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PORT-OF-SPAIN

13th March, 1816.

SIR,

I have the honor of informing Your Excellency that I came into this Island the 6th March, 1786 at which Period I was appointed Sworn Surveyor under the Spanish Government, and intrusted with Commissions to form the Plan of different Quarters of the Island, I was also employed under that Government at the Public Works in the Peninsula of Pointe Gorda, and the Island of Gaspard Grande.

After the conquest of the Colony, Capt. Mallet, Engineer Surveyor, was sent by General Abercrombie for the purpose of making a General Map of the Colony, I was employed with him, and assisted him with the local Knowledge I had acquired during my residence here.

In the Year 1799 Capt. Mallet was appointed Commissary of Population, I was admitted in his Department as Assistant, and acted as principal, in his room, when he was employed in erecting the Barracks of St. Josephs where he resided about three Years. Mr. Mallet died in January 1803, the same day I was appointed by General Picton to fill the Situation, which appointment was confirmed by a Commission delivered to me by the Commissioners for executing the Government of this Island in April, 1803 (which Commission was entered at the Secretary's Office under Your Excellency's Government.)

In the month of August 1803 I was admitted as Assistant in the Department of the Surveyor General, having always the charge and direction of the Office formerly under the Commissary of Population.

Colonel Rutherford Surveyor General went home in the latter end of 1805 and Mr. Hector McKenzie one of the assistants was appointed his Deputy, in November 1806 Mr. McKenzie died in his Passage to England, I was appointed to the Situation of Deputy Surveyor General, by General Hislop, which appointment was confirmed by Colonel Rutherford.

When the Colonel was appointed [Secretary to the Government of Gibraltar, General Hislop informed me that he was superseded in his Situation of Surveyor General, in consequence of which in the several Proclamations or Orders issued by him, I was pointed out as Commissary of Population, which Situation I held under the Commission above mentioned until May 1814, when at Your Excellency's Gracious Recommendation, His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, was pleased to confirm my Appointment of Commissary of Population of this Island.

I have the honor to be
with respect,

Your Excellency's most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed.) J. E. MAINGOT.

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR,
&c. &c. &c.