

remain quietly drudging at pen and ink ; and all my papers were re-conveyed to their old musty box there to remain to the end of the war. However, the summer of 1804 having passed without any attempt on the part of the enemy to put his vain glorious threat of invading us in execution, and no chance remaining of seeing them on this side of the water, and my official situation not being the most active in the world, I again drew forth my African papers, to give me a little employment in the winter, in arranging them for publication. And I the more readily give them to the world, as it affords me, ere too late, an opportunity of expressing my opinion of the danger to be apprehended from French influence and intrigue ; if, when peace arrives, they are suffered to retain such places, on the western coast of Africa, as will enable them to put in execution the projects of Mons. Golberry.

Of the sources whence these Memoranda are drawn it may be proper to give some account. Most of those preceding the 19th of July 1792, were written by myself as the circumstances occurred ; those relative to the Calypso, after her separation from us, are given from the narration of those of that ship who remained behind with me on the island of Bulama ; as well as from their journals, particularly that of Mr. Aberdein ; all of which came into my hands, after their decease. And some are supplied by the correspondence, and the minutes, of the council ; all of which, together with every document and paper relative to the expedition, from the first meeting of its proposers, to the final evacuation of the is-