

their first object was to be, secret expedition against the British islands; to send to Rigaud and Lavaux all the people of colour, as volunteers, speaking English; the order was, that Rigaud and Lavaux should make no attack on the enemy until further orders.

“ Before my departure from New York to Philadelphia, I went to take leave of Citizen Fauchet: He delivered to me orders for Citizen L’Arcumbal, to give me a certificate of residence, without any date; he acknowledged to me, that, in the course of September and October, Jamaica would belong to France, the taking of which was inevitable, from the means that had just been taken; that the French were to land ten thousand negroes at some distance from Kingston, all of them armed with two muskets and two broad swords, to be distributed to the negroes in insurrection, whilst the Squadron should attack the ports in the environs of Kingston. All the above facts, are strictly true. Had I foreseen the misfortune of my arrestation, I would have brought with me the proofs, I being the friend and even the confidant of Fauchet. In case the British government should not be satisfied with what I have just declared, I oblige myself to leave here all my papers and effects, the value of which amounts at least to twenty thousand French livres, as a deposit, until I shall send from New York every and all the informations that may be required; it being easy for me to take them out of the registers. I also engage to instruct the government, by all the vessels that shall sail from New York and Philadelphia, of all what passes in the offices of
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