

Intelligence from
Santa Cruz ^{Is.} 31 July 1781

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Intelligence

A. M. Hall arrived this afternoon the 31st of July from St. Thomas's report, That he left that Island on Saturday last, six Days previous thereto, a fleet of Merchantmen arrived in nine days from the Cape, where a French frigate had arrived the day before their sailing with thirty Pilots for the Chesapeake and Delawar, which together with a number of North Americans collected there, and waiting Convoy to be in Number, made it look'd on as certain that the French fleet which was hourly expected there from Martinique, would proceed immediately to America.

He further adds that a few days before the fleet for St. Thomas's left the Cape, seven Spanish Men of War had arrived there from Pensacola, which place had been taken by storm with great loss, that the Spaniards afterwards attempted Augustine, but could not get over the Bar - That the last advices there from the Continent were That Lord Cornwallis was forty Miles above York town. - That Washington had moved to the Southward, The French had abandon'd Rhode Island, and taken possession of Washington's former Post, at West point, but that General Green had marched to the Southward, and forced Lord Rawdon within his lines in South Carolina, but that the same advices brought the account of the arrival of a reinforcement of 3500 Men, which it was supposed.

supposed would oblige them to fall back again,
That the English fleet were cruising off Boston
at which place a reinforcement of three frigates
had arrived with an reinforcement of Money &c.
for the Troops.

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