

Rear Admiral Rowley

to

Admiral ~~Yoyot~~

Oct 8. 1782

Ajax Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 8th October 1782.

Sir

The enclosed papers, N^o. 1 & 2, are copies of Intelligence, I have procured from a Prize Schooner, captured by His Majesty's Ship *Ulysses*, and bound from the Havannah to Cape Francois, with Letters and Sixty Thousand Dollars; also some Intelligence from the Cape: you will therefore see the necessity, of a Force being immediately sent, for the Protection of this valuable Island, and doubt not, you will give every Assistance in your Power, by sending such Ships as you may judge necessary for its defence, no Exertions on my part shall be wanting.

The Spaniards from every report certainly intend to Rendezvous at Cape Francois with their Fleet, the latter end of this Month or early in November: Governor Campbell writes by this Express to Sir Guy Carleton, for what Assistance is in his Power to send. The Force we have now here are very Sickly, but should Assistance arrive, before the Enemy are able to proceed, I
doubt

doubt not but their intentions will be baffled.

Since your Parting I have sent a small Squadron down to the Musquito Shore and have the pleasure to inform you, that the Squadron and Troops which accompanied them, have retaken Fort Dalling and the Settlement of Black River; Fort Dalling was stormed and 65 Spaniards out of 67 were kill'd by the Indians, the remainder of the Spanish Troops at Black River, amounting to Seven hundred Capitulared; the Squadron captured only one Polacre Ship with Provisions and a few Soldiers.

This Letter will be delivered to you by Cap^t. Hulke of His Majesty's Ship Duquay Tromin, and I am to request you will dispatch him back for this Place as soon as possible, as I shall be very anxious for his arrival.

I had the pleasure to receive your Letter dated 23^d August last, but His

Majesty's Ship Sybil has not yet arrived

I am with great regard

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admiral of the Blue &
Commander in Chief or Comm^o. Officer
of His Majesty's Ships &
at New York

Yours most Obedient
Humble Servant
Jos^s. Rowley