

My dear General

Beaufeur off the Island
Dominica March 3rd 1781

I have been cruising to windward of the French Islands, from the 18th of last month and when I first came, I thought I should see this have struck a stroke that would have made glad the heart of every true Englishman

Eleven sail of the line & several frigates with above 100 sail under Convoy, have been twice seen steering West South West, the direct course for the West Indies, first by the Santa Monica & Licorne on the 31st of December off Cape Finistere, and afterwards by an English Privateer on the 22^d of Jan^r in latt^o.

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^m 25:00. Long ^D 26:00; I am confident they are
not arrived at any of the windward Islands
unless they made Tobago, and went to Grenada
which I think scarce possible they would do,
I have had a frigate to the eastward of the
Island Descada, and another off Marigalante
to the northward, one off Barbadoes & another
off Point Salines Martinique to the southward
and I have taken my station off Dominica
as it is agreed by every one, that the French
Convoys have for some time past, made
Descada, and gone between the Islands of
Marigalante & Dominica (as they can take
Shelter

Shelter in the latter / to Fort Royal Bay, and
St. Piers Martinique, which Ports I had looked
into three days ago, where every thing was
in the same state, as when Guichen sailed
for Europe. It is in my humble opinion
quite impossible for a great Convoy to pass
me unnoticed, and if I see nothing of it, in
the course of a few days more, I shall be
confirmed, in what I took the Liberty of
suggesting to Sir George Rodney before I left
St. Eustatius, that its destination was North
America, but I hope in God, I am mistaken
and that I shall soon be so fortunate as

to

to have the Enemy in full view.

I entreat you will do me the honor to
present my most humble and unfeigned
Duty to the King, and that you will believe
me with every sentiment of respect &
esteem my dear General

Your much obliged
& most faithfull humble servant

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