

Other circumstances highly honourable to the British character, accompanied this event. The Spanish military and inhabitants were treated with the utmost humanity: their personal effects remained untouched; and they experienced a generosity at which they had reason to be the more astonished, as their behaviour to the British settlers in the Bay of Honduras, had been remarkably severe and merciless.

The church plate and ornaments were, with the same generosity, restored, on condition that the articles of the capitulation should be punctually complied with.

It was remarked with particular satisfaction, that both Captain Luttrell who commanded the Squadron, and Captain Dalrymple, who was at the head of the land force, took the strictest care in their respective accounts to government to do justice to every individual acting under their orders, that deserved special notice.

Those officers whom they mentioned as claiming distinguished praise, were Captains Pakenham, Parker, and Nugent, and Lieutenant Trott of the navy; Captain Carden of the military, who acted as Engineer, Lieutenants Walker and Dundas, who commanded the seaman on shore, the second of whom was the fourth man who scaled the walls; Mr. Concanen, a midshipman, who was the third; and Lieutenant Wightman, of the marines, who acted as aid-de-camp.

Very peculiar attention was paid by both the British commanders, to the release from imprisonment, and the personal safety of the British subjects, who had been deprived of their liberty through the chances of war and other causes.

One of the most happy consequences of the behaviour of the English at Omoa, was, that it impressed the Spanish nation with the highest opinion of the people