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shelter from the heavy rains, that were already set in for the season: besides, there were several thousands poor sick wretches, in the camp and hospital ships, wasting away for want of nourishment, and with diseases incident to the climate, which now raged in so terrible a manner, that there remained not above 2500 men capable of real service ^u.

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conquest.

Survey this conquest every way, it must be admitted amongst the greatest and most important of our acquisitions. Its seasonable surrender saved the remains of our forces from destruction. It was not possible for them to continue many days longer before that city. The intemperature of the season would have soon disabled the most powerful army, exposed to the heavy rains, and in want of the necessaries of life.—In the town they found not only relief for their wants; but great riches. Besides cannon, stores, &c. in abundance, and the King's ships, the conquerors became possessed of twenty-five merchant ships, about 3,000,000 dollars, and several large magazines of merchandize, to an immense value.—And above all Great Britain was put in possession of an island, that enabled her to be the bulwark

^u Total. Officers, 11 killed, 19 wounded, 39 died, 4 dead of wounds.

Fifteen serjeants, 4 drummers, 260 rank and file, killed. Forty-nine serjeants, 6 drummers, 576 rank and file, wounded. One serjeant, 4 drummers, 125 rank and file, missing. Fourteen serjeants, 11 drummers, 632 rank and file, died. One drummer, 51 rank and file, dead of wounds. Taken from the return since the time of landing.

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