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Questions

1. Where did the Enemy appear before St. Eustacia
What did their Force consist of? When and
Where did they Disembark? How many Men.

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2. Who Commanded in Chief & what other
Officers of Distinction were on that
Expedition?

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3. Was any resistance made by the Troops, or
had they any Orders to resist the Enemy?

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4. What were the usual Guards on the Island
& where posted, & number of Sentries from each?

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5. Were there any Guards on the side the Enemy
landed, or Sentries between that part of
the Coast & the Barrack, or had you any
Guards or Sentries at the Barracks, or
was there any Post on the high and
Commanding Ground?

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Answers

1. The Enemy appeared in St. Eustatius on Monday Morning the 27th past, betwixt Day break & Sunrise - Their Force then I fancy consisted of betwixt 3 & 4 Hundred Men - The Enemy Disembarked at a place called Jenkins's Bay. The Total of their Number by the Report a French Officer were upwards of One Thousand.

2. The Marquis De Bouille Commanded the Expedition, Count Dillon attended him & Col. Fitzmaurice now Commandant of the Island.

3. No resistance whatever was made by the Troops, nor did they receive any Orders to that purpose.

4. Requires much Consideration.

5. There were no Guards or Sentries where the Enemy landed, there is a Fort called Tumble down Dick, which lay some little distance to the right of the Road of the Enemy went, where there was a Corporals & days Guard - There were no Guards or Sentries between the place the Enemy landed at, & the Barracks, nor were there any Posts on the high Commanding Grounds.

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Q. When was Colonel Cockburne informed of the Landing of the Enemy, & what Steps did he take thereon?

7 Did Col^d Cockburne construct any additional Batterys or Redoubts, from the time the late Commander in Chief left St. Eustatius 1st of August to the Surrender how many & where?

8 Did the Commandant aforesaid, keep up more or less Guards or Sentries than was usual in the time of his Predecessor Brigadier General Ogilvie; describe the difference?

9 Whether was it practicable place where the Enemy landed, & have you or not understood, a Captain Garstin had given an Opinion thereon, & was any thing done in consequence?

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Answers

- Q. Lieut. Col. Cockburne was not to my knowledge informed of the landing of the Enemy, until he was taken Prisoner. A Report universally prevailed that an Orderly Sergeant of the 15th Reg^t. acquainted him by the Information of a negro at 11 O'clock the preceding Evening that the French — were then landing. He took little Notice of this Report & dismissed directly — Colonel Cockburne took no steps whatever to prevent the Enemy's taking possession of the Garrison, he being taken Prisoner on Board back upon his return from Bathing.
- M. 7. Col. Cockburne was constructing an additional Battery on the Island when it was taken, which was not finished. I know of no other.
- M. 8. The Commandant the day after the Entrenchment of Brigadier General Ogilvie took a substitute Guard from Tumble-down Dick & replaced it by a Corporals & three Men which continued — In respect to the taking off or adding to the Guards or Sentries — by leave to consider.
- M. 9. Lieut. Lewis of the Artillery informed me that Lieut. Col. Cockburne had some time before sent Captain Gustin to see if it was practicable for an Enemy to Land on that part of the Island. Captain Gustin reported in consequence that the Enemy could effect a landing at Sentinels Bay. No steps to my knowledge were taken to prevent them.

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10. Did any Officer ask Col. Lockburne what was to be done when the Enemy landed, & what Answer did he make?

11. What did the Enemy do after the Surrender of St. Eustatius relative to the Ships in the Bay, or the Money said to be in what was called the Kings Chest?

12. How much Money was said by the Commanders to be in the Chest, & how much was found in it, and whether or no, there were not a Number of Private Purses with Money in them, in said Chest belonging to certain Inhabitants, with their Names marked on the same?

13. Was you present at opening said Chest, or who have you heard present, besides the French General & who of the Garrison?

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Answers

10. Captain Henderson of the 13th Reg^t informed me that soon after the Surrender, he waited upon Col. Cockburne, and asked "What was all this about" for some Question to the same purpose Col. Cockburne made him a reply, ^{that} "if Soldiers would not do their duty, it was not his fault"
11. The Enemy the Day following the Surrender of the Garrison, Disposed off, by Publick Vendue all the Vespets taken in the Day, & the succeeding Day they divided the produce, along with the Money's found in the Kings Chest.
12. The Money's by the Information of a French Officer reported by Lieut. Col. Cockburne to be in the Chest was about 60 Thousand Pounds he further added to their great surprise that it exceeded that Sum double. There were a number of Private Purses &c. found in Col. Cockburne's possession, which the Marquis De Bouille being made acquainted with, ^{ordered a Proclamation to be made} that all Inhabitants who had formerly given in their Private Monies to appear at Head Quarters, when they would have them returned, consequently their Purses were returned.
13. I was not present at the opening of the Chest, or did I ever hear of any of the Officers in the Garrison, excepting Col. Cockburne was.



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Was any part of the said Money's in the Chest, claimed by the Commandant / Genl. Col. Lockburne, and how much?

No 15. How did the Marquis De Bouille dispose of the Money as aforesaid, and what came of the sum claimed by the Commandant?

No 16. How did the Marquis treat the Officers and late Garrison & how dispose of them?

No 17. Were Officers permitted to be sent with the Soldiers?

No 18. Did you hear from Col. Lockburne that great preparations were making at Martinique by the Enemy for an Embarkation. Had the Garrison any Additional Orders thereon?

No 19. What Quantity of Ammunition was in possession of the Troops?

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Answers.

14. The Marquis De Bouille being made to understand by Col. Cockburne that a part of the Money in the Chest was his property, and upon this declaring upon his Honor such it was returned him amounting by the Report of a French Officer who told me he was present to 3 Thousand Johannis's.
15. The Marquis De Bouille the day after the Sales divided the Money's amongst the Captors. The sums claimed by the Commandant was paid him.
16. The Marquis treated the Officers with every degree of respect & attention, & indulged them with the liberty of going where they pleased.
17. Any Officers desirous of going with the Soldiers were permitted.
18. I never had any access whatever to Col. Cockburne but what my duty obliged me, the remaining Officers of the Garrison were in a similar Situation, therefore never heard any declaration whatever from him, respecting preparations at Martinique. The Garrison did not receive any Additional Orders.
19. The Troops I believe had five rounds of Cartridges each.

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20. What is the General opinion of the Officers
and late Garrison of S. St Gustavus
relative to the Surrender?

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21 Was there any change to your knowledge
(previous to the arrival of the Enemy)
of the usual Signals for Shipping or were
the Signal Men changed and for what
Reason?

(Signed) J. Christie

To

Ensign Rogerson
of His Majesty's 13 Reg^t

Answers.

Mr. 20. The general Opinion of the Officers of Garrison at St. Eustatius are, that the Commandant, had actually Sold the Island - Or that some treacherous proceedings had taken place?

Ans. There was no change in the usual Signals the Lady of the House when the Signal Man by Name Petty crew lodged, informed me that he was changed a few days before the Capture of the Island

(Signed) Will^m Rogerson
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