

De Curaçaosche Courant.

Den 11den Augustus 1820,
DE ondergetekende voornemens zynde in den
loop dezer maand van hier naar Europa te
vertrekken, verzoekt een ieder die aan hem
schuldig moge zyn, om betaling, en alle de
geene die eenige gerechtige pretentie of eisch
tegen hem moge hebben, zich te adresseeren
alwaar sy inmediaat voldoening kunnen, bekno-
men.

J. H. SCHIELING.

CURACAO.

Vaartuigen en uitgeklaard sedert onzelaaft.

INGEELAARD—AUGUSTUS.

5	golet	Trinidad, Blanc,	Porto Cabello
10	—	Fortain, De Pool,	Spaanische Kust
4	golet	Drie Zusters, Paron,	Porto Cabello
5	—	Cordelia, Augur,	New York
8	—	Maria, Crilanovich,	St Martha
9	—	Trinidad, Blanc,	Porto Cabello
9	—	Adm. vande Capellen, Crane, Sp. Kust	
	—	Anna, Bolwig,	Haiti
	dark	Conception, Correa,	La Gouyra
	golet	Abeja, Mendez,	Spaanische Kust
10	brik	Eliza, Waring,	New York

Maandag zynde den geboortedag van H. K. H. Frederika Sophia Wilhelmina, geboren Koninklyke Princesse van Pruissen, Douariere van Zyne Doorluchtige Hoogheid Willem den Vden, Prins van Oranje en Nassau, Erfstadhouder der Vereenigde Nederlanden &c. &c. &c. is ter eere van dien dag het garnisoen alhier om elf nur des morgens onder de wapens geweest, en zyn op den middag een en twintig schoten door de Artillerie gedaan.

Zondag II. viel een matroos genaamd Nielzon, behorende tot Zyner Majesteits brik Merkuur, in de haven en verdronk ongelukkig. Men vermoedde niet dat hy dit ongelukkig lot ondergaan had, tot den volgenden Dingsdag wanneer zyn lyk op dreef, het welk dadelyk werd opgevist en behoorlyk begraven.

In de namiddag van Maandag II. werd een blank kind welk scheen gewurgd te zyn, kort na zyne geboorte gevonden op den grooten weg nabij den tuin Hof en Berg, alias Vagevuur; verborgen onder een hoop steenen, het voorkomen hebbende van blanken afkomst te zyn. De reuk die het lykje van zich gaf, lokte een hond naar die plaats, het geen oorzaak was, dat hetzelfe ontdekt werd. Er werd dadelyk berigt aan het Fiskalaat gegeven, waarop de schout en verscheiden dienders, vergezeld door den stads-churigyn naar den plaats gingen, en na de nodige examinatie te hebben gedaan, werd het lyk van het kind begraven. Om de zaak der menschheid is het te wenschen, dat de daader van deze verschrikkelijke misdaad, ondekt zal worden, en naar verdienste gestraft.

Gisteren middag arriveerde hier de Nederlandse brik Henriette Wilhelmina, kapitein Kerkhof, in zeven weken van Amsterdam. Wy hebden met dezelve Amsterdamsche Couranten ontvangen, tot den 9den Mei, die echter niets belangryks behelzen, als dat er eene hevige storm in het begin dier maand door Nederland heeft plaats gehad, en dat daardoor aan huizen, boomen, en veldgewas aanzienlyke schade is veroorzaakt.

Een treurig nieuws ontvingen wy echter wegens den dood van konings moeder.

Extract uit de Haarlemsche Couranten.

HET Loo, 10den Juny.—H. K. H. de Princesse Douairiere van Oranje Nassau, hier na eene kortstondige ongesteldheid den 9den Juny H. aan eenen aanval van beroerte overleden.

De overledene vorstin werd geboren den 7den Augustus 1761 uit het huwelyk van Z. K. H. Prins August Wilhelm van Pruisen broeder van den grooten Frederik, met Princesse Louise Amelie van Brunswyk Wolfenbittel. Zy huwde den 4den October 1787 te Berlin met wylen 2. D. H. Prins Willem de V. den 18den April 1806 overleden, uit dit huwelyk zyn geboren H. K. H. wyle de Princesse Louise, en Z. M. onze geliefde koning, en wyle Z. D. H. Prins Willem George Frederik te Padua in 1797 overleden.

Op bevel des konings, is te Appeldoorn een graf kelder gerescht gemaakt, om het lyk van H. K. H. te ontvangen.

De plegtige byzetting heeft op Zaturdag daarna voigende plaats gehad; Zoo treurig de tyding is, zoo verblydend is het tevens te vermelden, dat H. K. H. de Princesse van Oranje den 12den Juny van eenen Prins gelukkig is verlost.

Wy hebben reeds gemeld, dat er eenige verschillen bestonden tusschen zyne excellente lord Combermere gouverneur van Barbados en het achtbare Huis der Vergadering in de colonie, welk schijnt voortgesproten te zyn, uithoofde zyne lordschap den Heer Brandford Lane heeft afgewet, als onwaardig om eenne plaats in de magistraat te bekleeden. Uit de hierbij gevoegde correspondentie, tusschen zyne lordschap en een committè door het huis der vergadering benoemd, om den magistraat af te zetten, zal dadelijk blijken, dat de beweegredenen, die zyne lordschap hebben bewogen, om het huis der vergadering uit een te scheiden en te weigeren eenne copie van de noodzakelyk vereischte bewys stukken te geven, de vrees was, van eenen uitslag onbestaanbaar met zyne lordschap waardigheid, om zich er aan te onderwerpen, en welke konde dienen, om de beschuldigingen tegen het karakter van bovengenoemden Heer te wederleggen, en hem in de oogen van zyne getrouwe landslieden, in een eerlyk en verheven oogpunt te plaatzen. Het onderwerp is met yvere Barbados behandeld, en verscheidene schryvers in de journalen van die colonie hebben gestrengelyk het gedrag van zyne lordschap gelaakt en bestraft, het welke wy gelegenheid zullen hebben publiek te maken.

Zyne lordschap schijnt tevens een party te hebben in Barbados, welke daarom het leven en gedrag dat zyne excellente heeft aangenomen goedkeuren, en die zyne lordschap een blýk van hunne eerbied hebben gegeven, hem met een kostbaar blýk van hunne achtung begiftigende, zoo als gezien kan worden uit hun adres aan zyne lordschap, dat hier volgt.

BARBADOS, 15DEN APRIL.

"Het committè daargesteld door het edele huis der vergadering, om te onderzoeken naer de redenen welke ons excellentie den gouverneur hebben bewogen, om te denken dat de Heer John Brandford Lane, onwaardig is de commissie van vrederegter, en waarvan zyne excellente hem ontslagen heeft, nemen zeer ondertanig de vryheid om zyne excellente den gouverneur te berigten, dat zy zullen byeen komen op Maandag den 17den dezer te Town Hall, tegen elf uren voormiddags, om in het werk te stellen, het onderwerp waartoe zy zyn aangesteld, en dat zy daarom verzoeken, dat zyne excellente zoo goedgenoeg sal zyn, zulke bewyzen bevoren hun te doen leggen, vereenigd met de beschuldigingen in zyne excellente brief van den 26sten Juny II., als hen kunnen in staat stellen, om aan het onderwerp kunnen juiste en onpartijdige overweging te veilenen.

Gouvernement Huis, Barbados,
15den April 1820.

"De gouverneur berigt het committè aange- steld door het edele Huis der Vergadering, om te onderzoeken, naer de oorzaken, welke zyne excellente den gouverneur general hebben bewogen, om te denken, dat de Heer John Brandford Lane, onwaardig is, voortdurend te blyven, in den commissie van vrederegter, en waarvan zyne excellente hem ontslagen heeft, dat daar de daarstelling van het committè enne beleidigende inbreuk is op zyn Prerogativ, hy zekerlyk geenerlei bewyzen hoegenaamd ook voor sal leggen.

Krymetzelaars Huis, 26sten Mei.

By een byeenkomst van Heeren vergaderd met oogmerk om eens schatting te betalen van achtung aan den hoog edelen lord Combermere, voor deszelfs vertrek uit de colonie, werd de edele heer John R. Best algemeen tot spreker benoemd.

De Heer Best na zyne gevoeligheid uitgedrukt te hebben, over de eer hem door eenen zoo aangienlyk vergadering opgedragen, merkte aan, dat het niet noodzakelyk voor hem ware, in een uitlegging des oogmerks van de samenkomst te treden, daar zy niet te zamen gekomen waren, om eenige nieuwe maatregelen voor te stellen of te bediscussieren, doch om eenen wensch, in het werk te stellen, welke allen of de meesten der Heeren reeds niet alleen hadden uitgedrakt, maar zelfs overtuigd van een zyne excellente lord Combermere enig aandenken van hun respect en achtung by deszelfs vertrek te geven.

Een adres de gevoldens der vergadering uitdrukkende gereed gemaakt zynde, werd gegeven en algemeen aangenomen.

Des Woensdag den 31sten maakten de volgende leden van het committè. De edele Heeren J. R. Best, J. A. Beckles, J Brathwaite, de Eerw. Heer T. H. Orderson, de Heeren R. Haynes, R. Clement en J. Higgins.—benne

opwachting by zyne excellente, wanneer Heer Best het adres inleverde.

"Mogs het uwer excellente behagen, "Wy maken onze opwachting by uw excellente, als afgovaardigden van een aanmerklyk aantal der achtungswaardige inwoners van dit eiland, om hunne uitdrukkingen van ongeveinsde droefheid over te brengen, wegens ondernend vertrek van Barbados.

"Gy hebt U niet minder aan onze harte verknocht door de deugden van uw byzondere leven—welke uwer lordschap vriendelyke toeschietelyke zeden gedurende eenne reeks van drie jaren, ons overvloedige gelegenheid hebben verschafft op te merken en te waardeeren—onze bewondering verwekt, door den gienige militaire karakter, en onze dankbaarheid by de waardige, aandachtige en opregte waardering uwer openbare verplichtingen in het bestuur dezer colonie.

"Begeerig dat uwe lordschap een blyvend gedenkteken van deze onze gevoelens zou ontvangen, vragen wy verlof uwer lordschap om een stuk silverwerk te verzoeken ter waarde van een duizend guinies, hoeveel uwe lordschap zulks aannemen sal, als een recht doch ongevorenredig teeken van onze achtung, en onze genegenheid—van ons getrouwde woldaden, welke de colonie van uwe administratie heeft ontvangen, en van onze dankbaarheid voor de voortdurende gedenkteekens, welkyg van uwe werkzame weldadigheid hebt uwe belangeloosheid en voorzienende zorg voor ons welzijn hebt nagelaten.

"Wy wyden aerbiediglyk onze algemeen en byzondere wenschen voor de gezondheid en het geluk van Lady Combermere, uwe lordschap en uwe familie, en verzoeken verlof, om ons afscheid nemen, om een tydstip te verhaften waartoe onze uitzichten gegrond zyn, bij tydelyk van uwer lordschap terugkomst om het bestuur dezer colonie op zich te nemen."

Waarop zyne lordschap genadig antwoede:

"Myne Heeren.

"Toen ik het eerst het gouvernemant van Barbados aanvaarde, drukte ik eens hoop uit, en heb die altoos zederd gevoegd, eens hoop dat wanneer ik U verliet, ik het genoegen zoude hebben te denken, dat het tydperk van myne burgerlyke administratie hier met wederkeerige voldoening zoude herdaecht werden,

"Het is my aangenaam geweest, berhaald verzekeringen van het verlicke en achtungswaardige gedeelte van de gemeente te erleven, dat myne hoop niet is te leue gesteld: elke gaende omstandigheid kan de hartelyke voldoening vermoeden, die ik nu geniet, door verzekerd te zya, dat ik de achtung en aerbied van de getrouwe inwoners van dit eiland had gewonne, door eens nauwkeurige en opregte vervulling myner openbare pligten.

"Met eerlyken trots, en zonder vrees voor tegenspraak, kan ik verklaren, dat ik onpartydig, getrouw, en onbeschroomd, den belangrijken taak heb vervuld my door zyne majestelt opgelegd; en door het koninglyk prerogativ uit te oefenen, (de inbreuk waarop ik altoos heb geweerd), heb ik in alle gelegenheid volgens het geweten gehandeld, en ik ben blyde er hy te voegen, zoo als, om de goedkeuring van mynen koninglyken meester te verdienen en te erlenen.

"Ik kan van U niet scheiden Myne Heeren, zonder het dankbare gevoel uit te drukken, het welk Lady Combermere en my selven bezit, wegens de vriendelyke oplettendheid, welke ons door de inwoners van Barbados is bewezen, en in welker byzonder en algemeen geluk wij voorspoed wy altoos de levendigste belang stellichaem roeeten gevoelen."

"Met onder dese omstandigheden, dat hadden weken uwer opregte aerbied, achtung en genegenheid, my nu aangeboden, zoo vereerd daar het in een aangenaam gedenkteeken wordt van ons genegenheid te my waarda, en zoo een blyk van onse wederzydsche zorg voor ons ware oor, walvaart en achtungswaardigheid deser onde colonie.

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Ik reed eens in het land, en hoerde een kwaad syde moeder haer zoon toeschreeuwen Sam! Sam! wat doet gy daar? Waarop de jongen, met den weensaden toon van iemand die voor slaag bevreesd was uitriep—Niets.

Ik was weldre buiten haer gehoor, doch vroeg my gelven, wat doen de heilte der menschen kinderen, om hen eigen toestand of die van anderen te verbeteren? Ik antwoerde—Niets.

Wat doet dat mensch met die labben, in de schaduw leggende?—Niets.

Wat doet die man, die tegen den boek op het plein leunt, de menschen de hand gevend en zyn sigaar rookende?—Niets.

Zie dien snaak met zyn handen in zyn zak en Willington laesren aan, en korologie sleutelen en cachetten geaeg aan de zak van zyn portemonnee hangende, om iemand in het geloof te brengen dat hy een hoorlogie heeft—wat is dat?—Niets.

Wat doet die man die aan de daur van de kroeg staat, met zyn elleboogen door de moden?—Niets.

Nog een meer en ik heb gedaan. Wat doet de Drakker met zyne schuwdige Inteckens? te maken?—Niets! Wat! niet? Niets!

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Monday being the birth-day of H. R. H. Frederika Sophia Welhelmina, Princess Royal of Prussia, Dowager Princess of His Serene Highness William V. Prince of Orange and Nassau, Hereditary Stadholder of the United Netherlands; &c. &c. &c. the troops forming the garrison were drawn up under arms at 11 o'clock in the morning, and at noon a royal salute was fired in honor of the day.

On Sunday last a seaman of the name of Nielson, belonging to His Majesty's brig Mercury, fell into the harbour, and was unfortunately drowned. No suspicion existed of his having met this unhappy fate until the Tuesday following, when his corpse was observed floating, which was immediately picked up, and decently interred.

In the afternoon of Monday last, a male child, which seemed to have been strangled in its birth, was found on the high road near to the plantation Hof en Berg, alias Vagevuur, concealed under a heap of stones, having the appearance of being the offspring of white parents. The smell arising from the corpse attracted a dog to the spot, which was the cause of its being discovered. Information was immediately given at the Fiscalat, when the Schout, and several Constables, attended by the Town Surgeon, proceeded to the place, and after taking the necessary information, the body of the child was interred. For the sake of humanity it is to be hoped that the authors of this detestable crime will be detected, and brought to merited punishment.

Besides the places we have already noticed as having sworn to the political Constitution of the Spanish monarchy, it has likewise been sworn to and published in the towns of Cumana, Valencia, Las Villas de Cura, San Carlos, San Antonio, Pitare, Chironi, Savana de Ocumre, Macuto, Hatillo, Teques, Victoria, Valle de Guarenas, in all of which places the greatest demonstrations of joy were manifested.

Yesterday arrived the brig Henriette Welhelmina, capt. Kerkhoff, seven weeks from Amsterdam. By this arrival we have received Amsterdam papers to the 19th of May, which contain no political news of interest. We, however, learn from them that a severe storm was experienced generally throughout the Netherlands in the beginning of May, which had done much mischief to the crops, injured many houses, and destroyed a vast number of trees.

We have stated above that the anniversary of the birth of Her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Orange Nassau, mother of his present Majesty, was celebrated in this colony on Monday, little thinking when we were writing the paragraph, that we should have to inform our Readers, in the same column, of the death of Her Royal Highness, which happened on the 9th of May, at Loo, after a short indisposition, occasioned by an apoplexy.

On the 12th of June Her Royal Highness the Princess of Orange, was safely delivered of a Prince.

We have already noticed that some difference existed between his excellency lord Combermere, governor of Barbados, and the honorable the House of Assembly of that colony, which seems to have originated in his lordship dismissing from office John Brandford Lane, Esq. as unworthy to occupy a seat on the majestic bench.—By the annexed correspondence between his lordship, and a committee appointed by the House of Assembly to enquire into the causes which induced his lordship to degrade the magistrate, it will be immediately perceived that the motive which actuated his lordship to dissolve the House of Assembly, and to refuse a copy of the necessary evidence required, was the apprehension of a result to its proceedings incompatible to his lordship's dignity to submit to, and which might go to refute the imputations cast upon the character of the above gentleman, and to establish him in the eyes of his fellow countrymen on an honorable and exalted eminence. The subject has been warmly taken up in Bar-

bados, and several writers in the Journals of that colony have severely reprehended the conduct of his lordship, as our readers will perceive in an article which we publish, addressed "To an Illustrious personage."

His lordship, however, appears also to have a party in Barbados, who of course approve of the line of conduct his excellency has adopted, and who have paid his lordship a flattering tribute of respect, and presented him with a valuable memorial of their esteem, as will be perceived in their address to his lordship, which we subjoin.

BARBADOS, APRIL 15.

"The committee appointed by the honorable House of Assembly, to inquire into the causes which induced his excellency the governor to think John Brandford Lane, Esq. unworthy to be in the commission of the peace, and from which his excellency dismissed him, most respectfully beg leave to acquaint his excellency the governor, that they will meet on Monday next, the 17th inst. at the Town-Hall, by eleven o'clock in the afternoon, to carry into effect the object for which they were appointed, and they therefore request, that his excellency will be graciously pleased to direct such evidence to be laid before them connected with the charges contained in his excellency's letter of the 26th of June last, as will enable them to give the subject their just and impartial consideration."

"Government-House, Barbados,

15th April 1820.

"The governor informs the committee appointed by the honorable House of Assembly, to inquire into the causes which induced his excellency the governor to think John Brandford Lane, Esq. unworthy to be continued in the commission of the peace, and from which his excellency dismissed him.—that as the appointment of the committee was an officious interference with his prerogative, he shall certainly not lay any evidence whatever before them."

Free Masons Hall, May 26.

At a meeting of gentlemen assembled for the purpose of paying a tribute of respect to the right honorable lord Combermere, previous to his departure from the colony, the hon. John R. Best was unanimously called to the chair.

Mr. Best, after expressing himself sensible of the honor conferred upon him by so respectable a meeting, observed, that it was not necessary for him to enter into an explanation of the object of the meeting, as they had not come together to propose or discuss any new measure, but to carry into effect a wish which all or most of the gentlemen present had already not only expressed, but evinced, of presenting his excellency lord Combermere with some memorial of their respect and esteem on his departure.

An address, expressive of the sentiments of the meeting, having been prepared, was read and unanimously adopted. And,

On Wednesday the 31st, the following members of the committee—the Hon. J. R. Best (chairman), the Hon. J. A. Beckles, the Hon. J. Brathwaite, Rev. T. H. Orderson, R. Haynes, R. Clement, and J. Higginson, Esqrs.—waited on his excellency, when Mr. Best delivered the address:

"May it please your excellency,

"We wait upon your excellency, deputed by a considerable number of the respectable inhabitants of this island, to convey their expressions of unfeigned regret at your approaching departure from Barbados.

"You leave us, my lord, no less endeared to our hearts by the virtues of your private life—which your lordship's affable and condescending manners during an intercourse of three years, have given us abundant opportunities to observe and to appreciate—than commanding our admiration by the splendour of your military character, and our gratitude by the dignified, attentive, and upright discharge of your public duties in the government of this colony.

"Anxious that your lordship should possess some permanent memorial of these our feelings, we beg leave to request your lordship's acceptance of a piece of plate, of the value of one thousand guineas, hoping your lordship will receive it as a sincere though inadequate token of our respect, our esteem, and our affection—of our sense of the benefits which the colony has derived from your administration, and of our gratitude for the lasting monuments which you have left us of your active benevolence, your disinterestedness, and provident solicitude for our welfare.

"We respectfully tender our general and individual wishes for the health and happiness of lady Combermere, your lordship, and your family; and beg permission, in taking our leave, to anticipate a period to which our views are fondly directed, the period of your lordship's return to resume the government of this colony."

To which his lordship graciously replied:—

"Gentlemen,

"When I first assumed the government of Barbados, I expressed, and have ever since cherished, a hope, that on leaving you I should have the pleasure of thinking, that the period of my civil administration here would be remembered with mutual satisfaction.

"It has been agreeable to me to receive re-

peated assurances from the most enlightened and respectable part of the community, that my hopes would not be disappointed; and no circumstance can add to the heartfelt gratification I now enjoy, in being assured that I have gained the esteem and respect of the loyal inhabitants of this island, by an attentive and upright discharge of my public duties.

"With honest pride, and without fear of contradiction, can I declare, that I have impartially, faithfully, and fearlessly, executed the important trust reposed in me by his majesty; and in exercising the royal prerogative (the invasion of which I ever have resisted,) I have upon all occasions acted conscientiously, and I am happy to add, so as to merit and receive the approbation of my royal master.

"It is under these circumstances that the token of your sincere respect, esteem, and affection, now presented to me, becomes an honorable as it is a gratifying memorial of your attachment to me, as well as a testimony of our mutual solicitude for the true honor, welfare, and respectability of this ancient colony.

"I cannot take leave of you, gentlemen, without expressing the grateful sense entertained by lady Combermere and myself, of the friendly attentions which have been paid to us by the inhabitants of Barbados, in whose individual and collective happiness and prosperity we must ever feel the most lively interest."

An unheard of atrocity.—Letters from An-

goueme contain the following account of an horrible outrage committed near Confolers.—A young couple, who were on the point of being married, went together to invite their relations to the nuptials. The girl was mounted on her lover's horse, followed by him on foot. On their arrival at a village where the young man waited to see some person, he left his destined bride to wait his return in the road. Immediately afterwards three ruffians arrived, who after grossly insulting the young girl, obliged her to alight from the horse, stripped her naked, committed outrages on her person which decency will not permit us to relate, and threatened to murder her; they then killed the horse, cut open his belly, took out the entrails, and in their place put the unfortunate young woman, sewed up the animal's skin, and made off. Some children who were passing by afterwards heard cries issuing from the body of the horse, and immediately ran in great fright to tell their parents that the devil was in a dead horse, lying on the road. In the mean time the young man arrived and heard the groans of his expiring mistress. She was dragged out of the horrid situation where the villains had placed her, transported to the nearest town, where every attention was paid to her. The police set directly about pursuing the horrid monsters who had committed an offence new in the annals of crime, and were fortunate enough to arrest them. They were recognized by the young woman upon confrontation. The unfortunate victim could not survive the outrages which had been perpetrated upon her, and expired five days afterwards.

"We insert the above (almost incredible) horror on the authority of a respectable correspondent.—Editor Morning Chronicle.

A return has lately been made of a royal veteran battalion, now quartered in Ireland, and daily feeding, we presume, upon the prolific apples of that luxuriant soil. It states that there are—870 men; 760 women; 1,800 children; and that 200 of the women are ready to lie in! This may be truly called a breeding corps; and as distinctions are given to regiments, we think it ought to be so called per excellence! The gallant colonel himself, we hear, has also a large family. So much for the increase of that physical force to which the duke of Wellington, by his own official acknowledgements, was chiefly indebted for his success at Waterloo. We should be glad to learn out of what fund the 700 women and the 1,800 children are subsisted? What would the celebrated Adam Smith say to this? He has asserted that an army added so little to the population of a country, that the drums and fifes, would not be kept up from the children born in a regiment.

A Manchester paper says, "A short time ago, in an adjacent county, a wealthy couple presented themselves to be joined together in holy matrimony. After the usual ceremony was performed, the bridegroom advanced to the Rector with "Sir, what man I pay?" The Rector said, seven shillings. "Sir," said John, "it's a grate deal of money; will ye gi' me something back for luck?" The Rector, out of patience, walked off. John turning then to his bride, bid her prepare to go. The bride, however, looking her sweet spouse steadily in the face, said, "Dear John, you've highly insulted the Person to-day; I'm ashamed of you."—"Jah," said he, "Hawd your noise—I don't like to drop old customs—I never bought a pig in my life but I got something back for luck."

The lodgings of a Dandy were lately robbed of a pair of stays, a smelling bottle, two pair of artificial eye-brows, and a white surtout, in a pocket of which there were three love-letters written to himself, in his own hand writing.

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BARBADOS.

TO AN ILLUSTRIOS PERSONAGE.

My Lord—There is a certain word now in existence, altho' familiarly known, of such a superfluity of meanings, the derivations of which are of such dubious and unaccountable origin; that it almost approaches to treason, to expatiate on its signification: nay, even to intimate a description of the right invested in, or belonging to it, is not to be tolerated.

PREROGATIVE!!! my lord, what a word to behold! And in consideration of the partiality which you bear to it, I have most particularly to request, that the editor of the *Globe* do print the overwhelming poly-syllable with types of pure virgin gold; in order that the resplendence of such an investiture of ambition, be not diminished for a want of loyalty and obeisance being offered at its shrine. Indeed so very cautious are you as a professor of this monarchical treasure; so vigilant, so regardful of every privilege said to belong to it, that it is much to be feared, that every one who dares pronounce the awful word will be guilty of an unpardonable interference with its sacred functions. I will, notwithstanding, venture to risk its displeasure; as the undaunted pen of veracity puts to defiance those supercilious menaces which labor with a degraded view of obtaining subjection to the insignificant nod of a man. Man is not more than man; nor is the elevated situation which constitutes the entire difference between the nobleman and the peasant, any more a license to encourage acts of oppression in the one, than it is to be a subject for unprovoked animadversion with the other. Miserable indeed must that man be, whose contending disposition exulting in the authority it hath, surpasseth the limitations allotted for the proper exercise of discretionary power. By exceeding the restrictions of instructions suitable to policy of government and business, he not only renders those works he considers excellent, of none import, but brings himself into merited contempt.

Hence an admissible inference is easily drawn;—We see the futile endeavours of a weak and biased understanding, after various unavailing attempts to secure a permanent and absolute control to public men has proved abortive, with apparent concern exhort us to a reconciliation with apparent sympathy bids adieu, recommending amity, forgetful of its having been the chief source from which a convulsion arose, that has shaken the fundamental basis of good fellowship.

If the external profession of good wishes for the island's prosperity and happiness, had happily been preceded by a correctness of conduct, that could have identified their undeviating reality; it would have incited the notorious gratitude of this country to pay every testimony of deserved respect:—but as they at present stand exempt from qualifications that alone could engage the affections or make them acceptable; it is too much of the unmeaning expression of prerogative, to conciliate a disturbance it has prolonged, or merit the thanks of a community it has injured. However, my lord, I hope the generous feeling of Barbadians will forgive the errors of an administration, the duty of which seems to have been forgotten, and superseded by one, which has occupied most of your time—I mean the paramount duty of a partisan.

The lamentations occasioned by a failure of not being able to effect your endeavours to the benefit of this ancient and loyal colony, is somewhat superfluous; as to yourself alone may be attributed their non-success; and if your successor has ability competent to abide by the example before him, it is obvious, his measures will not meet a barrier in those vulgar squabbles, which your lordship seems to intimate have been a preventative to yours.

It is extremely strange, that regret should be excited, as if disappointed in the cultivation or promotion of good; when the hand of industry has never sought to mitigate or correct those disadvantages, which, so unfortunately render us degraded in the eyes of the mother country, and amongst the sister colonies.* How dangerous it is sometimes to travel farther than our natural capacity. Your lordship has journeyed very far, and it is but right your recollection should be brought back to the point from which it ventured. I therefore presume to remind you, that while you impute to our character of resistance, the invidious accusation of ridicule and disgrace, you seem forgetful that your assistance has not been deficient in making us completely so. Remember, therefore, if the noise of faction is pregnant with those disgusting accusations, you have been concerned in begetting them. The degradation is consequently reciprocal; and we cannot exonerate your lordship from our condemnation since it so impartially includes yourself.—But although this censure has been laid to our charge, I feel confidently happy in the belief, that if there is any disgust at us, it proceeds from envy in not enjoying the liberty we do; if there is any prevalent astonishment at our expense, it is that our passive neighbours are at a

* See his excellency's speech at the opening of the new colonial Parliament, inserted in the *Curaçao Gazette* of the 9th of July.

loss which to applaud most, the spirit and sagacity with which we have prosecuted our designs, or the conduct and success which has so efficaciously obtained them!

Every well-wisher to the constitution—every soul that breathes the liberty of a British subject, must unite in their congratulations on the accession of his present majesty, must hope that his reign will be as unshaken and as much to be applauded and commemorated as his father's—but, my lord, of what avail will a judicious monarch's administration be to a dependent colony? Of what benefit or utility will poor Barbadians participate from the preservation of the religion, laws and liberty of Great Britain, if future vicegerents attempt to govern them with a mind disposed to trample their dearest privileges at this juncture? If a disinclination to rule after this diabolical method, is sent to preside amongst us there will not be found a second immediate necessity for a dissolution of parliament: no—there will not be any unjust premeditated action of the executive, which will again require that investigation, so as to be considered of no utility to the country, because it touches the guilty conscience of a ruler!

Were we unacquainted with the ordinance of a certain institution, a degree of astonishment may be occasioned at seeing one of the only four improvements which has fallen under your notice, placed, as though it came uppermost of every other consideration for our welfare: but this, as your lordship would say, is a delicate subject.

As touching the deep rooted insubordination that makes another count against the reputation of Barbados; it is an inflammatory charge of such trivial account, that to refute the malice it would convey, we have only to refer you to your own contradiction, whereby your loyalty is so expressly delineated. Thanks to your lordship's contradictory method of expression, for by it we are exonerated from a hideous crime which, it could be substantiated, must evidently tend to injure us most materially. Innocence will always be protected, even by the very means an enemy makes use of to traduce it.

Methinks, my lord, your generative mind is more apt to create reprobation than to provide against the causes, or prevent the increase of evils which require it. If it was otherwise, this rodomontade that is now put forward to do us discredit in the opinion of the world, surely would not have been kept back till the eleventh hour to establish itself. Return, my lord, it is too late now to proceed on a journey where sunless paths lead into intricate mazes—the time is too far spent to meliorate the results of a bad day's work, return, and be satisfied. Be content to receive as the pitiful wages for the labour you performed for a hypocritical clan, the paltry pecuniary subscription of their easily acquired possessions. It would have been the first wish of their hearts—the first duty of Barbadians, to have expressed in a nobler manner, their sentiments of approbation, to have left a conviction of their sincere acknowledgments of deserved respect. But unfortunately no opportunity presents itself in which you stand a claimant, either to their sentiments of regard or generosity and the memory of a man they could have wished transmitted to posterity, is blighted by a provoked anxiety for his departure; in which is expected a return of that tranquillity which he found on his arrival.—Adieu, my lord, yet one more word ere we joyfully part to meet no more—shake off every particle of the dust of this country, lest it cling to your bosom and reproach you with deserved disdain.

ATHANOR.

JAMAICA, JUNE 23.

We have received a communication signed "An emigrant from South America," complaining of the epithet "robber" being applied by a contemporary journal to the South American Independentists, of whom he speaks as follows:

The greater part of the merchants of this city are personally acquainted with col. Montilla, and they know (as you might have known it also, if you had taken the trouble to inform yourself about that gentleman, (that he is no way calculated to be a—robber.

Colonel Montilla did not stand in need of a revolution breaking out in his mother-country in order to be a man of distinction there, as well as in the Spanish army, where he served in the body guards of his Catholic majesty.—Rich from his birth, he sacrificed his large fortune, and voluntarily tendered his sword, for the service of the American Independents, and rendered them many and important services.—A similar and additional one would have been that which he rendered their cause on the 25th of last month, in gaining a complete victory over an enemy four times superior to him in number, if the malice and hatred of our opponents had not procured the defection of the British soldiers, at the moment when col. Montilla was on the point of annihilating the remnants of the troops of colonel Lima.

* For revision and amelioration of the Slave Laws.

Admiral Brion, who, in Curaçao, his native land, had his valour praised by the British, even only when a youth, is a stranger, who ever since the beginning of the revolution, offered his services to the Independents of South America. It was not the thirst of gold that brought him forward, but solely the love of liberty; and therefore he was admitted amongst us with shouts of joy and gratitude. From that time he offered, without reserve, to the cause of the American Republicans, not only his arm, but also his large funds and his vessels.

The intimate friend of gen. Bolivar, he has accompanied him in his glorious enterprises; and admiral Brion is distinguished amongst us on account of the important services which he has rendered our cause.

Dr. Gual, a native of Caracas, has followed with much credit and honor the distinguished profession of barrister. He was auditor of war in the island of Trinidad, under the British government. In the South American revolution he was president of the Chamber of Representatives of Caracas, afterwards of that of Cartagena, and ultimately governor of that province. Having emigrated to the United States of America, he led honorably there a retired life; but he was soon known, and without any solicitation on his part, or his taking a single step for it, was presented with the title of barrister of the United States. The love of his native country, and the warm desire of seeing it enjoy freedom, brought him to Kingston, from whence he went to Rio de la Hacha, taking with him the love and esteem of all those who had known him here.

Doctor Santa Maria pursued his first studies in the Royal College of Mexico, his native country. He went to Spain when yet young, and sometime afterwards was admitted barrister of the royal councils. He was there when the revolution of Spain broke out, and was employed by the general Cortes in 1812.

When Fernando came back to Spain, that gentleman was condemned to ten years imprisonment, along with other deputies, but escaped from his prison through the assistance of an illustrious personage of Philadelphia, where he accompanied that great man. From thence he followed the unfortunate general Miss, as his secretary, and since the death of that general remained in Kingston until, thanks to heaven, the cry of Liberty resounded on the Spanish Main, when he went to Rio de la Hacha. As soon as he arrived there he was appointed to the office of secretary to the admiralty.

Such are, Mr. Editor, the gentlemen who have made themselves conspicuous in support of our cause at Rio de la Hacha. There they are, and with them a small number of chiefs and British officers have remained, who alive to honour, and sensible of the personal merit of the gentleman I have alluded to, and of the goodness of the cause which they have embraced, have been the very first to join them in disapproving the conduct of the British soldiers.

That the claim which these men have preferred for their pay is just, I do not deny; but it is equally true that the manner in which they have done it is criminal in the extreme, in military men.

When these troops left the island of Margarita, they knew very well that they could not be paid before they were met by the army which was descending from Santa Fe, by the Magdalena, to co-operate with them, since it was general Urdaneta who was bringing with him the military chest,

In concluding he declares, that it was not the creoles that either pillaged or set fire to Rio de la Hacha.

I was ridding in the country last Saturday, and heard an angry mother bawl out to her son "Sam! Sam! what are you doing there?"—To which the boy, in the whining tone of one who was afraid of a flogging, answered—"Nothing."

I was soon out of hearing, but asked myself what are half the sons of men doing towards bettering their own condition or that of others?—In the language of Sam, I answered—Nothing.

What is that man leaning with ruffles, lounging in the shade, doing?—Nothing.

What is that man leaning against the corner of the house, shaking hands with people and smoking his segar, doing?—Nothing.

See that dandy, with his hands in his pockets, Wellington boots, on, and watch keys and seals enough suspended at the waist of his pantaloons to justify one in believing he had a watch—what is he after?—Nothing.

What is that fellow standing at the tavern door, with his elbows through his coat, doing?—Nothing.

One more and I am done. What does the Printer get by dunning his delinquent subscribers?—Nothing! What! nothing? Nothing!

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