

Commander could not refrain from expressing the esteem and admiration with which he regarded his generous enemy.* Upon the successful termination of this affair, Brigadier-General Prevost returned to his Government at Dominica, where nothing worthy of notice occurred until the 22d February, 1805, when an unexpected attack was made by a French squadron from Rochefort. The result of that attack was highly creditable to the valour and military talents of the Governor, who after having, with the few troops under his command, disputed inch by inch the landing of the French force, amounting to 4,000 men, and covered by an overwhelming fire from the ships, succeeded in effecting a retreat to the fort of Prince Rupert. The French Commander in Chief, after vainly summoning him to surrender, reembarked the whole of his troops, and sailed to Guadaloupe.†

The terms in which H. R. H. the Commander in Chief was pleased to express his sense of General Prevost's conduct upon this occasion, were highly gratifying to his feelings.‡ In consequence of his gallant and successful defence

* Vide Appendix, No. VIII.

† Vide account of this expedition from the Annual Register, Appendix, No. IX. Also the public despatches and letters, No. X.

‡ Vide letter from H. R. H. the Duke of York to the Earl of Camden, Appendix, No. XI.