

Journal of wife of M^r M^r M^r M^r M^r
1761

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Dec^r. 19th - 1761. on Saturday Evening, we sail'd
from English Harbour, Antigua, in
the Levant Frigate of War, ^{28 guns} Capt. Saforey
Commander, to join the Fleet at Barbadoes,
Destin'd on the Expedition against
Martinique. — we had receiv'd
Intelligence that Admiral Rodney
was arriv'd at Barbadoes, in the
Marlborough to Command the Fleet,
& that several Line of Battle Ships were
In their passage thither, & Likewise several

Transport Ships with forces from Bellisle
suppos'd to amount to 2500 men; but
that they had been separated in
a gale of wind, which gave us
some uneasiness for their safety.

We had also Intelligence that the
Troops under the Command of general
Monckton were actually sail'd from
New York (Staten Island) & were on
their passage to Barbadoes. These Troops
were said to consist of Eleven Battalions

& to amount to 7000 Men, Under the
Convoy of some ~~of~~ Vessels of war.
Moreover about 2500 Regular
forces were expected to Rendezvous
at Barbadoes from Dominique,
Guadalupe & Antigua. & upon the
whole we had reason to believe that
the Regular forces Intended for the
Attack might amount to about 15000.

Dec^r. 20th Sunday. The Levant came to anchor near pointe Noir in guadaloupe in order to wood & water, which was effected accordingly, & on

Dec^r. 22^d Tuesday in the evening we sailed from thence, bound to Barbadoes.

Dec^r. 23^d in the morning, being off Basse-Terre, we lay to, & a boat was sent on shore, for Letters from Governor Dalrymple, which being received,

We continued our passage.

Dec^r 29th Tuesday Morning, we arriv'd
in Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes:

Where we found General Mordaunt
arriv'd, & almost all the forces,
(tho' not so numerous as we hop'd for)
There were likewise the Flags
of Admiral Rodney, Sir James
Douglas, & Commodore Swanton,
flying on board their respective Ships.
The whole Bay afforded a noble sight.

Many of the Troops were daily
permitted to come on Shore at
Bridgetown in Barbados, to refresh
themselves, after their long voyage,
& to purchase necessaries, which as
they had lately received their pay,
they were well enabled to do,
for in all probability not less than
60000 £ Cash has been expended
in Bridgetown, to the great

advantage of The Traders
Whilst In Bridge Town, we had
opportunity of seeing, a great
Number of Officers & Men on
Shore, in their different
Uniforms, Cut short, as being
less Cumbersome & better adapted
to the work they were going
upon. The Officers & Men had all
the air of Veterans, & the

appearance of Soldiers that
knew how to Conquer, & were
accustom'd to Victory. The whole
remain'd in high health & spirits,
& were not at all dismay'd, at
the Numbers they were to contend
with, or the great preparations
they heard were made for their
Reception at Martinique.

I waited upon Admiral Rodney
the day of my arrival, & was courteously
received, & invited to dinner with him,
when I was introduced to General
Mouchton, & several others of
the principal officers. After
dinner I delivered to the general
my recommendatory letters from
Lord Ligonier, & General
Thomas. I afterwards waited
upon him at His Levy, when he

gave me a gentle Invitation
to his Table, & hop'd I would
consider myself as one of his
Family. I thank'd him, & offer'd
him my best Services, assuring
him I should esteem it an honor
to obey his Commands in whatever
he might think fitt to Employ me,
& that I hop'd he would command
me without Ceremony, as my
Ambition was to render myself

Usefull. He Thank'd me, & told
me he would act agreeable to
my wishes.

I have not yet had means to
be acquainted with the Temper
& Abilities of the principal Officers,
tho' I have several Times been
in their Company. But thus
much seems Evident. a good
Harmony subsists between the General
& Admiral. the former is tall

Soldierlike & gentle, Thoughtful
silent & reserved, The latter
well bred Frank & Chatty.

As to the appointment of the
Brigade, & Commanding Officers,
with the several opinions.

Menon in the Army, & likewise
of the Capacity of them & so forth,
It is to be hop'd all will go well.

As to Knowledge of the Country,
Pilots, & particularly guides,

I doubt, we have not much
Intelligence to spare. But the
Skill & Bravery of the Army,
with their past Experience of
the Enemy &c, will I trust
remedy other defects of Intelligence.
All that good Troops can do
I believe will be effected.

Saturday Evening

— Jan: 20 1782. The officers & Troops
embark'd on board the transports,

— Sunday Jan: 3^d The Fleet was
unmoor'd, & The Admiral & General
went on board. The Transports not
being all water'd, however detain'd
the Fleet in Caribbe Bay, till
Tuesday afternoon.

— Jan: 5th 1762. The whole fleet
weigh'd anchor, & sail'd out
of Caribbe Bay, against Martinique.
Pray god: Grant them Success.
Capt. Lefroy being before sent
out, to Martinique, & I having
long before the Arrival of Admiral

Rodney, received an invitation
on board the *Publick*, by Sir James
Douglas, I embark'd in his
Ship; with expectations, of
being appointed an aid de Camp
to the general, before the landing,
& accordingly of being sent for
on board the Admiral, time
enough for this duty. This
I have been appriz'd of by Major
Gates, the general's aid de Camp.

Wednesday in the Evening

— Jan: 6th we had sight of the
Land Martinique, & the whole
Fleet lay to, in order not to
be seen by the Enemy, & ~~in~~ with
~~secret~~ intentions of getting in
with the Land early in the
Morning, & then to begin the
attack, as had been before
plann'd. —

This Evening Sir James Douglas
quitted the Dublin, & went

on board the Crescent Capt. Collingwood
in order to Command the attack
& Landing, & all things were
arrang'd accordingly. _____

Thursday at about 2 o' Clock in the afternoon
— Janth 7. Sir James Douglas with the
8 Ships hereafter mention'd, went into
St James Bay, & silenc'd 3 several
Batterys which made inconsiderable
Opposition, whilst the Tonnant,
The Dragon, & Modeste sail'd on towards

Fort Royal Bay, to amuse the
Enemy. The Ships did not find
it necessary to anchor before the
Batterys, but fired on them only
as they pass'd. on coming into
the Bay we find a French Flag
still flying on a Battery ^{a la Barbette} of
6 or 8 guns, which the Ships
can't much injure by reason of
its situation. There appear ten
or 12 Frenchmen leaning on the

Cannon, as Spectators of the Fleet
coming in to the Bay, without
^{firing} one shot at us, ^{or we at them} Altho the Fleet
are come to anchor close under it.
a Bomb Ketch had thrown a few
bombs at it, before our arrival,
one of which we were told, took
place. — The word Monckton —
Some Marines order'd on Shore, 50
from The Dublin, we imagine
to take possession of the Battery,

or to dismount its guns &c —
but were again order'd on board without going on shore.
Some Marines & Sailors from
the Culloden & Juno, being
fir'd at on going on shore, could
not be restrain'd from firing some
^{poor} houses in the neighbourhood where
they landed. I do not find we
have lost a man, Thank god
for this prosperous beginning. —
The Reasonable by going too near

^{between pointe Gardin & pointe saline}
The Shore on the Attack, unluckily
run a ground, but it is hop'd
she will be got off tomorrow,
without much Damage, as all
assistance is at hand.

Sir James Douglas is return'd on board the Dublin.
The Ships that went in, to the
attack at St Annes Bay, were as
follows. Culloden - Temple - Stirling Castle
Castle - Penzance - Southwell -
Nottingham - Norwich - Reasonable, a ground.

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over a page. But it is not
the will be put off tomorrow.

on that part of the page, as all

the same is at hand. The
page is now being prepared for the
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John. Collier - Temple - Boston
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-Friday morn: Jan. 8th

Raisonable's masts all cut away,
but still a ground. it is feared she
will be lost, tho' all her cannon &c. may
be saved.

all this day nothing done, Fleet
lying Idle at anchor.

at night a firing on the
fleet from several small batteries,
but too far in shore to do any Execution

one of the Bomb Vessels, threw
a few Shells on Shore. →
Some Sailors & a few Marines
landed Irregularly, burnt a
House at S.^t Anne's, spiked up
a Battery of 4 guns, & got
some plunder. Firing lasted
about an hour. one man killed,
three or four wounded, one of which

Mortally - Landing expected
tomorrow morning - I am afraid
at a loss what to determine
upon.

- Saturday. Jan: 9th No Landing as yet
attempted - Fleet & all quiet -
If we continue so, may I think
expect the Enemy will have some
mortars on the heights, which may

in the Night.

Do great Damage, in a fleet
so thick & numerous as this,
& so crowded with men.

It should seem necessary to
determine on something.

The Enemy are in daily
expectation of a fleet of men
of war, & succours from France.

This afternoon, the Repulse
brigade, & some sloops of war &
Tenders, drew near the shore, in
order to cover the Landing of
the troops which was intended
in the evening; & about 4 o'clock
a considerable firing began against
the shore (but no enemy appeared) & in
the evening at 5; Brigadier's Rufans
Brigade was landed, without opposition,

I immediately took possession of
Point Jardin, & ^{hoisted English Colours at the fort, 3} the Neighbouring ^{Cher from each}
^{of the ships.}

Batterys, the guns of which the
Enemy had spiked up: ^{an officer of Militia taken}
^{prisoner by a Ranger,} all night
then troops lay without tents or
covering in the open field. & a
good deal of rain fell.

Tuesday Jan: 10th. The troops ashore
met with no opposition. Wet at night
& all this day expos'd to the sultry sun
without tents or cover, altho' sufficient.

Houses & shelter for them. I doubt this will be followed by sickness.

at 9 this morning, Capt: Harvey & myself went ashore to reconnoitre, Landed near point Jardin, took 2 Serjants with arms with us, walk'd up to the Battery on the Hill, then with Capt Hillman, & a file of men, climb'd up thro' a cane piece, to the top of a very high Hill or Mountain, close to a wood, from hence had a view into the Country quite over to the Sea on the

Shore 2 Marines wounded.

In the morning Early of this Last day,
Commadore Swanton with some men of
was a Transport, & the 1st Brigade, &
^{light Infantry}
were detach'd from S^t Anne's Bay,
in order to Land at petite anee (a Bay
very near to Grande anee Bay) & the
Troops (a ^{large} part of them with Col. Melville)
march'd over ^{from there} to Grande anee, when
Capt. Harvey gave them possession of the
Fort. &c. & This was then made
head Quarters of ~~Haviland's~~ Brigade,
for there were no houses or covering
at petite anee. — The Intention of

Detaching Commodore Swanton with
the First Brigade was in order to
Land the Troops at petite anse,
& then Troops were to March over
to the neighbourhood of pigeon Island
in order to make an attempt
to take it from the shore by Cohorn's
or to see what might be done there.

About 5 in the Evening Sir James
Douglas & his Squadron arriv'd off
Port Royal, & distinctly saw pigeon
Island, Fort Royal &c. The Fragon did
not join us till next morning, but lay at

an anchor off grande anse - The Troops
march over (began their march at 11
o' clock at night) the Mountains, &
took post within a mile of pigeon
Island, the Road excessive bad, &
Mountains the steepest of any we
had seen at Martinique. A French
Negro that had deserted & was taken
on board by Capt. Hawley, & served as
a guide, ran away from the Army. -
our own Negroes carrying burdens &
dissatisfied. —

Monday. Jan: 11th — We Cruise backwards
& forwards off Port Royal, ^{more} distinctly
Pigeon Island, & some other Batterys
that side of the Shore. — I see
very distinctly Fort Royal, &
Pointe Negre. a fine Country,
number of Batterys erected at
Point Negre, many more works
erecting there, the Enemy assembled
there in great numbers. —
at Pigeon Island we see perhaps
about 100 men. firing this day from

Thence a neighbouring Battery
against our Troops, which by the
Morning had taken post within a
mile of Pigeon Island. The Enemy's
Shells fell amongs them. ^{one} ~~two~~ man
^{slightly} wounded. — We see a French Flag
Hoisted on a Mountain over our
Troops, but at some distance —
the Enemy in motion. — I reconnoitered
the shore with Capt. Harvey (in much
Danger & Rash) ^{Pigeon Island} ^{at us.} — Dined on board
the Dragon this Day — Elegant Dinner —

on shore ^{many} privateers & get plunder, coffee,
&c. Capt. Harvey &c, brought on board
a canoe, & more discovered on shore,
by him at the same time. —

Troops this night, finding they
could do nothing against Prison
Island without Cannon, which it
was impracticable to carry over the
mountains & precipices, march back
again to grande & petite Ance, where
our fleet lay. — one of our soldiers
H. Amer. Devoted - we took 4 Iv: gourdiers

in more works at pointe Neve,
Pigeon Island &c. — what we saw
about — dind on board the Tondroyant
a most noble ship. Brigadier Haviland
dind likewise there &c. informed us of
the difficulty of the march &c. & that
the Light Infantry were attack'd by
a party of French grenadiers &c, who
were quickly repul'd by them wth Loss.

Wednesday Jan 13th - This Morning went with
Sir James Douglas on shore at petite
ance: a pretty little Bay. - & on
board Commodore Swanton - went with
Capt. Everitt on shore at grande ance -
a pretty little Bay. The Battery &
guard room &c. very completely built.
The Village may contain about 50 houses.
Their Servants State &c.
went on board the Modeste (Capt. Washington)
Elegant Cabin &c. —————

This Evening Fleet ^{& Transports} from S^t Annes
arrive & anchor off Grandance.

Thursday Jan: 14th — This morning the
General & Admiral, Engineers &c
come on board the Jublin to
Reconnoitre — a very fine day
for the purpose — Been determined
to land near Case Navire — dine on
board Sir James

Friday Jan: 15 ⁴² See a Fleet of 9 sail
 to leeward, off San Pierre, May be
 the French Fleet - the Commodore
 &c bear down towards them -
 Discover them to be small vessels
 standing towards us, & conclude them
 to be English - we stand again
 to windward, off port Royal,
 anchor at grand Ance, dine

on board the Admiral; appointed
by the general an aid de Camp,
rather a nominal, than a
real service to be expected,
chiefly meant & received as
a compliment.

Saturday Jan: 16th at Day Break
the whole Fleet makes sail for
Cape Navire, Ships hereafter
mention'd sent forward to Batten

The several Batteries from
Case pilote, to pointe Negro.
as they are oblig'd to Tack
within joint Blank shot of
Fort Royal, we are all surpriz'd
that that Fort fires only a few
shot at them. A brisk Cannon-
-nading on the several Batteries
at ty. ^{ty. govt.} the gullies,
all silenc'd with the loss of only
three or four men on our side,
Tho the Batteries make what

opposition they can - at Case Navire
Fort, a French officer of distinction
found killed, said to be a Major general.

The whole Fleet comes to anchor
between Case pilote & Case Navire.

The whole Fleet turning up into
Fort Royal Bay, at the same time
the Men of war were engag'd in
silencing the several Batteries
along Shore, afforded a most magnificent

Monday Jan: 18th The Army Advances
towards the Enemys Redoubts.

Skirmishing among the advanced
parties. but few killed on either
side. A Lt of the Rangers killed,
Trench took his skull to pieces,
I suppose conceiving him by his
dress & Tomhawk to be an Indian
scalper. Flying arrow (an Indian,
brother to the famous Silver Heels)
is wounded in the breast. Bomb & shells

throw some Shells pretty Successfully
among the Enemy.

Tuesday 19th. Something of consequence
expected soon -

Wednesday 20th. Yesterday afternoon &
this day the Tents Landed, & some
artillery, working tools, wheel barrows
&c - Negroes Idle, & not properly
managed - Road not mended in time
for the artillery which might have
been easily done, & would have saved

much Time & Labour - Trouble &
Difficulty of Drawing Cannon,
so or 100 men Harnass'd to draw
them, If the strength was better
applied & in time, it would be
easier effected - very appearance
on shore. - frequent Little skirmishes
among the out posts, but nothing
of consequence effected - a few
men lost on each side -

The Progress of the Army seems
slow, but it is presumed it
may be judicious, & they are
the best Judges on those —
Our people are erecting some
Fascine Batteries, & we have
reason to expect something of consequence
soon — This Evening the Admiral
receives Intelligence of a capture
with the Spaniards.

Thursday 21st Things appear
much as they were - only our
troops have many of their tents
up, & of course some shelter
from the weather - By the
original Manifesto of the King
of Spain, a rupture with that
Court is confirmed.

Friday 22^d Nothing Extraordinary
only we continue to erect Batteries.

Saturday 23. Nothing Extraordinary,
Batteries Completed.

Sunday 24th. a general attack at
Day break, on the Enemy's Redoubt
& Intrenchments, quite ^{across the gully} from Case
Wavre, down to Fort Royal Town,
with great bravery & little Loss,
all performed in two hours & a half,
a surprising Rapidity. About 100 of
our killed & 200 wounded.

Wednesday afternoon Jan: 27th.

The French from Mome garnier
attack Haviland's post near it,
are repulsed with great loss, &
are pursued into Mome garnier,
we make ourselves masters of a
part of the Mome, & in the night
of the whole; our loss inconsiderable,
being about 30 killed, & about 80 wounded

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
following, our Batteries on Mome
Fortinson play on Fort Royal,
& likewise from Mome Garrison.
Sunday 31st Jan^y

Friday 5th of Feb. in the evening
Fort Royal surrendered to the English.

Saturday 6th in the morning, the
French Garrison march out of
the Fort.

Sunday 7th Deputies from the
greatest part of the Island, at
Head Quarters to treat of a
Capitulation.

Monday 8th Capitulation signed
by three fourths of the Island.

Tuesday 9th Pigeon Island surrenders
this Evening, on being summoned.

Tuesday 9th

Friday 12th Mons Le Touche's ^{brother went} — to treat
Sunday Night 14th Mons Le

Touche returned with the
Articles of Capitulation signed
by his bro: the general —

Monday 15th The general & de
Vailly for St Pierre to take
possession with the grenadiers &

Tuesday 16th Entered St Pierre
& dined with Mons Le Touche &

th
Feb: 24 Sailed from I^{re} Pierre for
Antigua, & touch'd at Dominique.

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Feb: 26 Arriv'd at Antigua →

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Mons^r Jonah
Lortan
Janno

Rue S^r Jean De Dieu

Kingsley for Turtle 54:13:6

Wax Candles ——— 1:16

£ 56:9:6

Dic: Offley 6 lbs —

Station for Red Cloth & Qu.
whether paid —

Sailey The Taylors Bill

Grant for Caps & —

Bridges, Box & c.

Mon^r Auvault

Cabesterre

Kush

Large Turtle

Capt. Vaughan

Sheep

2 Washerwomen

or Servants

Admiral

Sheep — L. Kollo

Fruit & Gen^l a dm:
Turtle

Beef —

Bark —

Flower —

Coarse Linen &

All plantation necessaries

Provisions in general
but no Herring &c —

Salt Fish.

Mackerell

Butter.

Candles

wine.

Mons^r D'Alles

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Mons^r Le pium

Mons^r De Bonell

Mons^r Ferrere

Mons^r de Festa

Mons^r Larnach

Mons^r Le Tonike

Mons^r Radan

Many of the original records
- recorded by Col. Jennings

Countenance by Capt. Mudd
who received some qualities
from the Genl. Family
what he was previous
at the Pennington

Biscuit all that
Can be had

James Hamilton

~~Trustee of the~~
2 proper people
for the negroes

of Yuba &c

Wm. W. Sherman
Cables

C. Canet

Wm. W. Sherman

Dr. Huch, on board The Hospital
Ship, James,

Dr. Addecar, at The Hospital on Shore.

Dr. Monro

Dr. M^cClaine

Mr. Coyle, Commissary for the army
at pointe Negro.

Mr. Coverdale, agent Victualler
on board The Edwards' good Intent
a Transport, Flag at the main
Top-gallon Storey.

~~Capt~~ Edmiston -

- Capt. Murray -

+ Col. Murray. -

- Capt. Mc Kenzie -

- Major Read -

~~Col. Fletcher.~~

Col. Maffey -

Capt. McDonald.

+ J^r McCane, Golden

Blues, Spanish Negro -

George Mack James Hopk
Ship

Dear at the
Hospital on shore

Mr Coy on Cambridge
at the ...

The ... out

Provision Cove
Mr Mack ...

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Le Varron de la Touche



JOURNAL OF THE SEIGE OF MARTINIQUE. 1761-

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