

island of Tobago, that no person whatever may
plead ignorance of the same. A. D.
1749.

Given under our seal at arms, and the coun-
ter-sign of our first Secretary at Martinico,
the 7th day of December 1748.

Le Marquis DE CAYLUS.

By his Lordship's command.

MOURET.

This ordinance was supported by two French frigates, one of 40 guns, the other of 36. In the interim his Britannic Majesty's ship, the Boston of 20 guns, Captain Wheeler, arrived at the same place.¹ The French commander demanded his business there, (which was for wood and water, and to prevent the usurpations of the French on that neutral island) and forbid him to send his boat on shore, or to give any disturbance to the French in that island; adding that they were surpris'd Mr. Greenville would take upon him to order any of the inhabitants to withdraw from off that island, which belonged to his most Christian Majesty, and that if they found him there again, they would repel him by force.^k At the same time the French, to prevent any surprize, erected a battery of twelve guns, and began another of equal force.

The like hostilities began now also to be practis'd in Nova Scotia or Acadia, whose limits were

¹ Courlanders Bay.

^k Advice from Barbadoes, dated 21 January 1748-9.

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