

Circumstances & Considerations  
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Various Sources  
in regard to  
Peace & War, Intemperance &c

Instances of Providential Deliverance  
in the life of  
Alexander Petion

After the overthrow of the French Government in Hayti, & Dessaline had succeeded to the governorship of the Island under the title of Emperor, having his residence at Cape Francois in the north, Petion, one of his generals, a well educated Mulatto, was made Governor of the Southern part of the Island, with Port au Prince as his head quarters, & the seat of his Government.

Through Petion's clemency, many of the French citizens <sup>in this part of the dominion</sup> who had been condemned to death by the Emperor were secreted & thus spared. This was repeated several times. Dessaline became very angry, & summoned him to Cape Francois.

On leaving he told his friends he "did not fear what could be done to him; he had endeavored to act conscientiously in the Divine sight, & to the Lord he committed himself. He was all-powerful to deliver him if so was his will." When he came into the palace of the Emperor, Dessaline put on his red kerchief - the red flag was put up, (Dessaline