

Sandwich (Antislip) Bay
Barbados 9 July 1781

Sir

Adm
Sir
G. B.
Rodney
to
V. Adm
Sir
Peter
Parker

I send this Express to inform you, that the Enemy's Fleet, consist of 28 sail of the line, and 6 Frigates, with the Trade of their Islands, have left Martinique: by the report of the Frigates ordind to watch them, they were steering to the North West, in order, I suppose to take up the Trade of Guadaloupe, and are certainly bound to St. Domingo

By the last Dispatches I receiv'd from Administration, Mons^r. Delgrape was to return to Europe, and that, 14 sail of the line, were to join their Squadron in North America, and that the French Convoy from the Cape, were to sail the beginning of August, for Europe.

As the Enemy have few Troops onboard, and the Season so far

Vice Admiral Sir Peter Parker
to to to
Jamaica

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advanced, I am convinced, they can have no
 Design upon Jamaica, however, I think it
 absolutely necessary, to send you this Express,
 that you may be upon your Guard, and to
 assure you, the motions of the Enemy, will
 be strictly attended to

The Convoy from Great Britain,
 is shortly expected in these Seas, notwith-
 standing I may follow the Enemy myself,
 I shall have the strictest Orders, that it be
 protected to Jamaica; and hasten there,
 with a large Store Ship call'd the Flora,
 now in this Road, and destin'd for the use
 of the Squadron under your Command.

Inclos'd, Sir, I send you a
 small Rendezvous, which I must desire you
 will deliver to Capt. Stow, when you dispatch
 him to me, with an Account of the Situation
 of Affairs at Jamaica, and which, I must
 desire, you will please to give him the
 strictest Orders, he does not open, till he
 gets without the windward passage, or
 into

the Ocean

I have the honor to be with great
Respect

Sir

Your most obedient
and most
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G B Rodney

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*Letter to Admiral Sir
John Forbes of 9 July 1781*