

Harbour of *Santa Martha*, loaden with Bale Goods, after she had been sunk by a Hole the *French* had made in her bottom; and the same Day the *Salisbury Prize* came to *Jamaica* from cruising on the North side of that Island with a Sloop she had taken, whose Commander gave him an Account that the *Star Bomb-Vessel*, which sailed from *Jamaica* with the *Jersey*, was lost upon the Island of *Hencago*.

The 3d of *August* Captain *Thompson* of the *August* sent in a Vessel which he had taken, and the *Weymouth* and *Tryal Sloop* came in the next Day with a *French Ship* the latter had seized in the Latitude of 28th, in their return to *Port Royal* from the Bay of *Campêche*, whither they had been sent by Commadore *Littleton* with the Sloops to cut Log-Wood. The Prisoners gave an Account that soon after Sir *Hovenden Walker* sailed from *Antegoa*, Monsieur *Cassard* with eight Ships of War, seventeen or eighteen Sloops, and about five thousand Men, had taken that Island and *Monserat*; that they had been at, and plundered *St. Jago*, (one of the *Cape Verde* Islands) and attempted the *Dutch Settlements* at *Surinam*, but were beaten off. But this being the Report only of the *French* Prisoners; it may not be improper to give a more particular Account of it, as related by Captain *Hamilton*, who (as hath been said before) commanded the Ships stationed at *Barbadoes*, and that being done, I shall return to the Squadron with Sir *Hovenden Walker*.

Other Prizes brought in.

News of the taking Antegoa and Monserat.

On the 13th of *July* a Vessel arrived at *Barbadoes* from Colonel *Douglas*, Governor of the *Leeward-Islands*, with Advice that a Fleet of *French* Ships and Sloops had attempted to land Men on the Island of *Antegoa*, and next Morning Captain *Constable* of the *Panther* came also thither, who informed Captain *Hamilton* that on the 2d of *July* he had been chased by ten Ships, five of which seemed to be larger than his, which mounted 50 Guns, and four Days after he himself chased a *French Ship*, whose Boat he took up with two Men, by whom he was informed that the Ships he had seen were seven Men of War from *Thoulon*, commanded by Monsieur *Cassard*, from 50 to 76 Guns, and that their Design was to attack the *Leeward Islands*. The same Day another Advice-Boat came in, with an Account that the Enemy had attacked *Monserat*, whereupon the Governor of *Barbadoes* called a Council, and desired the Captains of the Ships of War to assist thereat, which were the *Woolwich*, Captain *Archibald Hamilton*, the *Swallow*, Captain *Drake*, the *Panther*, Captain *Constable*, *Burlington*, Captain *Clarke*, and the *Experiment*, Captain *Matthew Elford*.

A more particular Account of the Enemy's attempting Antegoa and Monserat.

As soon as the Ships could possibly be put into a Condition, Captain *Hamilton*, who commanded in Chief, proceeded with them to *Antegoa*, where he arrived the 20th, and next Day the Captains meeting at a Council of War, they resolved to sail early the 22d directly for *Monserat*. In their Passage they met with an Advice-Boat, sent from *Antegoa* some Days before, whose Master said the *French* had plundered *Monserat*, and quitted it the 18th, whereupon our Ships returned to *St. John's* in *Antegoa*, and their Commanders proposed to go after the *French*, and appear off of their Ports, but to that the

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