

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1759.

Extract of letter from the Honourable General Barrington to the right Honourable Mr. Secretary Pitt, dated, head quarters in the Capesterre, Guadalupe, May 9 1579.

IN my last letter of the 6th of March, I had the honour to acquaint you that the troops under my command at Guadalupe, (except the garrison of fort Royal) were all embarked, with their baggage, &c. without the loss of a Man. The fleet sailed the next morning for Fort Louis, but from the very great difficulty of turning to windward were not able to reach it till the 11th, at four in the afternoon, when all the Ships of War, but only twenty-five of the transports, came to an anchor; the others were either driven much to leeward, or prevented by the winds and strong currents from weathering the point of the Saintes.

I went on shore at Fort Louis that evening to see the fort, and the works carrying on by the detachment that had already been sent thither from Basseterre.

On the 12th, I went in a Boat to reconnoitre the the two coasts of this bay, as well as the Grande Terre side, as that of Guadalupe, to find a proper place for making a descent; but Commodore Moore having acquainted me in the evening of that day, that he had received certain intelligence of a French Squadron of Ships of war, consisting of 9 sail of the line and 2 frigates being seen to the northward of Barbadoes, and that it was therefore necessary for him to quit this place, with all the ships of war under his command, and go into Prince Rupert's bay, in the island of Dominico, as a situation more advantageous for the protection of Basseterre and this place, as well as the English islands; I thought it advisable the next day