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TO

PHILIP NOEL BERNARD, ESQ.

SIR,

I take leave to dedicate to you the following papers, which, whatever may be their value, are the result of much labour; and in dedicating them to you, I feel that I am only performing a duty in placing my bantling at your disposal, for the reason that to you particularly, who are so deeply interested in the progress of the island and its development, and to whom Trinidad owes much, and to others who may worthily follow in your footsteps, the details therein contained will possess some value. For my part, I can only claim to have performed the work correctly—perhaps the most important element in a book of this nature. I hope that it may prove useful; I am sure that my chief intention has been to make it so.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL HART.

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD,
7th October, 1864.

PORT OF SPAIN, 6TH JULY, 1864.

MY DEAR SIR :

I am in receipt of your note of yesterday, informing me of your desire to dedicate a Work you have written on this Island to me. I am flattered by this mark of your esteem, and willingly accept the honor you do me. If I have been at some pains in directing the attention of people at home to the resources of this Colony, and if I have endeavoured by word, as well as by example, to break through the old routines to which we Trinidadians are so wedded, it is a source of much gratification to me to find that my exertions have been appreciated by one who has always taken such an interest in the welfare and progress of Trinidad as you have done.

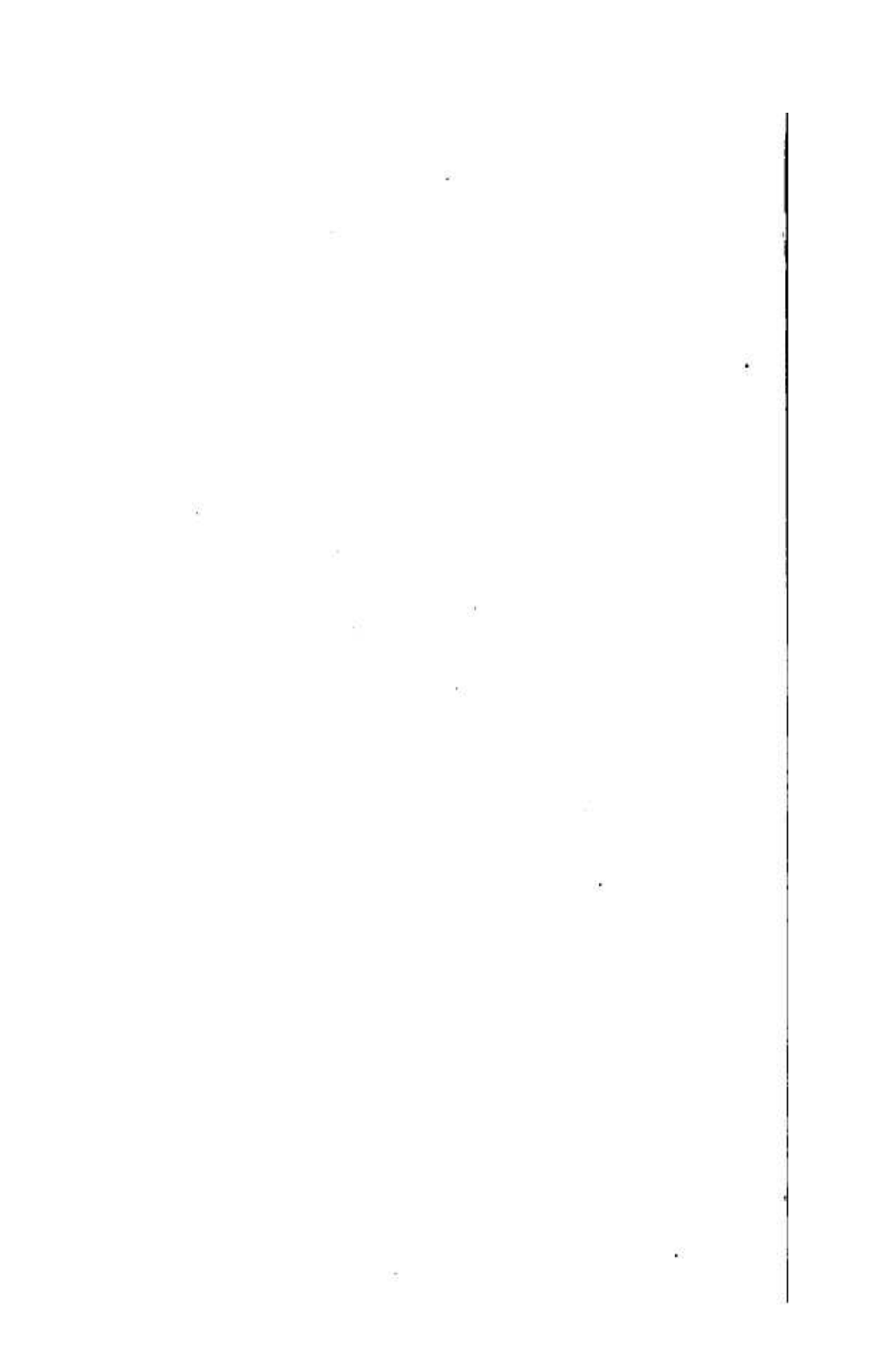
The present time I think most favorable for bringing forward any thing on the West Indies, and I have no doubt that your Work will be well received, both here and in England. Wishing it every success, I remain

My dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

P. N. BERNARD.

DANIEL HART, Esq.



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HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL VIEW

OF

THE ISLAND OF TRINIDAD.

TRINIDAD is an island lying to the eastward of the province of Venezuela, between N. lat. 10° 3' and 10° 50' W.; long. 61° and 62° 4' W. of Greenwich. Its length is about 54 miles, its breadth from 40 to 44 miles. It is separated from the province of Venezuela by the Gulf of Paria, into which falls the northern mouths of the Orinoco. In figure it is oblong. It was first discovered by Christopher Columbus in his third voyage, on the 31st July, 1498, and first colonized in 1588 by the Spaniards. In 1676 the French possessed it, but it was soon restored to Spain. "On the 12th February, 1797, an expedition for the reduction of Trinidad sailed from Martinique; on the 14th it put into Cariacou, and sailed on the following morning with some additional transports. The naval command of this expedition was intrusted to Rear-Admiral Henry Harvey; the troops were commanded by Sir Ralph Abercrombie. The ships and regiments engaged in the undertaking were as follows:—

The Prince of Wales	...	Admiral Harvey	...	98	guns.
" Bellona	...	Captain Wilson	...	74	"
" Vengeance	...	" T. M. Russell	...	74	"
" Invincible	...	" W. Cayley	...	74	"
" Alfred	...	" T. Totty	...	74	"
" Dictator	64	"
" Scipio	...	" C. S. Davers	...	64	"
" Jurett Castle (armed East Indiaman)			...	58	"
" Ulysses (armed Transport), Lt. G. Lempriere			...	44	"
" Alarm	...	Captain E Fellows	...	82	"
" Auna	20	"
" Thorn	...	" J. Hampstead	...	16	"
" Favourite	...	" J. A. Wood	...	16	"
" Zebra	20	"
" Zephyr	...	" B. Laurie	...	14	"
" Arethusa	...	" J. Woolley	...	38	"
" Pelican	12	"
" La Victorine	...	" E. S. Dickson	...	16	"
" Bittern	...	" T. Lavie	...	16	"
" Terror (bomb.)	...	" T. Wisbeach	...	8	"