

Yesterday the Privateer Ship Britannia, Captain Pherson, brought in a Sloop which had been taken by the Enemy on her Passage from London to this Place; but was recouered by Captain M'Pherson.

The Paper belonging to the Sloop, and the man, whose Name was Murphy, and all the Goods [except a Passenger and a Foreigner] were carried off by the Enemy. She is laden with Oil, negar, &c.

Last Night also arrived a Brig, laden with Sugar,

a Prize to His Majesty's Ship Rosencrane:

The size-Master is not yet come ashore, but he inform-

a Gentleman who spoke with him, that the French had 200 Men killed, and 100 taken Pri-

mers, in a Skirmish which happened at Guada-

lope on Thursday Morning.

N E W - X O R K, February 26.

Extract of a Letter from St. Eustatia, Jan. 19.  
"At present we are in a most lamentable Situa-

"n, in regard to our Trade, much worse than if

"we were actually in a Way with the English, as

"they now take all our Vessels into Antigua and

Saintferrat, and condemn them without the least

hesitation, the same as they would any French

"Man; and use us much worse, for they will not

"allow the Sailors to have any Provisions, nor even

"stay on Board one single Hour after they are

"brought into Port. What will be the Event of

"these Things, Time will shew; I could wish we

"had an honourable Peace." I am, &c.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, March 1.

The Privateer Ship Spry, Capt. Spring of this

Port, has sent into Providence, the following Ves-

"sels, A French Dane loaded with Sugar and Coffee;

"A Fair-Lady, a Dane, loaded with Fish; and the

"Row Andonia, a Dane loaded with Sugar, which

"were all condemned; also the Elizabeth, a Dane

"loaded with Sugar, which would also be con-

demned.

Extract of a Letter from Antigua, dated January 31.

"We have had the following Account from the

"Army, viz. That the Army was safely

"landed at Martinico; that the Men of War had

"destroyed four or five Batteries or Forts, that lay

"twixt Fort-Royal and St. Pierre's; that all of a

"udden the Forces were re-imbarked, and pro-

"ceeded to Guadaloupe, where the whole Fleet and

"myself arrived the 23d; that at Nine o'Clock in

"the Morning they began to fire on the Citadel, Bat-

"teries, and Town of Basse-Terre with great Fury;

"that the French had behaved bravely for about

"Twenty Hours, but that they were then obliged to

"abandon the Citadel, Forts and Town, and retire

"to the Body of the Island; that our Forces were

"landed without the Loss of a Man; and possessed

"themselves of all the Fortifications, and Town,

"where a dreadful Havoc ensued by the Fire of the

"Ships and Bombs. No Men ever behaved better

"than the Captains, Officers and Men on board the

"Men of War, they have suffered very little either in

"Ships or Men, not having lost above 25 Men, and

"wounded, and have done every Thing that

"could be expected from them, nay, some Thing

"that could not have been hoped for. The At-

"tempt on the Citadel by Sea was always esteemed

"practicable by the French; but to their Amaze-

"ment they were soon convinced of the contrary,

"at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon of the 24th,

"the English Flag was flying; our Land Forces are

"very healthy, and in great Spirits, and we soon ex-

"pect to hear of all the Inhabitants surrendering as

"I think it is improbable they can hold out above

"fourteen Days."

another Letter from Antigua, dated the 5th of

"February, it is said.

"Our Forces landed at Martinico, made a Feint,

"and then reembarked, with the Loss of about 25

"Men; they immediately proceeded to Guadaloupe,

"where they have succeeded hitherto, having taken

"and destroyed all the Batteries in or about Ba-

"sierre, and are now marching into the Country

"wards a Fortress called the Dileodon, situated on

"an Eminence, and I make not the least Doubt but

"our Expedition will be crowned with Success, the

"French have declared, they will not surrender

"capitulate, while they have a Man left. The

"Fence they have made far surpasses my Ex-

"pectations."

Extract of a Letter from Captain Richard Tyrrell,

"to a Gentleman at St. Christopher:

"I take this Opportunity of congratulating you

"on the Reduction of the Town and Fortifications

"Basse-Terre, in the Island of Guadaloupe, which

"are taken by our Men of War on the 23d of

"January, after an obstinate Resistance. We did

"not lose any considerable Number of Seamen in

"Action, tho' the Ships suffered much in their

"Masts and Rigging. The Grand Fox,

"which

which was above the Town, and some Distance

from the Water-side, was very large and strong,

and mounted with 34 large Pieces of Cannon.

The rest of the Batteries were also very strong, and

mounted with heavy Cannon; and it is surprising

that ever our Ships could reduce them. The En-

gineers, belonging to the Army, gave it as their

Opinion, that it was impregnable to Ships; but

by our worthy Commodore Moore's excellent Dis-

position of the Ships, and the Bravery of our Offi-

cers and Men, they were soon silenced, and beat

off, and our Army landed without the Loss of a

Man. We shall proceed to the Reduction of the

rest of the Island to his Majesty's Obedience, which

I hope will soon fall into our Hands; the Im-

portance of which Possession need not expatriate op-

on, nor upon the Misery that must ensue on our

giving it up; therefore I beg of you, and every

Well-wisher, to give all the Assistance in your Power,

to the entire reducing and keeping it until we

have Succours; which I am going Express in the

Bonetta Sloop to solicit for; as also to give an

Account of our present Success; in which Sollicita-

tion I hope to be assisted by all the Gentlemen in the

Island, thro' their Agents. For my Part, I

shall make what Interest I can, with all the Zeal

that a thorough Knowledge of so valuable an Ac-

quisition to our Country can inspire me with. I

pray that you will shew all the Regard in your

Power to our excellent Commodore, who, next to

divine Providence, is the Instrument of our Suc-

cess. I had not the Honour of being in the Action;

I was only an idle Spectator, being becalmed

between three and four Leagues off, during the

Engagement. What has been done at Martinico,

by the good Providence of God, and the Wisdom

of our brave and worthy Commanding Officers at

Sea, turns out to the Glory of his Majesty's Arms.

Let us persevere in keeping our Footing, and

giving all the Assistance in our Power, and we

shall be a flourishing People, for the effecting of

which, I will contribute my Mite."

Extract of another Letter from St. Christopher, dated February 14, 1759.

"Our last News from Guadalupe does not fully

answer our Expectation. It seems, by these Ac-

"counts, that notwithstanding our Troops possessed

"themselves so easily of the Town of Basse-Terre, and

"in Batteries, there is still a great Deal to be done.

"The Post of Dieudon is almost inaccessible. The

"Governor, who is there, has been summoned to

"give it up; but he answered the General, in very

"polite Terms, that he was determined to do every

"Thing in his Power to preserve the Island. — Capt.

Tyrrell, of the Buckingham, was to sail for Eng-

"land, in the Bonetta, several Days ago, in order to

represent to the Ministry the Importance of this Ex-

"pedition, and to solicit an Augmentation of the

"Troops. — Upon the whole, every Thing being

"considered, we hope that an Assembly of People un-

"disciplined, and unaccustomed to the Hardships of

"War, will not long be able to defend themselves,

even in the most inaccessible Posts, against brave

"and regular Troops, supplied with every Thing ne-

"cessary to further their Operations."

Extract of another Letter from St. Christopher, dated February 14, 1759.

"Our Fleet is still at Guadalupe, where they

"have taken the Ports, burnt the Town, and destroy-

"ed most Part of the Country; and as our Troops

"continue in good Spirits, we are hopeful the whole

"Island will soon be obliged to surrender, tho' they

"have hitherto (at the Dieudon) been very obstinate.

Our Privateers continue plundering, and are almost

every Day bringing in Negroes, Cattle, &c. into all

the Islands. As to Martinico, Capt. Tyrrell is

gone Express to England, in the Bonetta Sloop of

War, from whence we shall, in a proper Time,

expect him with strong Reinforcement. Mean-

time the Rest of the French Islands, if not entirely

subdued, will be laid waste to all Intent and Pur-

poses."

The following is a List of Prizes, taken by Captain

M'Pherson, in the Privateer Ship Britannia, of

this Place, viz.: 1. Box of Merchandise, 2. Box

of French Wine, 3. Box of French Wine, 4. Box

of French Wine, 5. Box of French Wine, 6. Box

of French Wine, 7. Box of French Wine, 8. Box

of French Wine, 9. Box of French Wine, 10. Box

of French Wine, 11. Box of French Wine, 12. Box