

Strategic Context After Yorktown (October 1781) and Prior to Serious Peace Negotiations (September 1782)

1782

Political Events in Europe

27 Feb,
Br. Parliament
votes to end
'offensive war'
vs. Am. Rebels

20 Mar,
Br. PM
North
Resigns

19 Apr.,
United Provinces
(The Netherlands)
recognizes the
United States

April,
Rockingham
sends Oswald
to Paris
exploratory talks

July,
Shelbrune becomes
Br. PM.
"American
Independence"
agreed in Sep.

30 Nov,
Provisional
BR-US Articles
signed at Paris.

1-5 Jan,
Fr. capture
Demerara and
other Br. Posts
(NE coast of SA).

Feb. Fr. capture
West Indian islands:
13th: St. Kitts
20th: Nevis
22nd: Monserrat

12 Apr,
Br. defeat
Fr. naval squadron
at Saints (WI).

8 May,
Spanish
temporally seize
New Providence,
Bahamas, (WI).

WEST INDIES and CARIBBEAN

6 Jan - 5 Feb,
Fr. & Sp. capture
Ft. St. Philip at Mahon,
Minorca.

EUROPEAN WATERS

Sp. & Fr. besiege and attempt blockade of Gibraltar.

13-14 Sep,
Sp. & Fr.
unsuccessful and
last 'Grand Assault'
upon Gibraltar.

11 Jan,
Br. sieze
Dutch
Trincomalee
(Ceylon).

18 Feb,
Br. & Fr.
naval battle
of Sadras,
off Madras
(India).

4 Apr.,
Fr. capture
Cuddalore

12 Apr.,
Br. & Fr. naval
battle of
Providien
(Ceylon).

6 Jul,
Br. & Fr. naval
battle off
Negapatan (India).

25-30 Aug,
Fr. besiege
and capture
Trincomalee
(Ceylon).

BAY of BENGAL

NORTH AMERICA

8-31 Aug, Fr.
Raid Fort Prince of Wales,
York Factory, and Severn
in Hudson's Bay (Canada).