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# MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices foreign and domestic.

THURSDAY, December 7, 1752.

CHARLES-TOWN, September 19,

**T**H.E. most violent and terrible Hurri-  
cane that ever was felt in this Province,  
happened on Friday the 15th Instant,  
in the Morning; and has reduced this  
Town to a very melancholy Situation:  
As the Public doubtless will expect a particular  
Account from the Press, so we have endeavoured  
to obtain the best Information we possibly could of  
this deplorable Calamity; for it is impossible, as  
yet, to tell all the Damage and Devastation we  
have sustained from the Violence of the Wind and  
Waves.

On the 14th in the Evening, it began to blow  
very hard, the Wind being at N. E. and the Sky  
looked wild and threatening: It continued blowing  
from the same Point, with little Variation, 'til  
about 4 o'Clock in the Morning of the 15th, at  
which Time it became more violent, and rained,  
increasing very fast, 'til about 9, when the Flood  
came in like a Boar, filling the Harbour in a few  
Minutes: Before 11 o'Clock, all the Vessels in  
the Harbour were on Shore, except the *Hornet*  
Man of War, which rode out by cutting away  
her Main-Mast; all the Wharfs and Bridges were  
raised, and every House, Store, &c. upon them,  
beaten down, and carried away, with all the Goods,  
&c. therein, as were also many Houses in the  
Town; and Abundance of Roofs, Chimneys, &c.  
almost all the tiled or slated Housts, were uncove-  
red; and great Quantities of Merchandize, &c. in  
the Stores on the *Edy Street*, damaged, by their  
Doors being burst open: The Town was likewise  
overflowed, the Tide or Sea having rose upwards  
of Ten Feet above the High Water Mark, at  
Spring Tides, and nothing was now to be seen  
but Ruins of Houses, Canoes, Wrecks of Pettiaugers  
and Boats; Masts, Yards, and incredible Quan-  
tities of all Sorts of Timber, Barrels, Staves, Shu-  
ngles, Houtholds and other Goods, floating and  
driving with great Violence thro' the Streets, and  
round about the Town: The Inhabitants finding  
themselves in the midst of a tempestuous Sea, the  
Wind still continuing, and the Tide, according to  
it's common Course, being expected to flow 'til  
after One o'Clock, and many of the People being  
already up to their Necks in Water in their Hou-  
ses; began now to think of nothing but certain  
Death: But [Here we must record as signal an  
Instance of the immediate Interposition of the Di-  
vine Providence, as ever appeared,] they were  
soon delivered from their Apprehensions; for about  
ten Minutes after Eleven o'Clock, the Wind veer-  
ed to the E. S. E. and S. W. very quick;  
and then (tho' it continued it's Violence, and the  
Sea beat and dashed every where with amazing  
Impetuosity) the Waters fell above five Feet in  
the Space of ten Minutes, without which unexpec-  
ted and sudden Fall, every House, and Inhabitant  
in this Town, must, in all Probability, have peri-  
shed: And before Three o'Clock the Hurricane  
was entirely over: Many People were drowned,  
and others much hurt by the Fall of Housts.

At *Sullivan's Island*, the *Pest House* was carried  
away, and of 15 People that were there, 9 are lost;  
the rest saved themselves by adhering strongly to  
some of the Rafters of the House when it fell, up-  
on which they were driven some Miles beyond the  
Island, to *Hobcaw*: At *Fort Johnson*, the Barracks  
were beat down, most of the Guns dismounted,  
and their Carriages carried away: At *Orwell's*  
and *Granville's* Batteries, and the Batteries about  
this Town, the Cannon were likewise dismounted:  
The *Merchant Man of War*, which had just gone  
up to *Hobcaw*, to leave down, was drove ashore  
not far from the *Cartering Place*: The Ship *Lucy*,  
of and for *Louisiana*, *John Bullman* Master, which lay  
Wied bound in *Rebellion Road*, dragg'd her An-  
chor, drove by the Fort and this Town, and ran  
ashore upon a Marsh about 7 Miles up *Cropper's*  
River: A new Vessel was drove off the *Stocks*,  
and wreck'd at Mr. *Wright's*: The Schooner *Nan-*

*cy*, *John Badley*, 3 other Schooners, and the Sloop  
*Nancy*, *John Babb* Master, all of this Port, ashore  
in *Col. Hiron's* Pasture: Another new Vessel was  
wreck'd near Mr. *Scott's*: And one but lately  
begun, with the *Snow Industry*, belonging to Mr.  
*David Brown*, ashore on the Green near his House.  
Capt. *Walker's* Pilot Boat, against the Governor's  
House; and his Sloop, the *Endavour*, bound for  
*Jamaica*, after beating down his Excellency's Coach  
House, Stables, &c. was dash'd to Pieces against  
Mr. *Raper's* House, whose Balcony Door her Mast  
entered; 2 or 3 Pettiaugers were wreck'd against  
*Doctor Carw's* House: A small Schooner drove up  
close against the old Custom House Door; and  
one of Mr. *Edward's* Pilot Boats, to Mr. *Thomas*  
*Smith's*: Several Boats against Mr. *Price's*: The  
Sloop *Catharine*, of *New York*, *Richard Manley*  
Master, and the Sloop *Industry*, of and for *Rhode-*  
*Island*, ashore upon the Head of Mr. *Beyersford's*  
Wharf: The *Snow Charming Nancy*, of and for  
*Hull*, on the Head of Capt. *Simmons's*, near the  
Council Chamber: The Brigantine *Peggy* and *Sal-*  
*ley*, of and for *Bristol*, *William James* Master, a-  
gainst the Curtain Line, between Mr. *Thomas El-*  
*liot's* and Mr. *Mott's*: The Sloop *Henry*, *Henry*  
*Craig* Master, of and for *New York*, against the  
*Exchange* or *New Market*; where Mr. *Edward's*  
other Pilot Boat is wreck'd: The *Snow Dove*,  
*John Tupper*, bound for *Cape Fear*, on the Head  
of Mr. *Everleigh's* Wharf: A small Schooner a-  
gainst the Curtain Line, near the *Dove*: The Brig  
*Two Friends*, of and for *Falmouth*, *Robert Johns*  
Master, beat down some Houses, and lies on the  
West Side of *Church Street*, along Side of Mr.  
*John Matthews's*: The Ship *Upton*, of *Liverpool*,  
lately arrived from *Rotterdam*, which lay up *Abley*  
River, was drove a great Way into the Marsh near  
*Wappo*: The Sloop *Polly*, *George Gere*, bound  
for *Barbadoes*; the Schooner *Elizabeth*, *Alexander*  
*M'Gillivray*, of this Port, for *Jamaica*; the Sloop  
*Susannah*, *Amos Minsot*, also of this Port; the  
Schooner *Bauk*, with 8 or to other small Schoo-  
ners, own'd here; and 3 or 4 Pilot Boats, are  
drove, some into the Woods, some into Corn Fields,  
and others far into the Marshes, on and about  
*Jamaica Island*, *Wappo*, &c.—For about 30 Miles  
round *Charles Town*, there is hardly a Plantation  
that has not lost every Out House upon it.—All  
our Roads are so filled with Trees blown and broke  
down, that travelling is render'd extremely difficult;  
and hardly a Fence was left standing in the Town  
or Country.—We have suffered great Loss in  
Hogs, Sheep, and all Kinds of Provisions.

The *Mermaid*, and most of the Vessels on Shore,  
may be got off.  
From *Winyaw* and *Port Royal*, our Accounts  
are much more favourable than were expected, no  
Damage having been done to the Shipping in those  
Harbours, and very little to the Houses, as the  
Hurricane was hardly felt at either of the Places.

Yesterday arrived Capt. *Gardner* from *Provi-*  
*dence*, who says he felt the Hurricane near *St. As-*  
*gustine*, but received no Damage; that he spoke  
with a large Brig off this Bar, in the Morning,  
belonging to *Whitehaven*, and bound from *Antigua*  
for *Cape Fear*; and that he saw Part of a Wreck,  
whose Quarter was painted Green.

This Day arrived Capt. *Comer*, from *Port Royal*,  
who has brought in 2 Seamen and 5 Negroes,  
which he took out of the Ship *Africa*, of and from  
*Barbadoes* for this Port, *John Derrington* Master,  
lying at Anchor amongst the Breakers off *North-*  
*Edifice*: And *Miles Tedar*, Master of the *Snow*  
*Deby* and *Rusby*, of and for this Port, from *Jamaica*.

Capt. *Darrington* met with a violent Storm, a-  
bout 7 Leagues to the Eastward of this Place, on  
Wednesday last, that continued 'til the next After-  
noon, in which his Ship lost all her Masts, Sails,  
and Rigging, had one of her Sides beat in, and 5  
Seamen, and one Negro, with all her Boats, &c.  
wash'd over board: On Friday he came to an An-  
chor off *Edisto*; and the Ship *Cauliffe*, of *Liverpool*

(with Germans from *Rotterdam*) coming to the  
same Place in the Evening, he with his Mate,  
quitted the *Africa*, and went on board of her.

Capt. *Tedar* has lost his Masts, &c. and carried  
his Vessel into *St. Helena* Inlet, near which Place  
he met with the Hurricane: He spoke with the  
*Cauliffe*, and a Sloop from *Jamaica* which he  
had in Tow, one *White*, Master, that had no  
Mast, Sail, or Rigging standing; and also with  
the Sloop *Charles Town*, Capt. *Steel*; which Ves-  
sels are now coming in.

A Sloop is said to be ashore on *Long Island*, and  
great Quantities of Wreck have been met with up-  
on the Coast.

September 26, The Ship *Lucy*, Capt. *Bulman*,  
has been got off since our last; as are also two of  
our Pilot Boats, the Schooner that lay against the  
old Custom House Door, and two or three other  
small Schooners: And they are now endeavouring  
to get off some of those that are ashore on *Jamaica*  
*Island*.

In the late Hurricane, hardly a House was left  
standing on *White Point*; the Batteries near Mr.  
*Mortimer's*, Mr. *Ratray's* Garden (in which was  
a Magazine of Gun Powder), and upon *Conselliere's*  
Creek, were entirely beat down, and carried away;  
the greatest Part of *Broughton's* Battery was beat  
to Pieces; and the new Works on the Land Side  
of this Town, received considerable Damage.

The Ship *Telemachus*, of *Liverpool*, Capt. *Fratt-*  
*lough*, that lay at Mr. *Child's* Bluff, 20 Miles up  
*Abley* River, broke all her Holds, and was drove  
upon the Marsh opposite the said Bluff; and the  
Ship *Eagle Galley*, Capt. *Timothy M' Daniel* (which  
lay at the same Place), was drove almost as high as  
*Dorchester*, into *Col. Izard's* Creek. The Owners  
*Goodwill*, Capt. *Morsland*, was drove against Mr.  
*Cartell's* Bluff, in the Beginning of the Hurricane,  
and off again when the Wind shifted.

The Brig *Experiment*, *Edward Carleton* Master,  
from *Barbadoes* for *Georgia*, has been spoke with  
on the Coast, since the Hurricane, all well on  
board.

The *Bristol Merchant*, *Parsons*, and the *Nancy*,  
*Copthorn*, were well at *Port Royal* since the Hur-  
ricane, having rode it out; as did also the *Nancy*,  
Capt. *Conner*, at *Winyaw*.

From *Georgia* we hear, that the late Hurricane  
has been felt there, and incredible Damage done  
to the Trees, but that no House or Vessel was  
hurt; the Tide being 4 Feet lower than usual.

October 3. On Saturday last we had here ano-  
ther terrible Hurricane, which began, with Wind  
and Rain, about 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon, but  
ceased soon after 7 in the Evening. For two or  
three Days before, the Violence of the Wind  
(which blew from N. E. and E. and at last settled  
at S. E.) and the great Quantity of Rain that had  
fallen, kept the Tides from ebbing their due Course  
and Time, so that when this Hurricane began to  
abate, tho' the Water should have been low, it  
was higher than at common Spring Tides; and  
had the Wind rose, as was expected, when the  
Flood should have come in, our Situation would  
have been most deplorable indeed! But the same  
Providence that interposed before, was visible here.  
In this Town, it did little or other Damage, than  
to the Goods of those People who removed from  
the most exposed Places, and the Tops of some  
Houses; But at *Winyaw*, we are informed, it was  
more severely felt than the former. About Mid-  
night the Wind veered round to N. W. when  
another violent Storm broke up the bad Weather.  
—We have daily such a Number of melancholy  
Accounts from all Parts of the Country, of the  
Damage and Losses sustained on the 15th and 30th  
ult. that they would afford endless Matter for this  
Paper, were we to publish them.

In the late Hurricane, the *Snow Vint*, of *Liver-*  
*pool*, *Robert Rankin* Master, from *Barbadoes*, for  
this Port, with Sugars and Slaves, was drove in  
from *Ses*, and stranded upon *Cammie's* Point, a-  
bout a League from our Bar: The Cargo and  
People