

Copy of a letter from  
Rear Admiral Sir Sam<sup>l</sup> Hood  
to Major General Prescott  
27<sup>th</sup> January 1782.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper]*



Bahamas, Basseterre Road S<sup>th</sup> Christopher  
27<sup>th</sup> January 1782

Sir

It appears to me of great importance to the  
King's service, to possess a post on shore, and I beg to submit  
it to your serious consideration.

I can land two Battalions of Marines of 700 each,  
Rank and file, the 69<sup>th</sup> Regiment of 500 Rank and file,  
which with the Troops in the Frigates including Officers,  
would make a Body of 2400. And you might have as  
many Guns 12 and 9 pounders as you please; It  
would certainly, I should imagine make a diversion in  
favour of Brimstone Hill, and very much distress,  
fuzzle and embarrass the Enemy.

The ground where the Flag Staff is, seems to be a  
proper spot, I beg your thoughts upon the Business, and  
whether such a Post is not to be maintained with the  
above number of Men, but even admitting it is not, I  
can see no harm in landing if for a short time, because  
your retreat can always be secure, which I should  
take care of, and very much attend to.

If this proposal has not the good fortune to receive  
your approbation, I shall be inclin'd to land a party of  
Marines to rout the French from Basseterre, hoist the  
English Flag, and summons the Chief Magistrates to  
come to me, they may probably only wait to be call'd  
upon to depart from their Capitulation with the Count de  
Grasse, and the Marquis de Bouille -

I have the honor to be with every sentiment  
of regard and esteem -

Sir

Yours most obedient

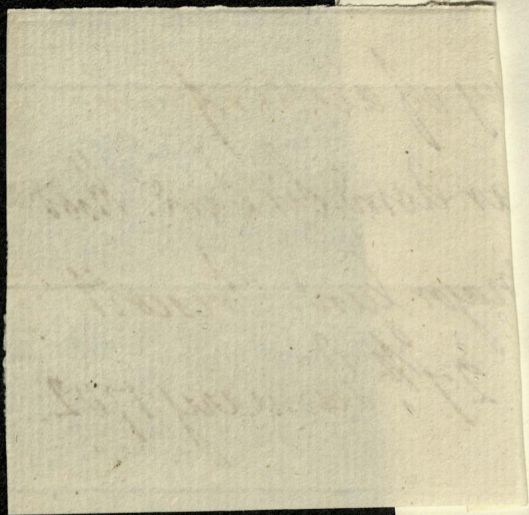
and most humble Servant

Signed L. Hood.

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> Prescott  
La Fortune

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Barbours in Bafetterre Road  
St. Christophers 27<sup>th</sup> Janry 1782.

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I have the honor to be with every sentiment of regard and esteem

Major Genl. Prescott  
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Sir  
Your most Obedient  
& most humble Servant

(Signed) S. Wood.

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