

GEO. ADDL. MSS. 15

Parfleur in Carlisle Bay

Barbadoes <sup>th</sup> 14. Janry 1782.

Sir

The Naval Force of the French in these Seas is, and has been for some Weeks past thirty Sail of the Line, two fiftys and seven Frigates, the greatest part of which has been twice off St. Lucia, several days each time, but made no Attack; and by a Dispatch Vessel which arrived this Morning from St. Kitts, I received a letter dated the 10<sup>th</sup> from Governor Shirley in which he informs me the Enemys Fleet amounting in the whole to upwards of forty Sail, were then in sight from the Hills, standing in for that Islands.

His Majesty's Force now here under my Command is twenty of the Line, with which I am about to get under Sail to  
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able for the relief of St. Kitts.

My Rendezvous is St. John's Head Antigua,  
and I am in hopes to be joined by the  
Prudent in going to that Island, she  
parted with Commodore Affleck, who  
arrived here from New York on the 12<sup>th</sup>, had  
been off English Harbour the day before the  
Commodore called there, and there is reason  
to fear she returned with a sprung main Mast.

The Royal Oak is also in English  
Harbour but without a lower Mast, so that  
I have no prospect of any Service from her.

The Ruseel sailed from that Port a  
second time with the Whistly armed Ship  
on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and I am sorry to find by the  
Master of the Dispatch Schooner from  
St. Kitts, that both sailed from thence on  
the 9<sup>th</sup> in the Evening, and were standing

into

Bajeterre Roads the next Morning, having  
seen the Enemy's Fleet, so that there is great  
reason to fear they will be taken unless  
they should immediately bear away to  
Sewards.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) Saml. Hood.

(Copy)

Admiral Sir Geo. B. Rodney

Comd. in Chief the Fleet

in the Bay of St. Vincent

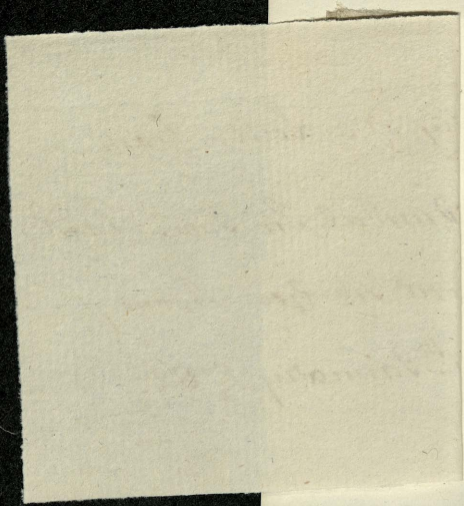
or any Flag Officer Senior

to Rear Admiral Sir Saml. Hood.

Copy of a Letter from Rear  
Adm. Sir Samuel Wood  
to Comd. Sir Geo. Rodney  
<sup>th</sup>  
14 January 1782.

Copy of a letter from  
Rear Admiral Sir Sam. Hood  
to Admiral Sir Geo. Rodney.

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Bartlett, Carlisle Bay Barbadoes, 14<sup>th</sup>

January 1782

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My Rendezvous is S.<sup>t</sup> Johns Road Antigua, and I am in hopes to be joined by the prudent in going to that Island, she parted with Commodore Affleck who arrived here from New York on the 12<sup>th</sup>; had been off English Harbour the day before the Commodore called there, and there is reason to fear she returned with a sprung Main Mast

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the Master of the dispatch Schooner from S.<sup>a</sup> Kitts, that  
both sailed from thence on the 9<sup>th</sup> in the evening and were  
standing into Basseterre Road the next Morning having  
seen the Enemy's Fleet, so that there is great reason to fear  
they will be taken unless they should immediately bear  
away to leeward.

I have the Honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Admiral Sir Geo: B: Rodney Bart.  
R: B. and Commander in chief  
Yea' Yea' Yea'

Humble Servant  
Signed S: Hood

Or any Flag Officer senior to  
Rear Admiral Sir Sam: Hood.

A Copy  
Wm: Booth