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ST: CROIX

THE Danish schooner Petrel, arrived here, yesterday from Fredericksted, St. Croix, bringing about forty passengers, most of whom are sufferers from the late riot. We have spoken to some of them who informed us that the distress is great and that provisions are scarce and dear.

(From the St. Thomas Lloyds, 7th instant.)

We have been authorised to publish the following extract from a telegram sent by the Commander of the "Labourdonnais" to the French Consul here:

"Situation Meilleure. Insurrection Decroissante."

We learnt that last night the estate " Betty's Hope," was burnt. The Arno arrived last night from Bassin, bringing a few passengers and returned again at one o'clock.

The following telegram received by us at 1 p. in. from our Special Correspondent, we are glad to say, in quieting, and it is with pleasure that we lay it before our readers:

"If anything important will advise - Prisoners coming in hourly and all quieting down"

" All well. Court martial commence today."

The above private telegram, was received at 10 o'clock this morning and kindly placed at our disposal.

LATER

(From the West India & Panama Telegraph Co.)

St. Croix. 7th October. - In St. Croix confidence is restored and business was resumed in Bassin this morning. The Total number of estates destroyed is estimated at sixty but many of the works have escaped destruction.

Twenty estates are unharmed.

The rioters have taken to the hills on the extreme north-west side on Saturday night, and the negro village of Betty's Hope was fired yesterday noon.

Only one planter and two soldiers have lost their lives. Other planters who were reported murdered have since made their appearance.

The volunteers and soldiers have captured about one hundred and fifty prisoners, who are being tried by Court Martial today.

Three of the ringleaders have just been shot in the Fort yard at Bassin.

Our Special sent us the following at 3:30 this afternoon.

"First three prisoners just shot more it is said will follow to-morrow - Work is being resumed on the estates in this quarter."

(From yesterday's Lloyd.)

The following extract of a private letter, dated Basin 7th instant, has been kindly communicated to us ;

"The volunteers are constantly bringing in numerous prisoners in both towns. The rioters are so scared at the consequences of their rising that they themselves detect and hand in their ringleaders "

Extract of a private telegram received here this afternoon :

"Good news from the country. Burnt works examined by competent Engineers, not irreparable. Damage can be put in order in a few weeks. The bulk of the planters, at first, were undoubtedly panic stricken, and had they only rallied together and done on the 2nd and 3rd inst., what they are doing now, many of the 64 Estates burnt, or more in less damaged, would have been spared, and not unlikely some of them at work grinding to-day."

LATER.

(From the West Indian and Panam Telegraph Co.

St. Croix. 8th October, 3:30 p. m. - Everything is quiet.

The reported burning of the negro village of Betty's Hope is contradicted.

The fire seen in that direction was Manning's Bay megass.

Troops and volunteers left Bassin at 7 a. m. to capture the rioters hiding on the north side.

LATEST

Our special at St. Croix telegraphed to us this afternoon:

"All quiet. Confidence is being restored throughout the island"