

tarily declared for the British government, the garrison, consisting of two hundred and fifty of our supposed allies, rose on their officers, and compelled them to deliver up the post to Lavaux, the French general, and it was greatly apprehended that, unless a very powerful reinforcement should speedily arrive to strengthen the British army, many other places would follow their example.

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EIGHT months had now elapsed since the surrender of Jeremie, and in all that interval, not a soldier had arrived from Great Britain; and the want of camp-equipage, provisions, and necessaries, was grievously felt. The army seemed devoted to inevitable destruction, and disappointment and dismay were strongly marked in the countenance of every man. At length, however, on the 19th of May, when expectation was nearly lost in despair, it was announced that his Majesty's ships the *Belliqueux* and the *Irresistible*, with the *Fly* sloop, had cast anchor in the harbour of Cape St. Nicholas, having on board the 22d, 23d, and 41st regiments of infantry, under the command of Brigadier General Whyte. This event, as may well be imagined, afforded infinite relief and satisfaction to the harassed and worn-out troops on shore; and their animation on this occasion was heightened by the confident hope and expectation that Port au Prince would be the object of an immediate attack. It was known that its harbour was crowded with ships, most of which were supposed to be laden with the richest productions of the colony; and although the regiments newly arrived did not exceed sixteen hundred men in the whole (of whom two hundred and fifty were sick and convalescent) the deficiency of numbers was no longer the subject of complaint. Every one anticipated

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