers; which I think is out of
‘ all doubt they design to attack us: I pray
‘ therefore you'll make all possible Dispatch
‘ hither with his Majesty's Ship *Feversham*,
‘ under your Command, to our Assistance.
‘ The *Winchelsea* is now under Sail for the
‘ *Shoque Bay*, to endeavour to prevent their
‘ landing any more there. I hope you'll be
‘ so good to come to us as soon as possible.
‘ In the mean Time, I am,

S I R,

Montagu-Point, Dec.

31. 1722.

To Capt. Charles Brown
of his Majesty's Ship
Feversham at Barba-
dos.

Your most humble Servant,

Natha. Uring.

January 1. The Governor sent Mr. Medley and Mr. Mc. Lean with a Letter open to the Commanding Officer in the *French Camp* at the *Shoque*, under Pretence to demand our Deserters; the real Design was

was to gain Intelligence of their Numbers, and what Condition they were in : They returned about One a Clock in the Afternoon. Mr. *Mc. Lean* said there was a considerable Number of Men well armed, and many Officers. By him they sent a Letter, with a Compliment, but no Deserters. We thought it now absolutely necessary to keep a strong Guard on the Hill in the Night, and order'd that an Officer and sixteen Men should mount there. We continued our Work on the Hill, and work'd hard on the Barricado below on the Point, which was carry'd quite cross the Point from Sea to Sea, form'd with an Angle in the Middle, and inclos'd all our Tents, House, and Stores : It was built with empty Casks, set at convenient Distances, staked in the Center, and filled with Earth ; Boards and Plank nailed on each Side the Cask, staked within side and without, to strengthen the Work, and filled with Earth from a Ditch on the out-side of the Work, which we design'd to have digged very deep and wide ; but the Ground proved a hard Rock, so that we could not get above two Foot down ; we left Port Holes for the Cannon at convenient Distances, and placed a Foot Bank in order to ply our small Arms, but the Nature of the Ground would not allow taking in the Magazine where the Gun-Powder lay ; therefore we were obliged to remove it to our Tent, within the Barricado. We made Platforms of Plank for the Cannon, and mounted

red some of them, and were preparing every Thing for our Defence. The Servants began to flag, and murmured to work on New-Year's Day; however, partly by Threatning, and partly fair Words kept them to it.

January 2. We continued on our Work, tho' went on but slowly, being obliged to keep a strong Guard in the Night, in which our best Men were employ'd, and had a great many Boys that did us but little Service; and those Men we kept at Work grew feeble, tho' they always rested three Hours in the Middle of the Day. All those appointed for the Guard had Soldiers Coats and Grenadier Caps, and *Ozinbrigs* were cut out and making for such as wanted. The Governor apply'd to Capt. *Brand* several Times to assist us, that we might be able to put ourselves in a Posture of Defence, but was refused, he alledging he could not spare his Men, tho' at the same Time they were cutting Timber, and clearing Ground at the upper End of the Harbour. As the Governor frequently visited the Hill to forward the Work there, he observed the Engineer had begun a long and tedious Work on that which was already about ten or twelve Foot high; and told him the Inconveniency would attend it, and that he would not be able to finish so long a Work as that was by the Time the *French* would be upon us; and press'd him to carry on the Ground-Work first, and close the Fortification which was now carry'd on
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only on the Side of the *Shocque Bay*; the Engineer reply'd, he was sure he could finish the Whole after the same Manner, by the Expiration of the Time limited by the *French*, if the Governor would let him take what Men he had a mind to : He did so; and the Governor carry'd on the Work on the *Point* with those Men he refused or did not want. This Day the Governor received a Letter from Capt. *Orme*, as follows :

S I R,

IN Compliance to your Letter of the 30th of *December*, I came into the *Shocque Bay*, with his Majesty's Ship under my Command; where I found two Sloops at an Anchor, and another under Sail, which came in this Morning from *Martini-co*, having on Board them a Number of *French* Men, which they soon landed; as also did another at One in the Afternoon, notwithstanding the several Shot fired at them, in order to have spoke with the Master of the said Sloop; they also landed a Number of People. If I may give my Opinion, their whole Drift, during the Term of fifteen Days by Declaration of the *French* King, their Design is in that Time to land such a Number of Men as will be able to dispossess you of the Island. I will assure you nothing shall be wanting on my Side to prevent any more of them landing; and that at any Time you shall lay before me

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' any Means attending to the Good of this
 ' Service, as well publick, or for his Grace
 ' the Duke of *Montagu*, whose Interest I have
 ' very much at Heart, no Body shall be rea-
 ' dier, or with greater Sincerity, comply than

S I R,

Your most humble Servant,

Hum. Orme.

The same Day the Governor returned Capt.
Orme the following Answer :

S I R, *Montagu-Point, Jan. 2. 1722-3.*

' I HAVE the Favour of yours by Mr.
 ' *Luther*, for which I thank you, and
 ' also for the Copy of a Letter you sent Mr.
 ' *Cornette*. I sent Yesterday to the Chief of
 ' the *French* at the Habitations in the *Shoque*
 ' *Bay*, to demand a Servant that had deser-
 ' red me, and had robb'd several of his Fel-
 ' low Servants. The Persons sent on that
 ' Occasion, you are a Judge what a Condi-
 ' tion they were in, coming on Board you be-
 ' fore they returned to me. I have great
 ' Reason to lament, that I have few about
 ' me that are fit to be employ'd in any Bu-
 ' siness, or to be trusted. I would have sent
 ' you the Copy of the Letter I sent Yester-
 ' day to Monsieur *Cornette*, but thought it
 ' of little Import. The Answer I had from
 ' Mr. *Cornette* I suppose you have seen, it be-
 ' ing

ing open; and the Gentlemen which brought
 it might have communicated it to you, be-
 cause you were mentioned in it, otherwise
 would have sent it you; and if not, I'll
 send it you the next Opportunity.

I make no doubt of your doing your
 utmost Endeavour for the publick Service,
 and particularly for the Duke's Interest.
 As far as I know of the Navy, I take it
 that every Ship of War has a Power to exa-
 mine every Vessel they shall see in the Sea;
 and if they refuse, he is to oblige them by
 Force, if he can. I make no doubt of what
 you say, that they endeavour to land so
 many Men, that they may be able to drive
 us off by Force; and I thank you for en-
 deavouring to prevent the Sloop's landing
 their Men, which I see was out of your
 Power. I only wish you will believe me,
 as I really am,

S I R,

To Capt. Humphry
 Orme, of his Maje-
 stys Ship Winchel-
 sea in the Shocque
 Bay.

Your most humble Servant,

Natha. Uring.

By Mr. Luther.

January 3. The *Winchelsea* came from the
Shocque Bay into the Harbour; and Captain
Orme sent and desired the Governor to go on
 Board, and acquainted him that he had spoke

with a *Barbados* Sloop that came from *Martinico*, the Master of which Sloop said, he had seen ten Sloops full of Men at that Island, one of which wearing a Flag, and four more ready to take in Men, all designed against us. Upon this Advice the Governor called the Council, and told them all that Captain *Orme* had inform'd him; upon which it was resolv'd, that a Letter should be wrote to the Captains of the King's Ships, to desire they would lend us an Hundred Men, with proper Officers, to assist us in finishing our Works, and defending our selves against the *French* that threatned us with so great a Force. Accordingly a Letter was wrote, and sign'd by the Governor and Council, and sent them by the Provost-Marshal; who brought Word they would consider of it till next Day, and is as follows.

St. Lucia, Montagu Point, Jan. 3. 1722-3

Gentlemen,

‘ **H**AVING met in Council, and con-
 ‘ sider'd of the present Posture of our
 ‘ Affairs at this Juncture; and in Considera-
 ‘ tion that our Men are not to be depended
 ‘ on, they deserting us every Hour, have
 ‘ thought it adviseable to make our Request
 ‘ to you, that you lend us an Hundred Men,
 ‘ with proper Officers, to reinforce us, and
 ‘ help to compleat and defend our Works a-
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' gainst the People of *Martinico*, who threa-
 ' ten to drive us hence by Force of Arms ;
 ' without which said Reinforcemr we be-
 ' lieve it impracticable to make a tolerable
 ' Defence, or make a Stand even against
 ' those People already landed in the *Shocque*
 ' Bay, that are within an Hour's March of
 ' us, besides the Reinforcement that is ex-
 ' pected over this Night, with ten Sloops of
 ' Men to join those; which Advice I refer
 ' to Capt. *Orme*, who saw a Sloop this
 ' Day that gave him that Account. You see
 ' the State of our Case, which makes us
 ' pray the Favour of your Answer in Writing ;
 ' which will very much oblige,

Gentlemen,

To Capt. Brand, of his
 Majesty's Ship *Hec-*
 tor, and Capt. *Orme*,
 of his Majesty's Ship
Winchelsea.

Sent by the Provost-
 Marshal.

Your most humble Servants,

Signed by the Governor

and the Council.

We continued to carry on our Works with
 as much speed as our Strength would admit
 of; we had now mounted most of our Can-
 non within the Barricado, and that was in a
 good Forwardness of being finished. Several
 of our Men desert to the *French*, as well Cen-
 rinels as others, with their Arms and Cloaths,
 so that we were much at a Loss who to trust.

We were alarm'd very often in the Night, which fatigued the Men ; who grew tired and weaker every Day, as well as fewer in Number.

January 4. This Morning we had an Answer to our Letter from the Captains of the King's Ships, which runs thus :

Gentlemen,

WE have received yours, and are very sorry to hear of the Desertion of your People ; and as to the Request you therein make, of our lending you a Reinforcement of One Hundred Men, with proper Officers, we find it a Thing so wholly impracticable, as can in no ways be comply'd with by us, and might be attended with very ill Consequences to his Majesty's Service, in our protecting the rest of the Islands against Pirates ; for should it so happen, that any of the Men should desert from us to the Enemy, it would be an Inducement to them, when they hear how we have weaken'd our selves in unmanning our Ships, to make an Attempt upon us, and may thereby endanger the losing Two of his Majesty's Ships of War. 'Tis for these Reasons we are obliged to let you know, we are no ways able to comply with your Request ; but if in any other Respect we can be serviceable to you or your People, in the Defence of your Settlement, you may be assured of a punctual and ready Assistance,

‘ Assistance, and that we shall take all ways
‘ to approve our selves,

Gentlemen,

*From on Board his
Majesty's Ship Hec-
tor, in the Petite
Careenage. Jan. 4.
1722-3.*

Your most humble Servants,

*Directed to the Go-
vernour and Council,*

Ell. Brand.

Hum. Orme.

On the Receipt of the above, the Governour called the Council, and laid it before them, and observed to them, that our Dependance must be on our own Men; and we were to consider what was proper to be done at this Juncture, seeing our Fortification on the Hill was not near finished; and at the same time demanded of the Engineer-General, what Time, and what Number of Men, the Fortification on the Hill would take up to finish and defend it.

*The Engineer-General's Answer returned under
his Hand, was as follows.*

‘ **A**S we have already lost Fifteen of our
‘ best working Men by Desertion,
‘ some unfit by Lameness, and the rest
‘ threatening to desert every Hour, and the
‘ present Number of working Men being not
‘ above Seventy, counting the Sick and
‘ Lane, I do think the Hill which com-
‘ mands

mands our present Settlement cannot, with
 our Men, be made defenceable under Eighteen or Twenty Days; and then suppose our Number may not further diminish; and when finish'd will at least require One Hundred Men to make Resistance.

Sign'd,

John Brathwaite.

Upon which the Council gave their Opinion under their Hands, as follows:

UPON the Engineer-General's Report in Council, relating to the Hill *Montagu*, and that we had but Two Days Time to put that or any other Place in a more defensive Posture than they were in at present; we think it absolutely necessary to draw down from the Hill all the Guns that are and are not mounted, lest the Enemy should make themselves Masters of them, and thereby be capable to annoy us from thence, as well as the Ships in the Harbour. 4th of *January*, *Montagu Point*.
 Signed by all the Council.

On which Resolution the Governor ordered the Engineer-General to take to his Assistance Officers and Men, and to bring the Guns down immediately from the Hill, and lodge them within the Barricado; which was put in Execution. The same Day a Sloop arrived from

from *Barbados*, with Letters from the President of that Island, by Mr. *Boteler*, first Lieutenant of the *Feversham*, whom he had commissioned to treat with the Chevalier *de Feuquiere*, and order'd him to communicate it to Governor *Uring*.

The President's Letter was as follows.

S I R,

YOURS of the 23d of this Month was delivered me on the 26th, by Capt. *Brown*; and on the 29th I called the Council, and laid before them yours, and the inclosed Papers, and the Duke of *Montagu's* Letter to me; and they were unanimously of Opinion, that his Majesty's Grant of *St. Lucia* to the Duke of *Montagu*, never having been signified to me by his Majesty, his Secretary of State, the Board of Trade, nor any of his Majesty's Ministers, and I never having seen the Grant or Cession of it under any of his Majesty's Seals, and *St. Lucia* being as much in my Commission as *Barbados*, and mine being a Military Commission, I could not justifiably take Notice of or acknowledge any Right in the Duke of *Montagu*, without some Orders or Signification of his Majesty's Pleasure to my self. I wish it had been consistent with your Instructions, to have shewn me the Patent under the Great Seal, for then I could have acknowledged the Duke's Title, and have acted accordingly:

But,

' But, however, to demonstrate my Zeal for
 ' the Duke's Service, I have fallen upon an
 ' Expedient which will as effectually enable
 ' me to do all in my Power to assist you ;
 ' and that is, by considering *St. Lucia* as
 ' Part of my Government still, and by vir-
 ' tue of my own Instructions, prior to the
 ' Duke's Right, doing every thing in my
 ' Power to prevent the *French* giving you
 ' any Disturbance : In pursuance of which
 ' Scheme, I did Yesterday give Capt. *Brown*
 ' the inclosed Orders, and he will act accord-
 ' ingly ; and also, that they will demonstrate
 ' how desirous I am to serve the D. of *Montagu*.
 ' I have also dispatched *William Boteler* Esq ;
 ' to the *Chevalier de Feuquiere*, to remon-
 ' strate against the ill Consequences that may
 ' probably attend so rash an Attempt ; and
 ' have given him a Commission to treat with
 ' him about the Suspension of the Execution
 ' of the *French* King's Orders, till the Mat-
 ' ter can be represented in *Britain*, and a-
 ' micably adjusted between their *Britannick*
 ' and most Christian Majesties. Mr. *Boteler*
 ' will deliver you this ; and if I may offer
 ' my humble Opinion, I believe it would
 ' not be altogether improper for you to im-
 ' power and send with him some Person to
 ' treat also ; and if you should consent upon
 ' their agreeing to a Neutrality, that no more
 ' Inhabitants should be brought to *St. Lucia*
 ' but those already there, till you have a
 ' Return of your Letters from *Britain*, I
 ' believe

‘ believe the *French* will, in prudence, accept
‘ of such a Treaty; but this I only offer
‘ as my Opinion. The Council have agreed
‘ to assist you with any Stores or Ammuni-
‘ tion that you may have occasion for, which
‘ this Island affords; and upon your sending
‘ for any, they shall be forthwith dispatch’d
‘ to you. We have a certain Account of
‘ Mr. *Wortley*’s being at *Lisbone*, and expect
‘ him in three Weeks; ’tis very probable
‘ he may have Directions to assist and en-
‘ deavour to support your Settlement, but I
‘ assure you I have none.

I am,

S I R,

Barbadoes, Dec:

31, 1722.

Your humble Servant,

To Capt. Uring,

Received Jan. 4.

1722-3.

Sam. Cox.

Here follows a Copy of a Letter from Pre-
sident *Cox* to Capt. *Brown* of his Majesty’s
Ship *Feversham* then at *Barbados*.

S I R,

‘ Yesterday call’d the Members of his
‘ Majesty’s Council together, to take
‘ their Advice and Opinion what was fit for
‘ me to do at this Juncture, in the Affair of
‘ St.

‘ St. *Lucia* ; and at the same time laid be-
 ‘ fore them his Majesty’s Instructions to me
 ‘ relating to that Island, and the Letter you
 ‘ deliver’d me from Mr. *Uring*, with the Or-
 ‘ ders of the *French King*, and the Intentions
 ‘ of Monsieur *de Feuquiere* ; as also your late
 ‘ Instructions from the Admiralty, dated the
 ‘ 5th of *July* last. I could heartily wish your
 ‘ Affairs had permitted you to have tarried
 ‘ but one Quarter of an Hour at the Council-
 ‘ Chamber, that we might have considered
 ‘ together on this Occasion ; but upon ma-
 ‘ ture Consideration thereof, it was the una-
 ‘ nymous Opinion of the Members of his Ma-
 ‘ jesty’s Council, as well as mine, that being
 ‘ expressly required and commanded by my
 ‘ Instructions from his Majesty, under his
 ‘ Royal Signet and Sign Manual, to assert his
 ‘ Majesty’s Right to *St. Lucia* exclusive of
 ‘ all others, and to give Notice to all Fo-
 ‘ reigners that should attempt to settle there,
 ‘ that I should be obliged to remove them by
 ‘ Force ; I could not, without the highest
 ‘ Violation of my Duty to his Majesty, and
 ‘ an open Breach of my Instructions, after
 ‘ certain Intelligence that a Foreign armed
 ‘ Power design’d to land in a hostile manner
 ‘ on *St. Lucia*, with an avow’d Design to
 ‘ assert the *French King*’s Right to it, in Op-
 ‘ sition to his Majesty’s, sit tamely still, with-
 ‘ out doing every thing in my Power to pre-
 ‘ vent it. It was also the Opinion of every
 ‘ Member of the Council, as well as mine,
 ‘ that

' that your Orders from the Lords of the
 ' Admiralty were very full and peremptory,
 ' that you should protect the Settlement of
 ' *St. Lucia*, when the doing it did not in-
 ' terfere with your Service on this Station ;
 ' which, we are all of Opinion, it does not
 ' at present : And therefore their Advice to
 ' me was, that I should, so far as I have
 ' Power, give Orders to you, to proceed
 ' forthwith to *St. Lucia* ; and there, in Con-
 ' junction with his Majesty's other Ships of
 ' War, do every thing in your Power to pro-
 ' tect his Majesty's Subjects now settling in
 ' that Island ; and also to prevent the *French*
 ' landing there, and to prevent any hostile
 ' Act which they may commit. All which
 ' we think you well warranted in doing, not
 ' only by our own, but also by his Maje-
 ' sty's Instructions to me ; which we think
 ' you ought to take Notice of, and will
 ' be justified by, during your being sta-
 ' tion'd at *Barbados*. I have therefore en-
 ' clos'd a Copy of my 106th Instruction for
 ' your further Information ; and do hereby,
 ' and with the Advice of his Majesty's Coun-
 ' cil here, desire you forthwith to proceed,
 ' with his Majesty's Ship *Feversham* under
 ' your Command, to the Island of *St. Lucia*,
 ' and to stay at or about that Island so long
 ' as you shall find necessary, and to take all
 ' Measures whatsoever any ways conducive
 ' or effectual to prevent the *French* from
 ' landing or putting on shore any armed
 ' Men

‘ Men or Forces on the said Island of St.
‘ *Lucia* ; and in case any shall be landed,
‘ you are to do every thing in your Power
‘ to protect his Majesty’s Subjects from Acts
‘ of Hostility. I heartily wish you Success
‘ and a prosperous Cruize, and am,

S I R,

On his Majesty’s special
Service,
To Capt. Charles Brown,
Commander of his Ma-
jesty’s Ship *Feverham*
in *Carlisle Bay*.

Your most humble Servant,

Sam. Cox.

A true Copy of his Majesty’s 106th Instruction.

‘ IF any, the Subjects of a Foreign Prince
‘ or State, have already planted them-
‘ selves upon any of the Islands of St.
‘ *Lucia, Dominico, St. Vincent, Tobago*, or
‘ shall hereafter attempt to do the same,
‘ you are to assert Our Right to the said
‘ Islands exclusive of all others; and in order
‘ to hinder the Settlement of any Colony
‘ there, you are to give Notice to such Fo-
‘ reigners that shall pretend to make such
‘ Settlement, that unless they shall remove
‘ within such Time as you in your Discretion
‘ shall assign, you shall be obliged by Force
‘ to dispossess and send them off the said
‘ Islands.

A Copy,

Sam. Cox.

A

A Copy of a Letter from President Cox of Barbados to the Chevalier de Feuquiere. Charged by William Boteler, Esq;

S I R,

‘ ON the 26th of *December* O. S. I re-
‘ ceiv’d a Letter from Mr. *Uring*, in-
‘ closing a Copy of one of yours to him, and
‘ of his most Christian Majesty’s Orders to
‘ you touching *St. Lucia*; upon Considera-
‘ tion of which I do my self the Honour to
‘ acquaint you, that I have very strict and
‘ exprefs Orders from the King my Master,
‘ to assert his Right to the Island of *St. Lucia*
‘ exclusive of all others; and to give Notice
‘ to any Foreigners, that shall pretend to
‘ make any Settlement there, that unless
‘ they remove in such Time, as I in my
‘ Discretion shall assign, I shall be obliged
‘ to dispossess and send them from the said
‘ Island by Force. I am very sorry that our
‘ Orders, from our respective Masters, should
‘ so directly interfere; and perswade my self
‘ that the happy Harmony and good Under-
‘ standing, which has ever since their Maje-
‘ sties happy Accessions, continued between
‘ the two Crowns, upon a proper Represen-
‘ tation of this Matter, will produce an ami-
‘ cable Decision of it, and never be inter-
‘ rupted by so trifling an Occasion, as an in-
‘ significant Desert Island. You may remem-
‘ ber, Sir, that upon an Occasion of the like
‘ Nature,

Nature, in the Year 1719, when the *French*
 made a Settlement on *St. Lucia*, the Go-
 vernment of *Barbados*, notwithstanding his
 Majesty's peremptory Orders to dispossess
 all Foreigners of that Island, chose ra-
 ther to suspend the Execution of their Or-
 ders, till, by representing the Matters to his
 Majesty, an Opportunity should be given
 to determine that Difference in *Europe*; and
 our Conduct had its desir'd Effect: And
 therefore, Sir, I beg leave to propose the same
 Method to you on the like Occasion; and, in
 order thereunto I have granted a Commission
 to *William Boteler*, Esq; to treat with such
 Persons as you shall appoint, for a Suspen-
 sion of any Acts of Hostility, till we shall
 have an Opportunity to lay before our
 respective Masters the ill Consequences to
 their Subjects in these Parts, that will at-
 tend such a Rupture; and I do hereby
 oblige my self to ratify and confirm what-
 soever shall be agreed. I am,

To the Chevalier
d'Feuquiere.

Your most humble Servant,

Sam. Cox.

It may be observ'd, that Governor *Uring's*
 Letter to President *Cox* of *Barbados*, was
 dated the 23d of *December*, and was deli-
 ver'd to Capt. *Brown* the same Day; which
 Day he sail'd with his Majesty's Ship *Fever-*
sham for that Island, and 'tis said arriv'd
 there

there the next, but did not deliver his Letter till the 26th. The President called the Council on the 29th, who came to a Resolution to assist us with Ammunition and Stores.

A Copy of their Proceedings, as follows :

Barbados. *At a Meeting, the President in Council, on Saturday the 29th of December, 1722, at the House of Mr. Robert Lamplee in the Bridge Town, being a special Call.*

P R E S E N T,

The Honourable *Samuel Cox, Esq; President.*

Timothy Salter,

Thomas Maxwell,

John Lucia Blackman,

Richard Lightfoot, And,

Henry Peers, Esqrs.

The preceding Day's Minutes were read.

Then the Board taking into further Consideration Mr. *Uring's* Letter from *St. Lucia* read this Day, desired his Honour the President would be pleased to write to the said Mr. *Uring*, signifying that Directions are given to Capt. *Charles Brown*, Commander of his Majesty's Ship *Feversham*, to give him all Assistance pursuant to his Instructions, and

that this Island is ready to assist him with any Forces or Ammunition that he may have occasion for.

*A true Copy from the Council-
Book this 6th Day of January,
1723,4.*

Richard Hammond, *D' Sec.*

And then a Letter was wrote by the President to Capt. *Brown*, for him to make all possible Dispatch to our Assistance, which was dated the 30th of *December*; but he did not arrive with us until the 6th Day of *January*, tho' but Twelve Hours Sail from us.

January 4. The Governor and Council resolved to send Mr. *Faulkner*, our Secretary, to the Chevalier *de Feuquiere*, to offer to him, that every thing might remain in the same State they were now in, until we might hear from *Britain*. The Governor prepar'd Mr. *Faulkner's* Instructions, took the Opportunity of the *Barbados* Sloop, with Mr. *Boteler*, to send the following Letter to the Chevalier *de Feuquiere* by Mr. *Faulkner*.

S I R, *St. Lucia, Jan. 4, 1722-3.*

‘ **N**OT having had the Favour to know
‘ whether you can agree to a Suf-
‘ pension of those Orders you have received
‘ from the King your Master, which you
‘ sent me a Copy of, and considering the ill
‘ Consequences that may attend your put-
‘ ting

' ting them in Execution, since his *Britannick*
 ' Majesty has given Orders to all his Ships
 ' of War in these Parts, to protect us from
 ' any Insults that may be offered us; I send
 ' herewith Mr. *William Faulkner*, Secretary
 ' of this Island, to treat with you, that Things
 ' may remain in the present Condition till
 ' we may reasonably expect to hear from our
 ' respective Courts; which we are daily in
 ' Hopes of; and I doubt not, but all will be
 ' mutually adjusted to the Satisfaction of both
 ' Parties, and do assure you, I will ratify and
 ' confirm all, what he the said *William*
 ' *Faulkner* shall agree to. I pray you will
 ' have perfect Confidence, that I am, with
 ' great Respect,

S I R,

To the *Sieur Chevalier*
 de Feuquiere, Go-
 vernor and Lieu-
 tenant-General of
 the French Wind-
 ward Islands.

Your most humble and
 obedient Servant,

Natha. Uring.

We had now Eight or Ten of our Cannon
 mounted within the Barricado, and every
 thing fitted for them, and had put them
 at the most convenient Places for our De-
 fence; they were loaded with Round and
 Partridge Shot, for the better Execution,
 where the Guard from the Hill was directed
 to retire to, when attacked, and receive the

Enemy at the Barricado. Between Ten and Eleven at Night, we had an Alarm from the Hill; the Reason of which was, a Serjeant and Ten Men left their Post and deserted to the Enemy, with their Arms and Accoutrements. We reinforced the Post on the Hill, and kept a strict Watch all Night. We set all Hands to finish the Barricado, which we now look'd upon as a very good Work. The Governour sent Capt. *Steward*, of the *Griffin* Sloop, with the following Letter to the Commanding Officer of the *French* in the *Shocque*, to demand our Deserters, and learn what Number of Men the Enemy had got together.

S I R, *St. Lucia, Jan. 15. 1722-3.*

‘ **N**UMBERS of Servants belonging to
 ‘ his Grace the Duke of *Montagu*,
 ‘ under my Command, for several Days,
 ‘ have deserted me; and having great Reason
 ‘ to believe they have taken Shelter in your
 ‘ Quarters, I make it my Request to you,
 ‘ that you will do me the Favour to return
 ‘ them, and give Permission to send a Guard
 ‘ to receive them where you shall think fit;
 ‘ those Men being covenanted Servants for
 ‘ Four Years: I make no doubt of the strictest
 ‘ Justice from a Person of so much Honour
 ‘ as your self. In your Letter, you
 ‘ did me the Honour to write to me some few
 ‘ Days since, you complain'd of the Capt. of
 ‘ the Frigate misusing one of your Officers,
 ‘ which

' which I was very sorry to hear ; but being
 ' assured of several Letters pass'd between you
 ' and him since that, hope that Matter is set
 ' right again, and the Complaint of Mr.
 ' *Catteau* has rather been a misunderstand-
 ' ing for want of Language : I take the
 ' Captain to be a Person of so much Honour,
 ' that he would use no Man with ill Man-
 ' ners ; and as I am not wholly unacquainted
 ' with that Affair, I beg you will believe
 ' that I shall endeavour to cultivate a good
 ' Understanding, and that Friendship still
 ' subsisting between the Two Nations, and
 ' am,

S I R,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

To Monsieur Cor-
 netre, Comman-
 dant of the French
 Troops at the
 Shocque.

Natha. Uring.

Capt. *Steward* returned from the *Shocque*
 with a Complement, but no Satisfaction as
 to the Deserters. He reckoned the *French* at
 the *Shocque* to be about 400 Men. The Go-
 vernor called the Council, and laid the State
 of our Affairs before them, and desired their
 Opinion what they thought most advise-
 able to be done at this present Juncture ; the
 Majority gave their Opinion, to take on
 Board the Transports our Stores and Pro-
 visions, as fast as possible. Two Men and

Two Women deserted from us to the Enemy: The Number of our Deserters were increased to Twenty Nine.

Jan. 6. In the Morning we began to re-imbark several of our Stores and Provisions, in which we kept most of our People employed: Mr. *Faulkner* returned from *Martinico* with a Letter from the Chevalier *de Feuquiere*, which is translated thus:

Martinico, 16 January, 1723.

S I R,

I Received by Mr. *William Faulkner*, Secretary of your Colony, the Letter you did me the Honour to write the 4th of this Month, your Stile.

I easily believe you will ratify all he agrees to with me, provided I grant what you demand. It was not necessary to enter into a Negotiation on this Foot. My Orders from the King my Master, are too positive not to be followed according to Letter of them; so, Sir, if you will put those Affairs in the Condition they were in at the Evacuation of the Colony of Monsieur *Le Marshal d'Estree*, you have Power to re-imbark with your Colony, Cannon, Utensils, and in short, every thing you have landed; in the Vessels belonging to the Duke of *Montagu*, and those of his *Britannick Majesty*, and wait at *Barbados* or *Antegoa* with them, till the Orders which shall

‘ shall be sent you by their Majesties, our
 ‘ Masters. I have the Honour to be very
 ‘ perfectly,

S I R,

To Monsieur Uring,
 Commandant of the
 English, at the
 Island of St. Lucia.

Your most humble Servant,

De pas Feuquiere.

Mr. *Faulkner* brought also a Letter for the Marquis *de Champigny*, relating to our Deserters; and therefore the Governor sent him to the *French* Camp in the *Shocque* with it, who did not find the Marquis there; but he arrived soon after, accompany'd with a good Number of the best and most experienced Officers the *French* had in the *Carribee* Islands, and a Body of 1400 Men, which had been landed the Night before in a little Harbour on the Windward Side of the Island, who had cut a Path across it, and now joined their Camp at the *Shocque*. On Mr. *Faulkner's* delivering the Letter to the Marquis *de Champigny*, the Marquis told him, he was but just come into the Camp, and did not yet know the State of the Deserters; but he would give all the Satisfaction, in Relation to them, that was usual in the like Cases. About Noon Capt. *Brown* arrived in his Majesty's Ship *Feversham* from *Barbados*, and he informed the Governor, that he saw Ten Sail of Sloops, one of which wearing a broad

Pendant, in a little Harbour on the Windward Side of the Island: And when the Governor asked him, why he did not speak with those Vessels? he replied, the Port was too small for his Ship to go into; and delivered him a Deposition of *Robert Bullcock*, Master of a Sloop; a Copy of which is underwritten.

Barbados,

The Deposition of Robert Bullcock, Master of the Sloop Dolphin, deposeth and saith,

‘ THAT on *Thursday* the 27th of *December*, he this Deponent, in the said
 ‘ Sloop *Dolphin*, sailed from the Island of
 ‘ *St. Lucia*, bound for this Island, but in his
 ‘ Passage up, put into the Windward Part of
 ‘ *Martinico* on *Saturday* following; and the
 ‘ Day following was informed by very cre-
 ‘ ditable Inhabitants, that there was a Gene-
 ‘ ral Muster that Day, and that the General
 ‘ Officers desired to know of the Inhabitants
 ‘ which of them was willing to go and hin-
 ‘ der the *English* from settling, and drive
 ‘ them off the Island of *St. Lucia*: To which
 ‘ they answer’d, they were all willing to go,
 ‘ for that they were all well assured that the
 ‘ settling of that Island would be the Ruin of
 ‘ *Martinico*. And he, this Deponent, then
 ‘ asked the said Inhabitant, how many Men
 ‘ he believed they might send over to *St.*
 ‘ *Lucia*? He answered, about Ten Thousand.
 ‘ And

' And he, the said Inhabitant, told this De-
 ' ponent, that the *Guard le Coast*, which had
 ' taken several *English* Vessels on the High
 ' Seas under Sail, had particular Directions
 ' to take all the *English* Vessels which they
 ' could meet with, whether trading or not ;
 ' and the *English* Vessels that had Permission
 ' from the General to trade were taken, and
 ' put their Men in Prison, and their Vessels
 ' laid up till further Orders from *France* ;
 ' and that all the Sloops belonging to the
 ' Island, that were fit, were taken up, in Or-
 ' der to transport the Forces to *St. Lucia*.

Sworn before me the 2d Day of
 Jan. 1722-3. Samuel Cox.

Robert Bullcock.

On the latter Part of the Day we review'd
 our Men, and made them load and fire se-
 veral times, in order to make them the more
 expert in the Use of Arms ; and we had, this
 Day, Advice that the *Marquis de Champigny*
 expected every Hour to be joined with a
 Body of 500 Men, which were embarked
 from *Guardaloup*, which would then make his
 Forces to consist of 2500 effective Men ; we
 having no more than Seventy Men fit to bear
 Arms ; and half of them did not know the
 Use of 'em, having no Time to discipline them,
 being continually at Work from our first
 Landing, endeavouring to fortify our selves,
 but had not Strength nor Time to do it, with-
 out the Assistance of the Men of War. We
 kept a strict Watch all Night, and the Gover-
 nor

nor ordered the Guard on the Hill to retire within the Barricado, if attacked by the Enemy.

January 7. In the Morning came an Officer from the *French* Camp with a Drum and Trumpet, with their last Summons. The Governor not thinking it convenient to receive the Officer at our Barricado, that he might not have the Opportunity of seeing our Works, went on Board his Majesty's Ship *Feversham*, and received him there; where the Officer came, and delivered him a Letter from the Marquis *de Champigny*, and withal told him, he must have an immediate Answer; which was translated thus:

S I R,

‘ U P O N my Arrival here with a Detach-
 ‘ ment of Troops, which I have
 ‘ disembarked on this Island, I received, by
 ‘ Mr. *Faulkner*, a Letter from Monsieur the
 ‘ General, by which he sends me a Power
 ‘ to treat upon the Propositions which were
 ‘ made him at *Fort Royal*; upon which, I
 ‘ shall say, that I am not able to make any
 ‘ Agreement with you, but on the first Con-
 ‘ dition, that you evacuate this Island forth-
 ‘ with, according to the positive Orders we
 ‘ have received for that Purpose from the
 ‘ King our Master. And as to the Letter
 ‘ which Monsieur the General writes you,
 ‘ of which he has sent us a Copy, you would
 ‘ but give as to that Matter a Mark of
 ‘ Deference equal to that which was given
 ‘ by

‘ by the Colony of Monsieur *Le Marshal*
 ‘ *d’Estree*, upon the first Representations
 ‘ that were made thereon by his *Britannick*
 ‘ Majesty. So, Sir, you see by this, that
 ‘ the whole Affair depends upon you; and I
 ‘ beg you to give me a speedy Answer, be-
 ‘ ing very unwilling that any manner of Re-
 ‘ proach should lie upon me through any In-
 ‘ conveniencies that may happen by Delays,
 ‘ which I am most desirous to shun; assuring
 ‘ you, that I shall make every Thing as easy
 ‘ on my Side as you can expect from me.
 ‘ Monsieur *de Point Sable*, whom I send to
 ‘ you upon this Occasion, has Orders to re-
 ‘ ceive your Answer, and to wait for it as
 ‘ little Time as possible.

‘ And with regard to the Deserters, I am
 ‘ but too lately come here to have had any
 ‘ Cognizance of them; and you may assure
 ‘ you self, that I shall give you all the Sa-
 ‘ tisfaction upon this Head, that can be al-
 ‘ lowed by the Law of Nations.

‘ I have commanded Monsieur *Point Sable*
 ‘ to make you my best Complements, and
 ‘ to offer you, on my Part, every thing that
 ‘ may depend upon me. I have the Ho-
 ‘ nour to be,

S I R,

Your most humble and

most obedient Servant,

Champigny.

‘ Monsieur *Point Sable* is commanded to tell
 ‘ you, on my Part, that I offer to evacuate
 ‘ this Island immediately after you shall have
 ‘ so done. He also brings two Letters, one
 ‘ for Mr. *Brown*, the other for Mr. *Brand*,
 ‘ which I beg you would permit him to de-
 ‘ liver.

From the Camp at the *Shocque*,

Champigny.

18 Jan. 1723.

To Monsieur *Uring*, Comman-
 dant of the English at the Point.

On Monsieur *Point Sable*'s delivering the
 Governor the foregoing Letter, he said he
 was to acquaint him from the Marquis *de*
Champigny, that indeed the King had com-
 manded there should be no Plunder, and he
 would endeavour to observe his Majesty's
 Commands; but if we obliged him to
 Force, he having but few regular Troops,
 he would not be answerable for what might
 happen.

Governor *Uring* had Mr. *Braithwaite* and
 the Secretary with him at the Receipt of
 the Marquis's Letter, which he communica-
 red to the Captains of his Majesty's Ships of
 War, (they being altogether on Board the
Feversham) and asked their Advice, tel-
 ling them they knew our Condition, and
 what we were able to do. Capt. *Brown* an-
 swer'd, that for his Part he did not under-
 stand what belonged to Armaments on Shore,
 nor was he skilled in Fortification; therefore
 desired

desired to be excused in giving his Opinion. Capt. *Brand* and Capt. *Orme*, were of his Mind. But they again were press'd to give their Advice, though not under their Hand. Capt. *Brown* reply'd, that he would as soon give it under his Hand as otherways, and would have nothing to say to it: But they added, if the *French* attacked us, they would endeavour to defend us with the Men of War: And said, if we found our selves hard press'd by the Enemy, by a Signal from us they would send their Boats to carry us off. And they farther said, if their Ships did not lay to the Governor's Mind, they would remove where he believed they might be of most Service for our Defence. The Governor told Capt. *Brand*, that the *Hector* lay too far off to be of any Service, and desired he would remove and come nearer to *Point Montagu*; and pointed out the Place where the Ship might conveniently lie to flank the East Side of our Work with his Partridge Shot from his Cannon, if the Enemy attacked us on that Side, and he would be able to do them much Mischief; but where he then lay could be of no Service. Capt. *Brand* answer'd, that he lay very well, and would not remove. The Governor went on Shore to *Point Montagu*, and called the Council, laid the Marquis's Letter before them, telling them what was the Resolution of the Captains of his Majesty's Ships; and after due Consideration thereon, that having considered we had no more than

Seventy

Seventy Men fit to bear Arms, the rest being sick or lame, and were in no Condition to defend our selves against so great a Force as the *French* had at the *Shocque*, it was the unanimous Opinion of the Council to draw off and leave the Island, and that a Letter should be wrote to the *Marquis de Champigny*, and accept of his Proposals, provided he would return all our Deserters, and give us sufficient Time to reimbark all our Cannon, Ammunition, Provisions, and every thing that did belong to the D. of *Montagu*, or his Officers; which Letter was accordingly wrote and approved by the Council: Mr. *Brait hwaite* offering his Service to go with it, and treat with the *Marquis*, he accordingly went with the *French* Officer to their Camp. The Letter is as follows:

Petite Careenage, 7 Jan. 1722-3.

S I R,

I Have the Honour of your Letter by Monsieur de *Point Sable*, wherein you demand the immediate Evacuation of this Island, according to the King your Master's Memorial, sent me by Monsieurs de *Cleux* and *de Carney*; in Consideration thereon, I consent to retire, provided you return the Servants of his Grace the Duke of *Montagu* who are in your Quarters, and that you grant a sufficient Time to us to reimbark our Cannon, Ammunition, and

and Stores, with what else belong to the Duke or his Officers. I have sent Capt. *John Brathwaite*, Lieutenant-Governor of this Island, to treat with you for the Time that shall be thought necessary for the Evacuation of this Island, and for obtaining the Deserters; and whatever he shall offer on those Heads shall be ratified by me, who am with due Respect,

S I R,

Your most humble and

To the Marquis de
Champigny, at the
Camp at the Shocque.

most obedient Servant,

Natha. Uring.

The same, Day about Three a Clock in the Afternoon, the Centinel from the Hill gave us Notice, that some of the *French* Forces were in Motion, and soon after their whole Body were in Motion and in full March towards us; and about Five a Clock a great Detachment advanced and marched up the Hill next to us, which was considerably higher than that we possess'd; which, for want of the Remainder of the Forces in the *Adventure* and *Hopewell*, not arrived, we could not secure, nor could we secure the Pass between them for want of Strength, nor was it in our Power to make any Works in the Streight between the *Lagoon* and the
Shocque

Shocque Bay, for want of the Reinforcement we expected; which would have effectually prevented the *French* from dispossessing us. The main Body of the Enemy encamp'd at the Foot of the Hill on the Side of the *Shocque* Bay. Mr. *Braithwaite* returned from the *French* Camp with the Treaty, about Eleven a Clock at Night, but first went on board one of the Men of War, and stay'd there a considerable Time before he came on Shore to the Governor. The Treaty being in *French*, it was translated into *English* the next Morning.

January 8. Early in the Morning we saw the *French* Troops were possessed of the Hill next us, where they had lodged several Companies of Men within less than Musquet-Shot, and had also possess'd themselves of the Pass between the Hills. About Eight a Clock, the *French* Officers came to *Point Montagu* in order to ratify the Treaty; which when translated and compared, the Governor found a material Difference between that signed by Mr. *Braithwaite* and that signed by the *Marques*, the first being more to our Disadvantage. The Governor complained of this as very unfair Dealing: They then told him, that Mr. *Braithwaite* had agreed to it, tho' it was not mentioned in the Treaty he brought. The Governor ask'd Mr. *Braithwaite*, whether it was true what they said: he answered, that he did remember some such Thing: However, the Governor refused to ratify

ratify those Articles, Mr. *Braithwaite* having no Power to treat of such Matters, neither did he acquaint the Governor with any such Thing on his Return with the Treaty, or afterwards, till then confessing it. This Debate lasted till about Three a-Clock in the Afternoon. The Governor seeing it out of his Power to remedy, signed it; and being now wholly at the Mercy of the *French*, it was of little Use to expostulate. The Treaty thus sign'd, we exchanged an Hostage. Mr. *Faulkener* went to the *French* Camp, to exchange the Treaty with the Marquis *de Champigny*: The Treaties being exchanged, the Marquis came to our Quarters. The Articles of the Treaty which were sign'd, are as follow.

MR. *John Braithwaite*, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony, sent by Monsieur the Duke of *Montagu* to the Island of *St. Lucia*, having been deputed by *Nathan. Uring*, Esq; Deputy-Governor and Commander in Chief of the said Colony, with Power to treat upon the Subject of Difficulty, introduced between the Two Nations of *England* and *France*, for the Possession of *St. Lucia*, taken by the first in the Quarter of the *Petite Careenage*, and coming to Monsieur the Marquis *de Champigny*, Chevalier of the Military Order of *St. Louis*, Captain of the King's Troops, Governor of the Island of *Martinico*, and

Commander of the *French* Troops at *St. Lucia*, have come to the following Agreement.

ARTICLE I.

That to prevent Effusion of Blood, and other Grievances that would arise upon the mutual Breach of the Peace and Alliance that now subsists between the two Nations, the said Colony of Monsieur the Duke of *Montagu* shall *bona fide* and entirely evacuate the said Island of *St. Lucia*, both by Sea and Land in the Space of Seven Days, or sooner, if possible, notwithstanding any Reinforcement or Orders sent us during the said Seven Days; nevertheless it shall be always understood, that the Ships of War of his *Britannick* Majesty, and other Ships of the *English* Nation, shall have free Liberty to come into the Ports of the said Island, to Wood and Water and serve their Occasions, in the Manner of the Vessels of *France*.

ARTICLE II.

That during the Space of the said seven Days, the *French* Troops shall make themselves Masters of all the Eminencies and Posts about the *Petite Careenage*, and shall in concert with the *English* Officers regulate and set out Distances and Limitations, but shall not come within Musquet-Shot.

ARTICLE III.

That during the Space of the said seven Days, the Forces on both Sides shall not do or order to be done or say one Word that looks like Hostility ; but shall observe the same Union and Cordiality that reigns between the two Nations.

ARTICLE IV.

That it shall be permitted to the said Colony, to reembark all their warlike Stores, Provisions, Arms, Baggage, Utensils, and in short every Moveable that belongs to them, without any Trouble or Hinderance offered them on the Part of the *French*. On the other hand, they do engage to give any Assistance, if asked, and are to give them all the possible Succour the Affair requires upon this Subject.

ARTICLE V.

That if during the Time of the Evacuation of the said Island, any of the Forces of either Side shall desert, the said Deserters shall be given up at the very Time they are reclaimed.

ARTICLE VI.

And upon the Demand of the said Mr. *Braithwaite*, that the Deserters from the said Colony, in regard they are Covenant-Ser-

vants of the Duke of *Montagu*, should be delivered up, and as such Servants, with all Matters and Moveables to him belonging, hath been granted by the said Marquis *de Champigny*; and that such of the said Covenant-Servants as are actually in his Camp shall be given up, after it shall have been clearly made out that they are under such Covenants, on Condition they shall not suffer Death, or any Corporal Punishment: And as to such of the said Covenant-Servants as have been carry'd to *Martinico*, the Sieur Marquis *de Champigny* promises that a diligent Search shall be made after them, and that they shall be given up when they shall be demanded by the Sieur *Uring*, or any other commission'd from him.

ARTICLE VII.

That immediately after the Evacuation of the said Colony of Monsieur the Duke of *Montagu*, the said Sieur Marquis *de Champigny* obliges himself also to make an Evacuation of the *French* Forces, and leave the Island of *St. Lucia* in its former State and Condition, till there shall be a Decision of it by the Two Crowns. To the Rights and Pretensions of which the said Sieurs *de Champigny* and *Brathwaite* declare they have neither Inclination or Power to bring any Prejudice by the present Treaty.

ARTICLE VIII.

That the present Treaty shall be ratify'd to Morrow by the *Sieur Uring*; and for the Surety and Fidelity of the same, there shall be to Morrow Morning at Nine a-Clock, Exchanges of one or two Hostages on both Sides, that shall continue till the very Point of an entire Evacuation; which shall be *Monsieur de Cleux*, Chevalier of the Order of *St. Louis*, and Captain Commandant of the King's Troops on the one Part, and *Capt. Nathan. Watson*, one of the Council of this Island, on the other Part.

Done at the Camp of the *Shocque* reciprocally the Eighteenth Day of *January*, N. S. under the Seal at Arms of the said *Marquis de Champigny*, countersign'd by his Secretary, and the Sign of the said *Sieur Braithwaite*; which Treaty for its Ratification shall be signed by the *Sieur Uring* and his Secretary: And in Explication of the Second Article, it has been besides agreed, that the Fortifications, Batteries, and Entrenchments which are on the Hill, called by the *English*, *Montagu*, and by the *French* *St. Martin*, as well as the Redoubts which are there, shall, immediately after the Ratification of the present Treaty, and Exchange of Hostages, be razed and destroy'd by the *English*; and immediately there shall be set upon the said

Hill a Guard of *French*, viz. a Serjeant and Six Men of the regular Troops of his Most Christian Majesty, with the like Number of *English* Forces, who shall each receive Orders from their respective Commandants, in concert, to prevent Disorders.

We *Nathanel Uring*, Esq; Deputy-Governor and Commander in Chief of his Grace the Duke of *Montagu's* Colony, approve and ratify all that is herein contained, in Clauses and Conventions, settled in this present Treaty; and we promise duly to execute them. Given at *Point Montagu*, under our Hand and Seal, and signed by our Secretary the 8th of *January*, O. S. 1723.

William Faulkner,
Secretary.

Natha. Uring.

January 9. We made all the Dispatch possible in re-imbarking our Stores and Provisions, &c. The Governor's chief Care was now to preserve the Stores and Provisions, and to prevent the Servants from deserting; whom he kept in Heart, by telling them that he design'd to go to *St. Vincent*, which was as good an Island as *St. Lucia*, until his Grace the Duke of *Montagu's* Pleasure was made known.

Jan. 10. Continued re-imbarking our Stores, Provision, Cannon, Ammunition, small Arms, &c. The Governor was inform'd that a Num-
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ber of the Servants design'd to make their Escape into the Woods ; upon which Advice, he order'd Centinels without the Barricado to prevent it, and gave Directions to the Under-Officers to take Turns to look after them, and to let none go without the Barricado, but such as were carrying down the Stores, and those on whose Fidelity we could depend.

Jan. 11. The Governor call'd the Council, and told the Board, that being obliged to quit this Island in four Days, by our Treaty with the *French*, and that the Island of *St. Vincent* being in our Government, it was his Opinion, we ought to try what could be done for his Grace the Duke of *Montagu's* Service there, we having as yet received no satisfactory Account from thence, nor did we know yet what might be done with those People ; therefore he advis'd, that all our Vessels should go with the *Winchelsea* Man of War into one of the safe Bays in that Island, and there Anchor, and then detach the *Griffin* and *William and Sarah* Sloops, one to the Northward, and the other to the Southward of the Island, and sound the Temper of the *Indians* and *Negroes*, as to their Inclination of receiving us amongst them, and that proper Officers should be sent in each Sloop for that Service ; and that those Officers, on their Return, should make their Report to him and the Council, and the same be considered accordingly : And he also told

the Council, that if it should so happen nothing could be done at *St. Vincent*, we were there in as fair a way to retire to *Antego*, or any of the other Leeward Islands, as from *St. Lucia*; and that this he thought his Grace of *Montagu* would at least expect from us; which Proposal was rejected by the Majority of the Council. He then proposed to send the *Griffin* Sloop manned and arm'd with such Officers as were thought proper for that Occasion; and accordingly Mr. *Braithwaite* offer'd his Service to go, provided he might man her as he pleased, which was accepted, and resolv'd to send her; and Directions were given by the Governor to Captain *Steward* for getting her ready for the Voyage. It was also resolv'd in Council, that all the Vessels with the Colony should retire to the Island of *Antego*, and there remain until the *Griffin* Sloop's Return from the Island of *St. Vincent*, and Mr. *Braithwaite* had made his Report of his Proceedings; and then to consider what were the properest Methods to pursue, till we had his Grace of *Montagu's* Commands; and that Capt. *Braithwaite* should have a Commission and Instructions to proceed to *Martinico*, to make a Demand of our Deserters of the General of that Island. A Commission and Instructions were ordered to be drawn up for Capt. *Braithwaite*. The same Day, about Eight or Nine a-Clock in the Morning, a Sloop arrived in the Harbour with Capt. *Paul George*, who went on board
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the *Hector*, and came on shore to the Governor about Noon; when he acquainted him, he had been sent by General *Hart* to *Martinico*, to demand of the *French* General the reason of his Armament at that Time; and told the Governor, that if he had any Letters for General *Hart*, he should return in the Afternoon. He accordingly sent him a Letter, which was from the Duke of *Montagu*, that he had no Opportunity of conveying to him before; and also wrote himself to him, and to Lieutenant-General *Mathew*, wherein he gave them an Account of the bad Success of the Expedition. We dined this Day with the Marquis *de Champigny*; at his Camp, and the Governor then press'd him to return our Deserters as had been agreed, but as yet could not be obtain'd. Two or three Days after he sent us Twelve, and said there were all he had. The Deserters inform'd the Governor, that the Night before they return'd they had every one an Opportunity to escape, and that most of the rest which were wanting had made use of it. The Governor complain'd of this Usage to the Marquis, but could obtain no Satisfaction, only under Colour put the Officer in Arrest that had given the Servants Opportunity to escape.

On the 12th and 13th of *January* we continued re-imbarking the Stores and Ammunition, &c. The Governor having certain Intelligence, that a great Number of Servants design'd

design'd to escape into the Woods, he order'd all the Transports Boats on Shore early in the Morning, and sent on board the Ringleaders and such other Servants as he could not trust.

January 14. This Day the Governor deliver'd Capt. *Braithwaite* his Instructions and Commission, with a Letter for the Chevalier *de Feuquiere*.

St. Lucia. Instructions to be observ'd by John Braithwaite, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor of this Island, to proceed in the Griffin Sloop to the Island of St. Vincent, and afterwards to the Island of Martinico.

‘ YOU are immediately to repair on
 ‘ board the *Griffin Sloop, William*
 ‘ *Stewart* Commander, who has Orders to
 ‘ make the best of his Way with you to the
 ‘ Island of *St. Vincent*; where being arriv'd,
 ‘ you are to use your best Endeavours to
 ‘ cultivate a Friendship with the free *Indians*,
 ‘ free *Negroes*, and free *Mulattoes*, and sound
 ‘ their Inclinations whether they will admit
 ‘ us as Settlers amongst them; and you are
 ‘ to assure them, that every thing contain'd
 ‘ in my Lord Duke's Declaration of Encou-
 ‘ ragement to them, shall be punctually ob-
 ‘ serv'd.

‘ You

‘ You are, for the better Information of
‘ of my self and the Council, to keep Mi-
‘ nutes of what passes between you and the
‘ said People of *St. Vincent*, and to lay the
‘ same before us, when you shall arrive from
‘ this Expedition.

‘ You shall, after you have finish’d your
‘ Negotiation at *St. Vincent*, proceed direct-
‘ ly to the Harbour of *Fort Royal* at *Marti-*
‘ *nico*, and deliver the Letter you will re-
‘ ceive herewith, to the General of that
‘ Island ; and likewise produce the Power I
‘ shall deliver you, to demand our Deserters,
‘ whom you are to receive on board the Sloop,
‘ and without delay come directly to the
‘ Island of *Antego*, whereto I am bound
‘ with the Colony under my Command. And
‘ for so doing this shall be your Warrant.
‘ Given under my Hand at *Point Montagu*
‘ the 12th of *January* 1722-3.

To John Braithwaite, Esq;
Lieutenant-Governor of the
Islands of *St. Lucia* and
St. Vincent in America.

Natha. Uring.

Mr. Braithwaite's Commission as follows:

St. Lucia.

‘ WE *Natha Uring*, Esq; Deputy-Gover-
‘ nor and Commander in Chief of
‘ this his Grace the Duke of *Montagu's* Colony,
‘ do hereby authorize and appoint you *John*
‘ *Braith-*

‘ Braithwaite, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor of
 ‘ the said Colony, to ask of and receive from
 ‘ the Chevalier *de Feuquiere*, General of the
 ‘ French Windward Islands at *Martinico*, all
 ‘ and every of the Duke of *Montagu*’s Ser-
 ‘ vants, who have deserted from us, and
 ‘ made their Escape to the Island of *Marti-*
 ‘ *nico*, it being so agreed in the Sixth Article
 ‘ of the Treaty sign’d by the Marquis *de*
 ‘ *Champigny*, that they should be found and
 ‘ return’d to us; not doubting, as we have
 ‘ fulfill’d every thing on our Part contain’d
 ‘ in the said Treaty, but that the said Mar-
 ‘ quis will give such proper Orders as will
 ‘ procure us the said Duke’s Servants; for the
 ‘ obtaining of whom this shall be your suffi-
 ‘ cient Warrant of Demand. Given under
 ‘ my Hand and Seal at *Montagu Point*, this
 ‘ 12th Day of *January* 1722-3.

To John Brathwaite, Esq; Lieu-
 tenant-Governor of this Island,
 hereby appointed Commissioner to
 the Chevalier *de Feuquiere*.

Natha. Uring.

The Letter to the Chevalier *de Feuquiere*,
 as follows :

SIR, *Montagu-Point*, Jan. 14, 1722-3.

‘ HAVING in every Article comply’d with
 ‘ the Treaty made with the Mar-
 ‘ quis *de Champigny*, I hope I shall have the
 ‘ same Honour on his side, of that which
 ‘ remains

remains yet to be done: In order to which
John Braithwaite, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor of this Colony, will wait on you and make the Demand.

In the Sixth Article of the said Treaty, it expressly says, that the Deserters from our Colony, in regard they are Covenant-Servants of the Duke of *Montagu*, should be delivered up; and as such Servants, with all Matters and Moveables to him belonging, have been granted by the said Marquis *de Champigny*, and that such of the said Covenant-Servants as are now in his Camp shall be given up, after it shall have been clearly made out that they are under such Covenants, upon Condition they shall not suffer Death or any Corporal Punishment; and as to such of the said Covenant-Servants as have been carried to *Martinico*, the Sieur Monsieur *de Champigny* promises there shall be diligent Search made after them, and they shall be given up when demanded by Monsieur *Uring*, or any commission'd from him.

But notwithstanding the above Article, there has been no more given up than Twelve out of Thirty, and with them neither their Arms nor Clothes, which belong to his Grace the Duke of *Montagu*.

You, see, Sir, what remains to be performed on the Part of the Marquis *de Champigny*; that there are Sixteen Men and Two Women to be delivered up, besides
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‘ the Arms and Clothes of many of the Men;
 ‘ all which I hope you’ll see complied with,
 ‘ upon the Demand of *John Braitbwaite*, Esq;
 ‘ and not oblige me to represent this Matter
 ‘ to his Majesty or his Governors in these
 ‘ Parts, to make Reprisals. I am,

With great Esteem,

S I R,

To the *Chevalier de*
Feuquiere, Lieu-
 tenant General of the
 French Windward
 Islands at Marti-
 nico.

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

Natha. Uring.

The same Day having made an End of taking off all our Stores and Ammunition, &c. we demolished the Fort on the Hill, and set fire to the Barricado on the *Point*, and at Sun-set we struck the Flag, and carried it on Board, and the next Day sailed out of the Harbour of *Petite Careenage* with the *Hector* and Transports for the Island of *Antego*. At the same Time the *Winchelsea* sailed with the *Griffin* Sloop for *St. Vincent*. When we were at Sea, between the Islands of *St. Lucia* and *Martinico*, a Sloop from *Barbados* brought the Governor Letters, that were lodged at that Island, which gave an Account of the Reinforcement that had sailed from *England*, in order to join us; which was the first Account

count he had received of them since his Departure from thence.

Jan. 19. In the Afternoon Mr. *Uring* arrived at *Antego*, as did the *Charles and Free-Mason* and *Little George* the next Day. As soon as Mr. *Uring* came into the Harbour, he went on Shore to Lieutenant-General *Mathew's* House, hearing that General *Hart* was there; but he was not there. The Lieutenant-General went with him to the General's, and after Complements were over, we entered into Debate what was most necessary to be done for the Duke of *Montagu's* Service. The Lieutenant-General proposed, that the Servants should be lent to the Planters until Mr. *Uring* had his Grace's Orders from *England*. General *Hart* was of the same Opinion; and Mr. *Uring* believing the Proposal for the Duke's Service, readily consented to it, provided that they should be redelivered on the first Notice and Desire from Mr. *Uring*. He also acquainted them, that in pursuance of a Resolution made at *St. Lucia* in Council he had sent the *Griffin* Sloop to *St. Vincent*, to see if we could fix upon that Island, with the Consent of the People there; and if the Officer who was sent on that Service, made a favourable Report, he designed to proceed thither. The Lieutenant-General gave his Word of Honour, that those Servants which Mr. *Uring* permitted to be landed and disposed of, as he had advised, he would see forth coming on Demand; and accordingly several were put on Shore.

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January 31. About Noon Mr. *Uring* received a Letter from Capt. *King*, on Board the *Adventure*, who had been dispatched from *England* soon after our Departure from *Ireland*, with Officers, Servants, Provisions, and Warlike Stores, in order to have joined us at *Barbados*, but was unhappily prevented by a Storm they met with at Sea; in which the Ship lost her Masts, and was forced to *Lisbon* to refit, and was but then arrived at *St. Lucia*; which Letter informed him of the Death of Capt. *Bradshaw*, and that he had on Board the *Adventure* with him 130 Men, besides many Officers, and withal sent Mr. *Uring* a Copy of an Order from his Grace the Duke of *Montagu*, which imported, that in case we were forced off the Island of *St. Lucia* by the *French*, that he should retire with all his Servants, Stores, Ammunition, Cannon, &c. to the Island of *St. Vincent*, and there settle without disturbing the Inhabitants of that Island. And Mr. *Uring* immediately communicated the Order to Lieutenant-General *Mathew*; who went with him to General *Hart*, to advise with him about it: They both gave their Opinion, that he should do ill to follow it; and advised him to put some more of the Servants on Shore at *Antego*, and order the rest to *St. Christopher's*, and discharge all the Vessels; and said, they would give from under their Hands, that Mr. *Uring* had done his Duty. He answered, since there was such

such a Number of People more arrived, and that he had the Duke's positive Orders to go to *St. Vincent*, he thought absolutely to obey them; believing he could not answer the contrary, at least, till he heard from the Officer who was gone to that Island, what Report he made, who was expected every Moment: Which Answer they neither of them approved of.

February 1. In the Afternoon Mr. *Uring* dispatched Mr. *Faulknor* in search of the *Griffin* Sloop and the *Winchelsea*, with a Letter to Capt. *King* at *St. Lucia*; and ordered Mr. *Faulknor* to look in at *Martinico*, to see if either the *Winchelsea* or *Griffin* were there, and deliver the Letters he had sent to Capt. *Orme* and Capt. *Braithwaite*, and proceed directly to *St. Lucia* to the *Adventure*, and deliver Capt. *King* the following Letter.

S I R, *Antego, 1st February, 1722-3.*

I Have the Favour of yours with the Copy of the Duke's Orders, and am very much at a Loss what Answer to send you, by reason the *Griffin* Sloop is not arrived, which I have sent to *St. Vincent*, to sound the Temper of the *Indians* and *Negroes*, whether they would admit us to fortify ourselves on that Island; therefore have sent Mr. *Faulknor*, our Secretary to you, and to endeavour, by the Way, to find our Sloop, or the *Winchelsea* which went with her;

' to hear what Report they make of their
 ' Expedition, and to acquaint them of your
 ' Arrival; and if you can possibly lie where
 ' you are, without any great Disadvantage
 ' to the Charter-Party agreed with the
 ' Captain, I desire you will do it, until such
 ' Time as you may again hear from me; for
 ' if there is any possibility of fortifying our
 ' selves on *St. Vincent*, I'm resolved to obey
 ' the Duke's Orders, and do it as soon as
 ' may be. I desire you will deliver what
 ' Letters you have from my Lord Duke,
 ' for me, to Mr. *Faulknor*, that from thence
 ' I may learn his Grace's further Intentions;
 ' but if it should so happen that Mr. *Faulknor*
 ' can't meet with either the Sloop or Ship,
 ' to judge from thence what to determine,
 ' I desire you will remain where you are
 ' four Days after his Arrival; and if you
 ' have no farther Order from me, to proceed
 ' hither with all the People belonging to his
 ' Grace.

I am, S I R,

To Capt. Thomas
 King on Board the
 Adventure, at *St.*
Lucia.

Your most humble Servant,

Natha. Uring.

S I R, *Antego, February 1st, 1722-3.*

' **H**EREWITH you will receive a Co-
 ' py of the Duke of *Montagu's* last
 ' Orders to me; and as we are re-inforced
 ' with

‘ with 150 Men, and have daily an Expectation of more, I’m determin’d to put his Commands in Execution, if any Possibility of Success; therefore beg that you will please to come to this Place, that we may confert what is most adviseable to be done for my Lord Duke’s Service.

I am, S I R,

To Capt. Humphry Orme, of his Majesty’s Ship Winchelsea.

Your most humble Servant.

Natha. Uring.

S I R,

Antego, Feb. 1. 1722-3.

‘ **M**R. Faulknor will give you a Copy of his Grace the Duke of Montagu’s Orders; therefore I desire you will make all possible Dispatch hither with the *Griffin* Sloop, to consult what is to be done for his Service. I am

To Capt. John Braithwaite.

Your most humble Servant,

Natha. Uring.

Mr. Uring finding the *Little George’s* Charter-Party near expired, he thought it necessary to discharge her, it being better to hire a Sloop for our Service, if we undertook any thing more; and that there might be no Occasion of Complaint, he wrote to Lieutenant-

General *Mathew* for his Approbation, in the following Words :

S I R, St. *John's*, Feb. 6, 1722-3.

‘ THE long Stay of the *Griffin* Sloop
 ‘ has given me a great deal of Un-
 ‘ easiness; and considering the Charter-Party
 ‘ of the *Little George* is near expired, I have
 ‘ Thoughts of landing the Stores and Provi-
 ‘ sions which are on Board, and to discharge
 ‘ her; but being not willing to do it with-
 ‘ out your Approbation, beg the Favour to
 ‘ know whether you approve it. You seem’d
 ‘ to be displeas’d that I did not agree in your
 ‘ Opinion, in discharging both the Vessels,
 ‘ and intirely lay aside the Thoughts of go-
 ‘ ing to *St. Vincent*; which, I hope, on ma-
 ‘ ture Consideration, you will not condemn
 ‘ me for, since we are hourly in Expectation
 ‘ of the Arrival of our Sloop from thence,
 ‘ and hear what Report is made by the Of-
 ‘ ficers that have been sent on that Service,
 ‘ whether it will be for the Duke’s Service to
 ‘ go thither or not; and also it being his
 ‘ positive Command, that if we were forced
 ‘ off *St. Lucia*, to retire there: All which
 ‘ considered, I hope, you will not think me
 ‘ blameable for dissenting, till we learn some-
 ‘ thing more than we yet know. I hope,
 ‘ Sir, you think I value your Friendship; and
 ‘ beg you will please to believe I will do e-
 ‘ very thing for the Duke’s Service, as I
 ‘ make

‘ make no doubt of your doing him all the
‘ Service that lies in your Power, however
‘ it happens we disagree in our Sentiments
‘ at this Juncture.

I am, With great Esteem,

Your most humble and

most obedient Servant,

To Lieutenant-Ge-
neral Mathew.

Natha. Uring.

Mr. *Faulknor* returned from *St. Lucia* in the *Adventure*, who arrived at *Antego* about the 11th of *February*, but neither met with the *Winchelsea* or *Griffin*. Mr. *Uring* had his Letters by the *Adventure*, and one from the Lord *Carteret* for General *Hart*; wherein he was required to give us what Assistance he could. When General *Hart* read the Letter, he said, What Assistance is it I can give? I wish the Letter had been fuller, that I might know how to act. However, at a Consult with Lieutenant-General *Mathew*, a Scheme was proposed and communicated to General *Hart*, for a second Attempt on *St. Lucia*, wherein Governor *Wortley*, then arrived at *Barbados*, was to be consulted; and as Capt. *Brand* was asked, whether he would act offensively in protecting us against the *French*? he reply'd, That having no such Orders, he

could not ; but if the other Captains of his Majesty's Ships would act offensively, he would also. Capt. *Braithwaite* arriving in the *Griffin* Sloop, produced a Letter he said he had from Mr. *Wortsley*, upon which that Scheme was laid aside ; and he brought a Letter from Monsieur *Feuquiere* for Mr. *Uring*, relating to the Deserters, which was as follows :

Port Royal in Martinico, 10 February, 1723.

I But this Day received the Letter of
 the 14th *January* your Stile, which
 you did me the Honour to write from St.
Lucia, by Mr. *Braithwaite*, upon the Sub-
 ject of that Affair, which, according to you,
 Sir, is not yet finished, and which you hope
 to terminate with me, upon the Demand
 which this Officer, the Lieutenant-Gover-
 nor of your Colony, is to make me. If I
 had acted, Sir, in any manner contrary to
 the Treaty which the Marquis *de Champigny*
 had, by my Order, concluded with you, there
 would then have been some Foundation
 for a Rupture in that Treaty ; but I be-
 lieve, you are too well versed in Affairs to
 persist in that Thought ; which would not
 only be disapproved of by all the World,
 but also much blamed by his *Britannick*
 Majesty, when he shall be informed, that
 you have substituted, instead of the Word
 found

found, that of demanded, in the Sixth Article, which you mention to me. Consider, moreover, that if I cannot immediately deliver to you upon the Spot the People you want, it is because I have them not ; give your self but the Trouble to send into this Island, any one to look for them, I will support him with all the Powers that he can wish, in order to find them ; but perhaps, they are already returned into your Islands. As to the Clothes and Arms which you say those Men want, that are already restored to you ; demand of them what they have done with them , and if they are in the Hands of any of our Inhabitants whom we know, I shall make them restore them, paying that for which they bought them, if they are worth as much as they sold them for. I hope also, Sir, that you will take Notice of what I have the Honour to return, in Answer to yours ; and that you will very well reflect upon the strict Union that there is between the Kings our Masters, which you run the Risque of disturbing ; which would be by no means pleasing to them no more than to the Duke of *Montagu*, from whom you hold your Commission. In fine, Sir, the King knows how to do himself Reason as to the Reprisals with which you threaten me, if, without Occasion, you venture to commit them. But I depend too much up-

on the Prudence of his *Britannick* Majesty's
Governors, to fear any thing with the
Forces which I command.

Your most humble and

To Mr. Uring, Go-
vernor of the Duke
of Montagu's Co-
lony.

most obedient Servant,

De pas Feuquiere.

Monsieur Feuquiere wrote to the Gover-
nor of *Barbados* about the same Time on this
Occasion; which, with the Governor's An-
swers, are in the *Appendix*, N^o. 5 and 6.

Capt. Braithwaite also delivered to Mr.
Uring the Report of his Proceedings at *St.*
Vincent, which is as follows:

IN pursuance of a Resolution in Council,
and your Order for so doing, the Day
you sailed with his Grace's Colony for
Antego, I sailed with the *Griffin* Sloop, in
Company with his Majesty's Ship the *Win-*
chelsea, to *St. Vincent*. We made the Island
that Night, and next Morning run along
Shore, and saw several *Indian* Huts; but
as yet no *Indians* came off to us, nor could
we get a Shore to them, by reason there
was no Ground to Anchor in. Towards
the Evening two *Indians* came on Board,
and told us, we might Anchor in a Bay to
Leeward, and when we were at Anchor
they would bring their General on Board.

Here

Here we came to an Anchor in deep Water,
 and very dangerous for the Sloop. One
 whom they called General, came on Board,
 with several others, to the Number of
 Twenty Two. I entertained them very
 handsomely, and made the Chief some
 trifling Presents; but found he was a Per-
 son of no Consequence, and that they cal-
 led him Chief, to get some Present from
 me. Here two of the *Indians* were so drunk
 they would not go a-Shore, but stay'd on
 Board some Days, and were well enter-
 tained. After this, little Winds and great
 Currents drove us off for several Days,
 but at last we came to an Anchor in a
 spacious Bay to Leeward of all the
 Island; the Draught of which I order'd to
 be taken by our Surveyor, for your better
 understanding the Place, being the only one
 where a Settlement could be made. The
 Ship and Sloop were scarce come to an An-
 chor, before the Strand of the Shore was
 covered with *Indians*; and amongst them
 we could discover a White, who proved to
 be a *Frenchman*. I took Capt. *Watson* in
 the Boat with me, with a *Frenchman*, and
 immediately went a-Shore. As soon as I
 came amongst them, I asked, why they
 appeared all armed? For every Man had
 Cutlashes, some had Musquets, Pistols,
 Bows and Arrows, &c. They, with very
 little Ceremony, inclosed me, and carried
 me up the Country about a Mile, over a
 little

‘ little Rivulet, where I was told I was to
 ‘ see their General. I found him sitting
 ‘ amidst a Guard of about a Hundred *In-*
 ‘ *dians*; those nearest his Person had all Mus-
 ‘ quets, the rest Bows and Arrows, and
 ‘ great Silence. He ordered me a Seat, and
 ‘ a *Frenchman* stood at his Right Hand for
 ‘ an Interpreter: He demanded of me, what
 ‘ brought me into his Country, and of what
 ‘ Nation? I told him, *English*; and I was
 ‘ put in to Wood and Water, as not caring
 ‘ to say any thing else before the *Frenchman*;
 ‘ but told him, if he would be pleased to
 ‘ come on Board our Ships, I would leave
 ‘ *Englishmen* in Hostage for him, and those
 ‘ he should be pleased to bring with him;
 ‘ but I could not prevail with him, either
 ‘ to come on Board, or suffer me to have
 ‘ Wood or Water. He said, he was inform-
 ‘ ed we were come to force a Settlement,
 ‘ and we had no other way to remove that
 ‘ Jealousy, but to get under Sail. As soon as
 ‘ I found what Influence the *Frenchman’s*
 ‘ Company had upon them, I took my Leave,
 ‘ after making such Replies as I thought pro-
 ‘ per, and return’d to my Boat under a Guard.
 ‘ When I came to the Shore, I found the
 ‘ Guard there were increas’d by a Number
 ‘ of *Negroes*, all arm’d with Fuzees. I got in
 ‘ my Boat without any Injury, and went
 ‘ on Board to Capt. *Orme*, and told him my
 ‘ ill Success.

‘ Imme-

‘ Immediately after I sent on Shore the
 ‘ Sloop’s Boat, with a Mate, with Rum,
 ‘ Beef, and Bread, &c. with some Cutlashes;
 ‘ and ordered a *Frenchman*, who went with
 ‘ the Mate, to desire the Guard to conduct
 ‘ them to their General, and to tell him, that
 ‘ tho’ he deny’d me the common Good of
 ‘ Water and a little useles Wood, never-
 ‘ theless I had sent him such Refreshments as
 ‘ our Ships afforded. Our People found the
 ‘ *Frenchman* gone, and that then the *Indian*
 ‘ General seemed pleased, and received what
 ‘ was sent him, and in Return sent me Bows
 ‘ and Arrows.

‘ Our People had not been long returned,
 ‘ but their General sent a Canoa, with two
 ‘ chief *Indians*, who spoke very good *French*,
 ‘ to thank me for my Presents, and to ask
 ‘ Pardon for his refusing me Wood and Wa-
 ‘ ter; and assured me, I might have what I
 ‘ pleased; and they had Orders to tell me, if
 ‘ I pleased to go a-Shore again, they were
 ‘ to remain Hostages for my civil Treat-
 ‘ ment. I sent them on Board the Man of
 ‘ War, and with Capt. *Watson* went on Shore.
 ‘ I was well received, and conducted as be-
 ‘ fore. But now I found the Brother of the
 ‘ Chief of the *Negroes* was arrived with Five
 ‘ Hundred *Negroes*, most armed with Fuzees;
 ‘ they told my Interpreter, they were assur’d
 ‘ we were come to force a Settlement, or
 ‘ else they would not have deny’d me what
 ‘ they never before deny’d any *English*, viz.
 Wood

‘ Wood and Water; but if I pleased, I might
 ‘ take in what I wanted under a Guard.
 ‘ Finding them in so good a Humour, I once
 ‘ more introduced the Desire I had, to en-
 ‘ tertain ’em on Board our Ships, and with
 ‘ some Difficulty prevailed with ’em, by
 ‘ leaving Capt. *Watson* on Shore, under their
 ‘ Guard, as a Hostage. I carried them on
 ‘ Board the King’s Ship, where they were
 ‘ well entertain’d by Capt *Orme*, who gave
 ‘ the *Indian* General a fine Fuzee of his own,
 ‘ and to the Chief of the *Negroes* something
 ‘ that pleased him. Capt. *Orme* assured him of
 ‘ the Friendship of the King of *England*, &c.
 ‘ The *Negroe* Chief spoke excellent *French*,
 ‘ and gave Answers with the *French* Com-
 ‘ plements. Afterwards I carried ’em on
 ‘ Board the Duke’s Sloop; and after opening
 ‘ their Hearts with Wine, for they scorned
 ‘ to drink Rum, I thought it a good Time
 ‘ to tell ’em my Commission, and what
 ‘ brought me upon their Coast. They told
 ‘ me, it was well I had not mentioned it a-
 ‘ Shore, for their Power could not have pro-
 ‘ tected me; that it was impossible; the
 ‘ *Dutch* had before attempted it, but were
 ‘ glad to retire. They likewise told me,
 ‘ Two *French* Sloops had, the Day before
 ‘ we came, been amongst ’em, gave ’em
 ‘ Arms and Ammunition, and assured them
 ‘ of the whole Force of *Martinico* for their
 ‘ Protection against us; they told ’em also,
 ‘ that they had drove us from *St. Lucia*, and
 ‘ that

' that now we were come to endeavour to
 ' force a Settlement there; and notwithstanding
 ' all our ipecious Pretences, when we
 ' had Power, we should inflave 'em; but de-
 ' clared, they would trust no *Europeans*;
 ' that they owned themselves under the Pro-
 ' tection of the *French*, but would as soon
 ' oppose their settling amongst 'em, or any
 ' Act of Force from 'em, as us; as they had
 ' lately given an Example, by killing several:
 ' And they further told me, it was by very
 ' large Presents the *French* ever got in their
 ' Favour again: But they resolved never to
 ' put it in their Power, or any *European*, to
 ' hurt 'em. They advised me to think what
 ' they said was an Act of Friendship. This
 ' being all I could get from them, I dismiss'd
 ' 'em with such Presents as his Grace ordered
 ' for that Service, with a Discharge of Can-
 ' non, and received, in return, as regular
 ' Vollies of small Shot as I ever heard. In the
 ' Night the *Winchelsea* drove from her An-
 ' chors; which, as soon as I perceived, and
 ' had received Capt. *Watson* from the Shore,
 ' I got under Sail, and stood to the Man of
 ' War. This is a faithful Report of all I
 ' can recollect.

John Braithwaite.

Mr. *Uring* having read the above Report
 of Capt. *Braithwaite*, he judged there was
 like to be little good done at *St. Vincent*;
 and the second Scheme on *St. Lucia* laid a-
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side, he determin'd to unlade all the Stores, and discharge the Vessels, and propos'd to Lieutenant-General *Mathew* to do it at *Antego*, which, he said, he thought could be done with more Ease and Security, and in much less Time, and would save a great deal of Charge and Trouble, and less Hazard than at *St. Christopher's*. The Lieutenant-General answer'd, that in his House at *St. Christopher's*, was Room enough to hold all the Duke's Stores, and should cost his Grace nothing; and that as he had the Government of that Island, he had such an Influence over the People, so that the Duke's Servants would be more secure there, and that he could better provide for the Officers than at *Antego*; and further said, that the Servants could be kept together in *Charles Fort*, where we might have an Opportunity to discipline them against any new Undertaking; and accordingly asked leave of General *Hart* to discipline 'em, which was granted. Mr. *Uring*, taking Notice of the Advantages that the Lieutenant-General propos'd, and seeing him so very earnest for the Stores to be lodged at *St. Christopher's*, agreed to it; and accordingly ordered them down thither. During our attending the *Griffin's* Return from her Errant to *St. Vincent* and *Martinico*, Mr. *Uring* frequently visited the Transports, to see Things were in good Order. Lieutenant-General *Mathew* went in the *Charles* and *Free-Mason* to *St. Christopher's* with us; and

as soon as we arrived at that Island, he, in Concert with Mr. *Uring*, canton'd the Officers in several Places, as there was Conveniency, and they were ordered to their respective Quarters.

We had now four Vessels to unlade at the same Time, and at a considerable Distance, and a difficult Way to carry the Stores to the Store-houses. Mr. *Uring* ordered such a Number of Servants on Shore from the Vessels as he thought useful for carrying up the Stores; and Officers were appointed at different Places in the Avenues, to keep the People from running into the Country; but notwithstanding all the Care we could take, great Part of them were gone by Night. He ordered more on Shore next Day, and continued Landing the Stores, Cannon, Arms, Ammunition, &c. And as the Casks very often came to Pieces in getting up to the Store-Houses, Mr. *Uring* for the most part stood by till they were repaired, and was at least Thirty Times a Day from the Landing-Place to the Store-Houses, in order to prevent any Embezzlement, and to hasten the Work. The Officers thinking the Work too hard for them all Day, tho' they generally stood in one Place, Mr. *Uring* divided them, the one half to attend in the Morning, and the other in the Afternoon; tho' he was obliged to attend the whole Day, in order to preserve the Stores, which 'tis hoped, was in a good measure done, the Goods landing from so many Vessels at one

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and the same Time; so many sorts loose, as well as in Cask; made it no easy matter to keep an exact Account, the whole Care of every Thing, as well as the Stores, being upon Mr. *Uring*. However, the Goods were landed and stored; and after the Ships were unladed, he searched every Ship, by Warrant, to see if there remained any thing belonging to the Duke of *Montagu* on Board them; which the Masters said there did not. Several Provisions was found on Board the *Charles* and *Free-Mason*, which were put on Shore. When every thing was landed out of the several Ships, his next Care was, to put them in good Order; many of the Casks being broken, they would not hold the Weight in them; therefore started them into other sound Casks and Chests, which were made for that Use. He also caused all the Provisions to be turned out of the Store-Houses and looked over; and such as were in Casks, or wanted Pickle, were put into better, and new pickled, and directed the worst to be first spent. He fitted up a Smith's Shop, kept the Smiths and Armourers at Work, and cleaning the Arms. The Men were disciplined, so that they could do their Exercise very well, and made as regular Fires as the King's Troops. Mr. *Uring* paid off several of the Seamen belonging to the *Griffin* Sloop, to ease the Charge; and ordered such Servants on Board her as were Seamen, and as many more as he dare trust. By that Time we had put
 Things

Things into a tolerable Order, the *Hoperwell* arrived with about Ninety Servants and several Officers, a great Quantity of Provisions, with Cannon, Ammunition, and Warlike Stores, which were also landed under the Care of Mr. *Uring*; who had Letters by this Ship from the Duke of *Montagu*, which informed him, that his Grace was in Treaty for 500 *English* Families and 500 *Irish*, which he intended to transport to *St. Lucia*, as soon as possible. The *Hoperwell* brought from *Barbados*, a Number of live Sheep, which had been carried thither by the *Leopard*, which was arrived at that Island, laden with Boards, Plank, and Frames of Houses, for the Use of the Colony.

When Lieutenant-General *Mathew* returned to *Antego*, he left Mr. *Uring* his House to live in, where was room for most of the Officers. He sent then to acquaint them, that he had Conveniency for them, and designed to keep a Table for their Entertainment; considering it would be much more convenient and less Charge to his Grace, for them to keep together than be separated. All the Servants that were not lent to the Planters, were lodged in the Out-Houses; and due Care was taken both of the Sick and the Well, to have their Provisions at proper Times, and well ordered. Mr. *Uring* seldom went to Dinner before he saw all the Sick provided, and served with fresh Meat and Broth, which was for the most

part four Times a Week, and those that were very sick, every Day. The *Lame*, though there were a great many of them, he dress'd himself for several Days, when we had no Surgeon. The Servants were all well supply'd out of the Duke's Stores, with Cloathing and Necessaries, though they often stray'd about the Country and sold them, and then complained to the Planters that they were naked; for which they were punished, and again supply'd. He frequently sent out the Serjeants with Parties, to bring in the Stragglers, and had no little Trouble to keep them in a tolerable Decorum. He also put up Advertisements at all the Port Towns, to warn the Masters of Ships from entertaining or carrying any of them off the Island; and in the beginning of *May*, sent Capt. *King*, in the *Griffin* Sloop, to *Barbados*, to bring down the Runaways from thence, and such Letters as were lodged there from the Duke of *Montagu* for him; and after her return, he ordered Capt. *Watson* to careen her, in doing of which she sunk. Mr. *Uring* having Notice thereof, went to see her Condition, and hired Two Sloops to weigh her, and the *Griffin* was made again fit for the Sea. About the Middle of *June* following, he gave to Lieutenant *Abraham Ponthieu*, the following Order.

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YOU are hereby required to take the first Opportunity of Conveyance to the Island of *Antego*; and as soon as you arrive there, to inform your self of the State of his Grace the Duke of *Montagu's* Servants on that Island, and take an exact Account of the Persons Names who are run away, sick or dead, and transmit the same to me by the first Opportunity; for which this shall be your Warrant. Given under my Hand at *St. Christophers*, the 17th of *June*, 1723.

Natha. Uring.

Mr. *Uring* having been informed that many of his Grace's Servants had made their Escape to *St. Eustatia*, he wrote several Letters to the Governor of that Island, by Officers of the Duke's, which were sent for that purpose to acquaint him therewith, and desire him to secure them, that they might be return'd to *St. Christopher's*; and accordingly Two Men were brought back from thence. He had ordered the *Griffin* Sloop to *Antego*, to lie there during the Hurricane Months; when he had a Letter from Lieutenant-General *Mathew*, which advised him, that the Duke of *Montagu* had impowered him to have the sole Disposal of all his Affairs in the *West-Indies*, and sent him a Copy thereof. Mr. *Uring* then observed his Directions, un-

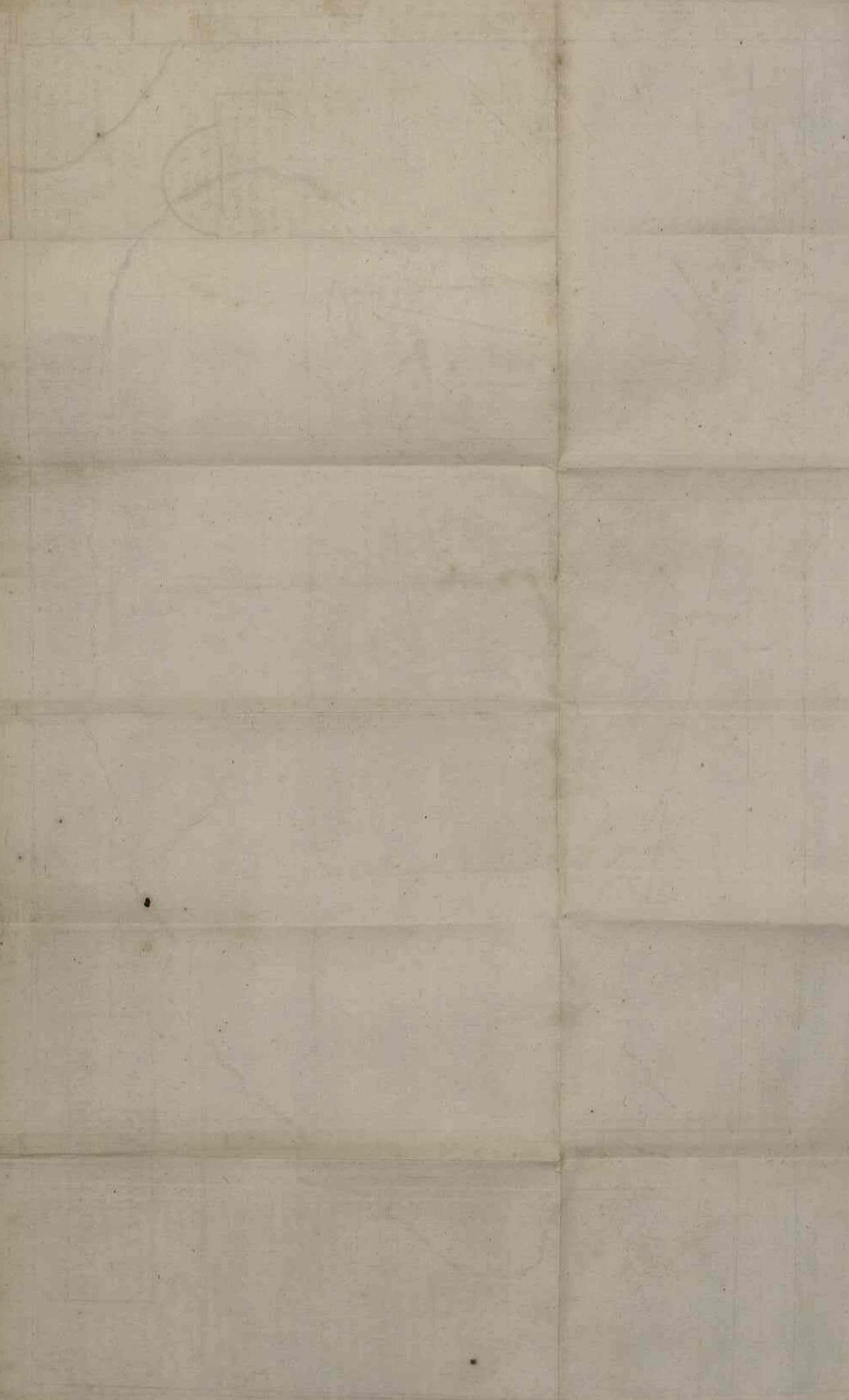
til his Grace had wholly laid aside the Thoughts of any new Settlement, and had given him Orders to deliver up every Thing belonging to him, into the Hands of the Lieutenant-General, to whom his Grace had given Directions to discharge all his Officers, and pay them their Salaries to that Time, with an Allowance for their Passages for *England*. After Mr. *Uring* had delivered up all the Stores, Arms, Cannon, &c. to the Agent of Lieutenant-General *Mathew*, he went up to *Antego* to finish his Affairs with him, and from thence to *Barbados*, where he was received very kindly by Mr. *Wortley*. He staid a Week at that Island, and then returned to *Antego*, and from thence to *St. Christophers*, where he took Passage for *England*, and arrived at *Dover* the 28th Day of *May*, 1724. And while he leaves others to judge to whom the Miscarriage of this Undertaking may be justly imputed, he has the Satisfaction of finding his Part in the conducting of it, approved by his Grace of *Montagu* and his Majesty's Ministers.

It may here not be improper to add a short Description of the Island of *St. Lucia*, and the Advantages that would accrue to *Great Britain* by the Possession of it.

St. Lucia is about Twenty Two Miles in Length and Eleven Broad, the greatest Part of it very good Land, in many Places Hilly and very rich Vallies, very well watered with fine Rivers all through the Island, which mak

it exceeding pleasant and delightful ; and it must be very healthful, by its being so narrow, and the Hills being not so high to intercept the continual Trade-Winds, that always fan it from the Eastward, whereby the Heat of the Climate is mitigated, and made rather agreeable than troublesome. The Variety of Situations that it affords, by the Hills and Vales, makes it both convenient and delightful, as well as the Pleasantness of the Prospects ; and it is full of tall Trees, amongst which are great Quantities of good Timber, fit for building Houses and Wind-mills, from whence both *Barbados* and *Martinico* have been furnished with very great Quantities, and are still. *Cocoa* grows here very well, and there grows also a great deal of *Fustick* ; and there is great Plenty of wild Fowl. It lies West North West from the Island of *Barbados*, about Twenty-four Leagues ; South from *Martinico*, about Seven Leagues ; and the same Distance North by East from *St. Vincent* ; and hath several good Bays and excellent Harbours for Ships to Anchor in ; one of which is the *Petite Careenage*, where we design'd the first Settlement. This Harbour is on the North West Part of the Island, and is much the finest and most convenient in all the *Caribbee Islands*. Great Numbers of Ships may there be safe in all kinds of Weather ; and it is very commodious for careening Ships of War and other Vessels, as may be seen by the Draught of the Island and Harbour hereto annex'd.

If this Island had been settled, as was intended by his Grace the Duke of *Montagu*, proper Forts built, and Garrisons placed therein for the Protection and Defence thereof, it would have been of the greatest Importance for the securing the *Leeward Islands*, and even *Barbados*, from being invaded by *France* in Time of War; for no Armament can be made, nor any Expedition carried on by the *French* at *Martinico*, against any of those Islands, but must be known at *St. Lucia* almost as soon as the Design is formed, by the Nearness of its Neighbourhood to that Island; from whence likewise *Barbados* and the *Leeward Islands* might have timely Notice, to provide for their better Defence. If *St. Lucia* were well inhabited by the *English*, the People of *Martinico* would know their Interest better, than to enter upon any Expedition against *Barbados* or the *Leeward Islands*, when they had an Enemy so near them; for they must needs consider, if their Men were sent off that Island to invade the *Leeward Islands*, the *Barbadians* would joyn the People of *St. Lucia*, and fall upon *Martinico* in the Absence of their Men; which would endanger the Loss of that Island, or at least the plundering and spoiling of it; and would be more Damage to them, than any Benefit they can propose to themselves by invading the *Leeward Islands*; and so the same if their Design is against *Barbados*, the *Leeward Island* People joining those of *St. Lucia*, *Martinico* will be



A PLAN
of the PETITE CAREENAGE Harbour
in the Caribbee Island of
ST. LUCIA

Shoque Bay

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A. Called by the French, Point St. Martin, & by the English Monagu Point. Being a very convenient place for Erecting a Fort.

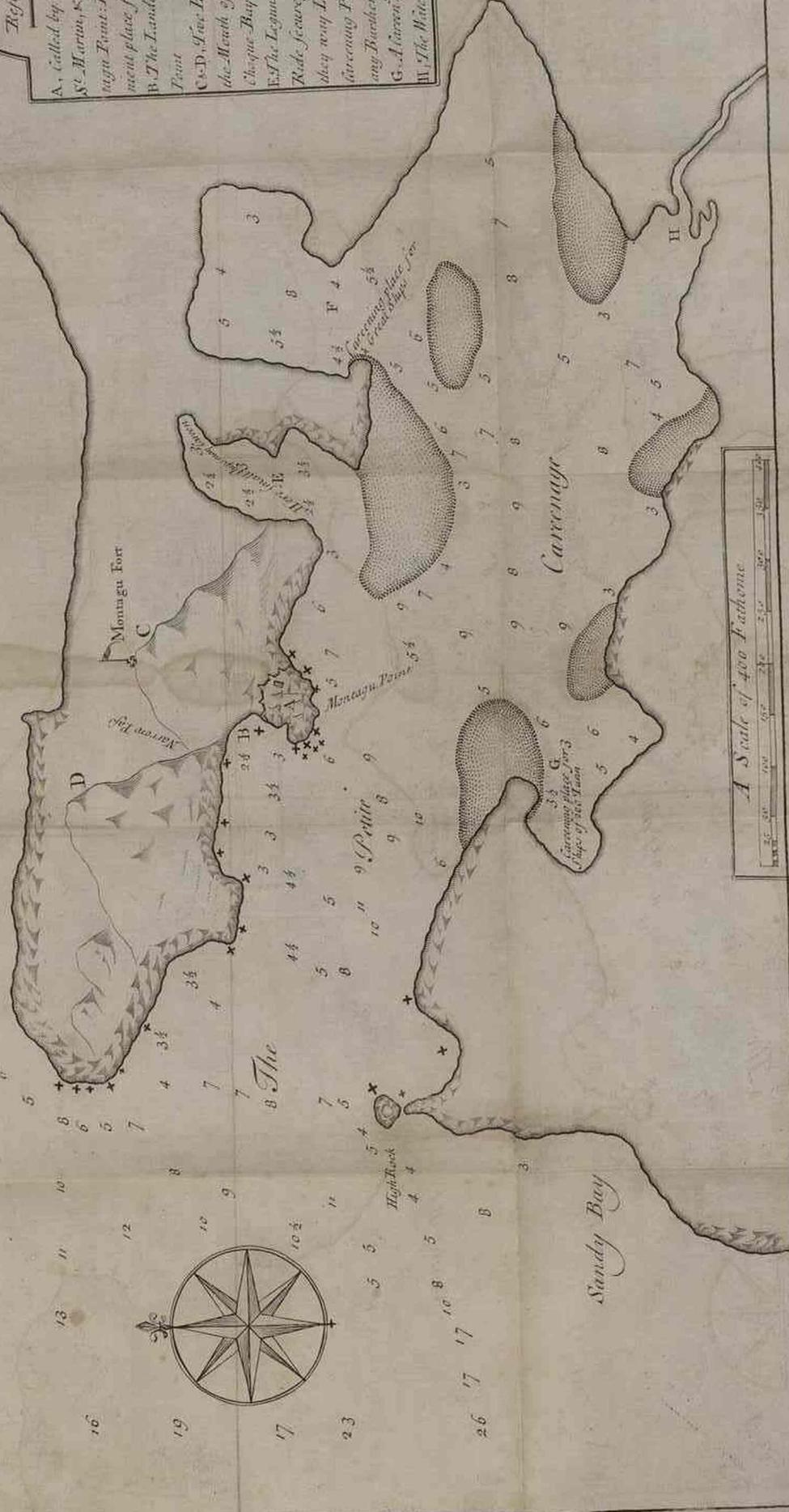
B. The Landing place of the said Point.

C. D. Two Hills which terminate the Mouth of the Harbour and Choque Bay D. being the Highest.

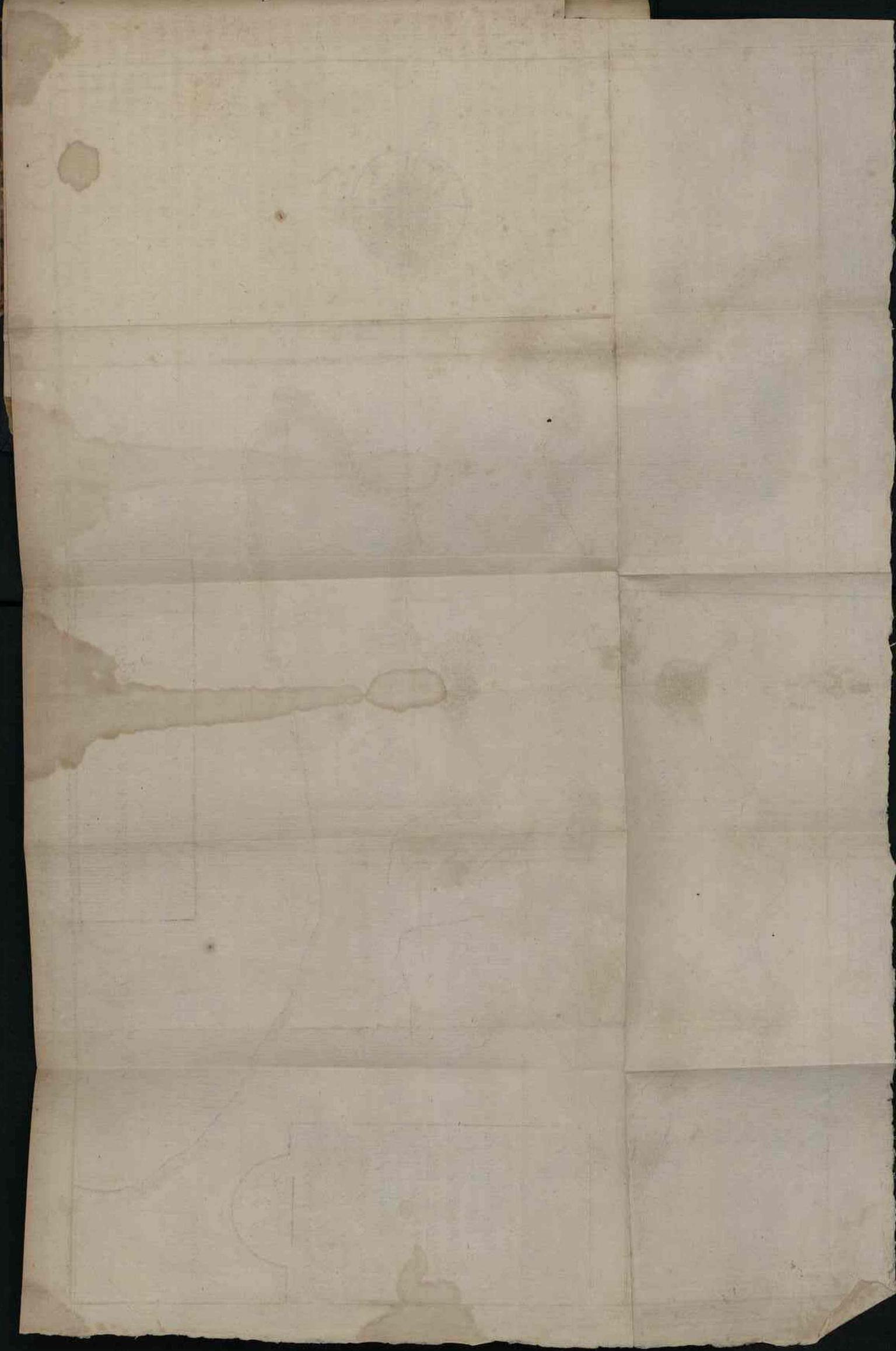
E. The League where Vessels may Ride secure from Hurricanes as they may Lie in F. G. The anchoring Place for large Ships & any smaller.

G. A narrow place for small Ships to Steer.

H. The Watering Place.



A Scale of 400 Fathoms



be in the same Danger; and by that Means our Plantations in those Parts will be intirely secured by the Possession of *St. Lucia*; and it will always be in the Power of the *English* to disturb the *French*, and not in the Power of the *French* to hurt the *English*: But if both Nations should sit still, without invading each other, yet *St. Lucia* will be of the greatest Advantage to *Great Britain*, if it were appointed the Place of Rendezvous for his Majesty's Ships of War; from whence they might continually relieve each other if need were, and keep always cruizing on the *French*, that they could not be able to have a Vessel go in or out of their Harbours but what might be intercepted by the King's Ships; and so the Trade of our Plantations would thereby become secured, and the *Martinicans* would have no reason to boast, as they did in the late War, that they maintained their Islands chiefly by Privateering on the *English*; which is too well known to the Merchants that have been Traders to those Parts. But in case *St. Lucia* were settled, and proper Measures pursued, it would intirely prevent such Mischiefs for the future, and the *English* would soon grow too powerful for the *French*, who at present have greatly the Advantage of the *English*; and the *Leewards Islands* are in the greatest Danger, in case of a War with *France*, of being invaded, which the *English* Planters are most sensible of, and is what the wisest of them apprehend every Day.

Notwithstanding his Majesty's undoubted Right to these Islands, and the Peace and Friendship then subsisting between the Two Crowns, thus unhappily ended the Expedition to *St. Lucia*: An Undertaking truly worthy the noble and generous Disposition of his Grace of *Montagu*, and the greatest ever undertaken by a Subject at his own Expence. When we reckon up the vast Charge of the Ships, with Four Hundred Twenty Five Servants, Stores, Cannon, Ammunition, &c. and the paying more than Fifty Officers, Salaries from Fifty to Four Hundred Pounds Sterling *per Annum* for a Year and Half, besides providing for their daily Subsistence in a dear Country, and Eighty Five Tradesmen and Artificers, from Twenty to Thirty Pounds Wages yearly, which his Grace has also paid; we can't but conclude it must have cost him Forty Thousand Pounds, and upwards. Had it met the Success the Greatness of the Undertaking deserved, by what we may judge from the other *Caribbee Islands*, it would have very considerably increased the Revenue of the Crown, and at the same Time would have brought a Profit to the Nation of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds yearly; besides giving an intire Security to the other *Caribbee Islands*, and the Trade thither, by the Possession of an Island, in which only a Squadron of his Majesty's Ships can remain in the like Safety. At present, his Grace of *Montagu* is the greatest Sufferer by this Dis-

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pointment; and although we are now, blessed be God, in a profound Peace with all our Neighbours, yet it may be reasonably hoped, from the Prudence and Foresight of a wise Ministry, such Measures may be taken, that we may not loose the Advantages of these Islands (of Right belonging to the Crown of *England*) in case of a War.



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APPENDIX



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Numb. I.

An ABSTRACT of Capt. Orme's
Instructions.

*By the Commissioners for Executing the Office
of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain
and Ireland, &c.*

WHereas his Majesty hath been pleas'd
to Grant to his Grace the Duke of
Montagu the Islands of *St. Lucia* and *St.
Vincent*, being near *Barbados*, and to signify
his Commands to us, that One of his Ships
of War shall attend on and guard the Set-
tlement of the said Islands; and we having
appointed the Ship under your Command for
the aforesaid Service, and order'd her to be
victuall'd, fitted and stored at *Portsmouth*:
And, whereas his Grace has inform'd us,
that he hath hired three Ships, the Names
whereof are the *Charles and Free-Mason*, the
Little George, and *Griffin Sloop*, to carry to those
Islands several Persons and Materials, in or-
der to the settling them as aforesaid; which
Ships

Ships will be directed to join you at *Spit-head*: You are hereby required, as soon as the Ship under your Command shall be ready in all Respects for the Sea, (which you are to hasten all as possibly may be) and that you shall be join'd by the aforesaid three Ships, to proceed with them, with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, to *Cork in Ireland*; and as soon as they shall have receiv'd there the Provisions which will be provided for them, (which you are to cause their Masters to take on Board with all possible Dispatch) you are to make the best of your Way with them to the Island of *Maderas*; where, having taken on Board so much Wine for your Ship's Company, as may be necessary for them instead of Beer, which you are to do without any Loss of Time, you are to proceed with the aforesaid three Ships to the Island of *St. Lucia*. You are, with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, diligently to attend on the said Island of *St. Lucia* till further Order, that so you may be able to defend them from any Attempts that may be made: And as you are to use your utmost Endeavours to prevent any such Attempts, so are you to give what Aid and Assistance you are able, in promoting the Settlement of the aforesaid Island of *St. Lucia*, as also that of *St. Vincent*, when the Person who shall be appointed by his Grace to manage that Affair shall think it necessary and proper so to do; taking

king care not to be absent from the Island of *St. Lucia* until a Fort shall be built, and the People thereon shall have put themselves into a Posture of Defence against the *Indians*, or otherwise. And whereas we are inform'd there is a Peace with the *Caribbee Indians*, you are to be very cautious, during the Time you shall be employ'd on this Service, that not any thing be done by the Officers or Men belonging to the Ship under your Command, to provoke them to injure or molest his Majesty's Subjects, or to act contrary to the said Peace and good Understanding which hath been settled with them; but that the said *Indians* be, on all Occasions, civilly treated, so long as it shall be found that they do not by any Act of Hostility infringe the Peace.

You are particularly to use your utmost Endeavours to protect the said Islands from any Attempts, which may be made on them by Pyrates; and upon your getting Information, that there are any Pyratial Ships or Vessels hovering near those Parts, you are to endeavour to take, burn, or otherwise destroy them: And upon your seizing any such Pyratial Ships or Vessels, you are without Loss of Time to carry them to, and deliver them into the Possession of the proper Officers of the Vice-Admiralty of the *Leeward Islands*, or those of *Barbados*, which may be soonest done, in order to their Crews being try'd and punish'd according to Law; and then

then you are forthwith to return to your appointed Station.

But notwithstanding what is before directed, you are, when (upon consulting with the Person who shall be appointed by his Grace as aforesaid) it shall be judg'd that the Ship you command may be at any time spar'd from attending on the aforesaid Island of *St. Lucia*, so that there may not be any probability of its being expos'd to Attempts in your Absence, to proceed to and cruize about such of the *Leeward Islands*, as may be nearest to you, and to do all that in you lies to free the same from Pyrates, and to protect the Trade in those Parts; but you are not to continue longer at any one Time on that Service, than it shall be adjudg'd may be proper and adviseable with Respect to the Security of the aforesaid Island of *St. Lucia*, to which you are to have a very particular Regard.

And whereas his Grace has desired, that if, when you arrive with the Ships at *Cork*, there may be found Twenty or Thirty Men, who may be willing to go to the aforesaid Islands, you may carry them thither in the Ship you command; in regard the three Ships which he hath hired are so full they are not able to receive them; you are accordingly to do the same; taking Care that such of his Majesty's Provisions, as they shall be furnish'd with in their Passage, be duly paid for. And, whereas we are inform'd that there is a very proper Place on the aforesaid
Island

Island of *St. Lucia* for careening his Majesty's Ship under your Command, when there may be occasion; for which reason we have directed the principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy to furnish you with such careening Geer as may be necessary; You are therefore to cause the said Ship to be careen'd and cleaned there once in every Four Months, that so you may be the better able to perform the Service on which you are appointed, and to come up with and seize any Pyratrical Ships or Vessels which you may get sight of.

And when you shall be in want of Provisions, you are from time to time to proceed to, and furnish your self therewith from the Person who shall be under Contract with the Commissioners for Victualling his Majesty's Navy, either at *Barbados* or the *Leeward Islands*, according as you shall find the same to be done with the greatest Expedition, which you are to have a particular regard to; that so you may not on that account be longer absent from the aforesaid Island of *St. Lucia* than may be absolutely necessary.

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Numb. II.

By the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great-Britain and Ireland, &c.

WHEREAS his Grace the Duke of *Montagu* hath represented to us, That his Majesty hath been pleased to grant him the Propriety and Government of the Islands of *St. Vincent* and *St. Lucia* in *America*; and his Grace having made it his Request to us, that his Majesty's Ship under your Command may be ordered to convoy such Vessels and Necessaries from *Barbados* to *St. Lucia*, as he may have Occasion to send from thence, the better to enable him to settle the said Islands; We do hereby direct and require you, during your continuing on the Coast of *Barbados*, to do the same, when such Vessels shall be ready to proceed, taking Care you do not spend more Time therein than shall be absolutely necessary; and you are to use your best Endeavours towards protecting the Settlement of the aforesaid Islands of *St. Vincent* and *St. Lucia*, with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, as far as the same may be done without Prejudice or Interruption to the Services recommended to you by our Instructions, relating to the Security of the Island of *Barbados*, and the Trade coming to and going from thence;

thence ; taking Care to acquaint the Governor and Council of the said Island with the Contents of these our Orders to you.

Given under our Hands this Fifth of
July, 1722.

Sign'd,

To Capt. Brown, Commander
of his Majesty's Ship the
Feverham.

Barbados.

By Command of their Lord-
ships,

J. Burchet.

Jo. Cockburne.

John Norris.

Cha. Wager.

D. Pulteney.

Numb. III.

*By the Commissioners for Executing the Office
of Lord High Admiral of Great-Britain
and Ireland, &c.*

WHEREAS his Grace the Duke of
Montagu hath represented to us, That
his Majesty hath been pleased to grant him
the Government and Propriety of the Islands
of *St. Vincent* and *St. Lucia*, in *America* :
And his Grace having made it his Request
to us, that his Majesty's Ship under your
Command may be order'd to convoy from
St. Christophers to *St. Lucia*, such Vessels as
he may have occasion to send thither with
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Stores and Necessaries, the better to enable him to settle the said Islands; We do hereby direct and require you to do the same when such Vessels shall be ready to proceed, taking Care you do not spend more Time therein than shall be absolutely necessary. And you are to use your best Endeavours towards the protecting the Settlement of the aforesaid Islands of *St. Vincent* and *St. Lucia*, with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, as far as the same may be done without Prejudice or Interruption to the Services recommended to you by our Instructions, relating to the Security of the *Leeward Islands*, and the Trade coming to and going from thence; taking Care to acquaint the Governor and Council of the said Islands, with the Contents of these our Orders to you.

Given under our Hands this Fifth Day
of *July*, 1722.

To *Capt. Brand*, Commander
of his Majesty's Ship the
Hector.

Leeward Islands.

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Numb. IV.

Extract of the Instructions of the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to Capt. Ellford of his Majesty's Ship the Lynn, for his Government in attending on Barbados, &c. Dated the 25th of September, 1722.

AND whereas his Grace the Duke of Montagu hath represented to us, That his Majesty hath been pleas'd to grant him the Propriety and Government of the Islands of *St. Lucia* and *St. Vincent*; and his Grace has made it his Request to us, that the Ship you command may be order'd to convoy such Vessels and Necessaries from *Barbados* to *St. Lucia*, as he may have Occasion to send from thence, the better to enable him to settle the said Island; We do hereby direct and require you, during your Continuance on the Coast of *Barbados*, to do the same when such Vessels shall be ready to proceed; taking care not to spend more Time therein than shall be absolutely necessary. And you are to use your best Endeavours towards protecting the Settlement of the aforesaid Islands of *St. Lucia* and *St. Vincent*, as far as the same may be done, without Prejudice or Interruption to the Services already recommended to you.

And whereas his Majesty's Ship the *Hector* is now attending on the *Leeward Islands*, and the *Winchelsea* on the Island of *St. Lucia*, you are to hold a constant Correspondence with their Commanders, as we have directed them to do with you; that so, if any Pyrates shou'd be lurking about that Island or *Barbados*, you may repair to the Assistance of each other; and accordingly, if you shall receive Advice from either of the Commanders of the said Ships, that the Pyrates about their respective Stations are too strong for them, you are, without Loss of Time, to proceed to his Assistance, and use your joint Endeavours to take or destroy them, and having so done to return forthwith to your Station at *Barbados*; but before you proceed to either of the aforesaid Stations, you are to consult with the Governor or Commander in Chief, and the Council of *Barbados*, and receive their Approbation. And in case there shall come on the Coast of *Barbados* any Pyrates, too strong for the Ship you Command, you are to send immediate Notice thereof to the Captain of the *Hector* or *Winchelsea*, or both, as you shall see Occasion, that he or they may repair to your Assistance, pursuant to the Orders they will receive from us.

Numb. V.

Fort-Royal, Martinico, 12th Feb. 1723.

SIR,

THE Report which I had of your Arrival in your Government was confirm'd by Capt. *Browne*, at the same Time that I was writing to Mr. *Cox* upon the Subject of the Island of *St. Lucia*; of which probably he will give you an Account. Permit me, Sir, while I wish you all the Satisfaction you can possibly desire, to send you the Copy of a Letter which Mr. *Uring*, Governor of the Duke of *Montagu's* Colony, has took the Trouble to write to me; and likewise a Copy of the Answer I made to him; that your Excellency may know the Exactness of my Conduct, in the Execution of the Orders of the King my Master, very different from that of the Governor, who probably might not consider the Consequences of the Menaces he ventur'd to make me, instead of being satisfy'd with the Delay which was allow'd him after the Expiration of the Time prescrib'd by his Most Christian Majesty. Permit me, Sir, to offer to your Excellency every Thing, that depends upon me in the Extent of that Government which the King has been pleas'd to trust me with; and at the same Time to assure you, that nothing shall

shall lessen my Care to maintain the strict Alliance which there is between the Two Nations: And now to assure you, that with all Marks of Respect, I have the Honour to be

Your Excellency's

most humble and

most obedient Servant,

De pas Feuquiere.

To Governor Worsley,
of Barbados.

Numb. VI.

Pilgrim. Island of Barbados, the 12th Feb.
1722-3.

S I R,

I Have receiv'd the Honour of your Letter of the 12th Instant, N. S. with a Copy of Mr. Uring's to you, and of your Answer to him. I am extremely obliged to you for the Compliments you make me, upon my Arrival to my Government; you may believe I tell you a great Truth, when I assure you, that I wish you all the Happiness you can desire in yours.

Since

Since you are pleas'd to communicate to me your Conduct in the Affair of *St. Lucia*, I must say, I have a very great Esteem for every Officer that punctually obeys his Master's Orders; and had I been in my Government, when that Affair happen'd, I should have used my utmost Endeavours to have maintain'd the Duke of *Montagu* in the Possession of those Islands, to which the King my Master has an incontestible Right.

Give me leave, to offer to your Excellency all the Services in my Power; and to assure you, that I shall always be glad to do any thing, that may augment the strict Alliance there is between the two Crowns; and shall heartily embrace all Opportunities of shewing, with what Respect I have the Honour to be,

S I R,

Your Excellency's

most humble, and most

obedient Servant.

Henry Worsley.



ERRATA.

Page 15. Line 12. for *Offices* read *Officers*. P. 52. Line 17, for *sent them* read *sent to them*. P. 70. l. 22. for *to Letter* read *to the Letter*.



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