

Sir,

Barbours off Montserrat
12th December 1782;

I hope ere this you will know either by the
Endymion, which is part of the Convoy to the Troops Sir
Guy Carleton has ordered from Charles Town to Jamaica, or by
the Santa Margareta which I detached, with a small ship on
the 27th of last month, that I am in this Neighbourhood, with
a Squadron of the Kings Ships under my Command,
consisting of a Dozen of the Line, but lest you should not, I
detach the Fury being short of Water & Provisions with this
Letter; I sailed the 10th of New York the 25th of last month
the first moment I was able, after the Fury Troop arrived,
and was off Cape Sanna the twelfth day; The next morning
I sent the Sybil and Fury, the first I detached to reconnoiter
Cape Francois, and the other through the Turks Island passage
to return through the Caycos passage, in order to inform any
of your Comizent where to find me, in case of their falling in
with an Enemys Squadron - The Sybil came back yester-
day and is now stationed off the old Cape - Not a single
Ship of War is at Cape Francois, except one frigate concerning

I have also fallen in with, the Acton
Harm, Diamond & Bloodhound, and herewith send
for your information a copy of the Order I have given to
each Commander;

I am in daily expectation of being joined
by the London, Monarch, Torbay & Ajax, and must beg you
will be pleased to send me the Endymion, Santa Margareta
Rear Adm Rowley
Commander in Chief &c &c
Jamaica

with

with such other Cruizers as may come with the Troops, as I have but one Frigate to chase, for I cannot suffer a Line of Battle Ship to go from me on any account, excepting) as you must be sensible I must) to have a Superior force to contend with

By the superior sailing of La Fortunier I gott hold of the Leone on the 4th for Captain Douglas taking the Squadron under my Command to be the Spanish One, pushed before the Wind as fast as he could, not being furnished with the private signal of the Despatch Island Fleet, and so soon as I had read the dispatches he was charged with, sent him on to Admiral Pigot, whom I expect to see, or hear from hourly;

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient and
Most humble servant —

(Copy)

Copy of a letter from
Rear Admiral Hood

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Rear Admiral Rowley

12th Queen 1782