

have frequently burst $\frac{1}{2}$ way² in the course directly over our
 own boats. The most serious left sustained has been from
 the shameful neglect of Admiral Cleave, the San Juan has
 been moored near the Puntales in order to bear upon
 the French & was manned $\frac{1}{2}$ English & Spanish sailors;
 but it scarcely began firing when 2 guns burst killing
 & wounding 15 men of whom the greater part are not likely
 to recover some of our Artillery Officers ^{to Capt. Hunt} then
 I reported them ^{all} unfit for service. Their report being
 given to the Admiral he remarked that it was true for they
 had been condemned 3 years before as unround a circum-
 stance he had quite forgot when he ordered them on duty.
 2 others from a similar neglect burst on their way
 in other equal fatal effects.

Tuesday 27th Feb. - The late Junta were suffered to
 steal off without notice, without the punishment they
 so richly deserved for accepting a command they were
 so totally unfit for, & employed so injudiciously to the
 count. The last base act of this pusillanimous
 treacherous body was refusing the removal of the
 quicksilver, arms, cloathen, (30,000 jackets) & which
 were stored in Seville & which a Mr Robert had just
 to remove in a Bay immediately the French had got
 the Sierra. This accused themselves saying that the
 people would be dependant to sail on act, & their
 most valuable goods fell into their hands, a still
 greater acquisition was the salt petre left in the
 warehouse, which might have easily been brought
 out the River, this the French were in great want
 of & could not obtain but from Madrid & France
 which had property to the amount of several
 millions sterling deposited in it.