

Circumstances & Considerations
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Instances of Providential Deliverance
in the life of
Alexander Petion

After the overthrow of the French Government in
Hayti, & Dessaline had succeeded to the govern-
ship of the Island under the title of Emperor,
having his residence at Cape Francois in the
north, Petion, one of his generals, a well educat-
ed 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 citi-
zens ^{in this part of the dominion} who had been condemned to death by the Empe-
ror were secreted & thus spared. This was repeat-
ed several times. Dessaline became very angry, & sum-
moned 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 deli-
ver 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, (Dessali-