

THE MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices foreign and domestic.

THURSDAY, August 5, 1756.

Cecil County, June 14, 1756. ALL Persons that have any Demands against the Estate of Mr. Benjamin Pearce, late of this County, deceased, are hereby desired to bring them in, that they may be adjusted: And those who are indebted to the said Estate, are desired to make speedy Payment, or they may expect Trouble from HUGH JONES, HENRY WARD PEARCE, Executors.

COMMITTED to Baltimore County Goal, on the 28th of May last, one John Kelley, who says he belongs to Benjamin Rush, living within half a Mile of Broad-Run-Croquet, and eight Miles from the Court-House, in Prince-William County, in Virginia. His Master is desired to come and pay the Charges, and take him away. CHARLES CHRISTIE, Sheriff.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Inhabitants of Anne-Arundel County, That the Tenth of June being the Time affix'd by Law for paying the Public, Clergy, and Officers Fees, is past, and as very few have yet paid, I give this public Notice, to all those who do not comply immediately, that I must and will (however disagreeable to me) collect agreeable to Law, which I hope every Gentleman will prevent, as it must surely be in every one's Power to bring his Transfer Tobacco as soon to the Inspecting-House, as his Crop. Constant Attendance will be given every Wednesday and Thursday, at my Office, in Annapolis, to settle with all Gentlemen who are indebted for Sheriff's Accounts.

And as very little Notice has been taken of my former Advertisements, for Payment of his Lordship's Quit-Rents, I give this public Notice to all who do not come and make Payment, that I will collect the Quit-Rents at their Expence, without Loss of Time, which I should be glad if every one would prevent, in doing which they would very much oblige, Their most humble Servant, JOHN RAITT, Sheriff of Anne-Arundel County.

TO BE SOLD,

For Sterling Money, good Bills of Exchange, Gold, Silver, or Paper Currency,

THE following Tracts and Parcels of Land, viz.

- Rover's Content, 466
Part of The Inclosure, 89
Part of Goodluck, 445
Fife, 78
Beall's Chance, 290
Father's Gift, 183
Bread and Cheese Hall, 91

These are all adjoining, and make a Body of choice well timbered Land, whereon are Three Plantations, with good Orchards, lying in Prince-George's County, within five Miles of Bladenburg, ten of Upper-Marlborough, and six of the Eastern Branch Ferry.

- Copper, 113
Part of Laybill, 649
Beall's Reserve, 380
Drumdry, 225

The Four last mentioned lie in Beall's Neck, in Frederick County, not above twelve Miles from Bladenburg, being a choice Parcel of fine Wood-Land.

Also 459 Acres of Land, being Part of a Tract called Allison's Park, lying likewise in Frederick County, on or near a Branch, called and known, by the Name of Captain Jehn's Branch.

Any Person inclinable to purchase Part of the first mentioned seven Tracts, lying in Prince-George's County, may have the Quantity desired, provided it be taken so as not to incommode the remaining Part, to render it unserviceable, or prejudice the Sale thereof; and likewise, any Part of the several Tracts, in Frederick County, in like Manner.

The Title and Terms may be known, by applying to the Subscriber, or to Josias Beall, junior, living on Ackick, near Piscataway, in Prince-George's County.

N. B. Time will be given for the Payment of Part, on good Security, if required.

at his Office in Charles-street; at 12 s, 6 d. per Year. ADVERTISEMENTS the first Week, and One Shilling

MINORCA, April 21.

THE French Troops, which landed the 18th Instant, took Possession of Citadella, upon the English Garrison's retiring from thence. The Marshal Duke Richelieu and Count Gallissoniere, accompanied by the principal Officers of the Army, received the Compliments of the Magistracy on their Entrance into this City. At the same Time the Marshal told them, "We are not come to attack you. The King my Master has no other Reason for sending me hither than to obtain Satisfaction for the Insults and Injuries done him by the English. You may depend on my Protection, and be assured of my Care that the Troops under my Command shall behave well, committing no Kind of Violence of any Sort, and pay for what they buy. But beware of carrying on any Correspondence with the Enemy; in case of your so doing, be assured of being treated with the utmost Severity." Upon the Marshal's taking Possession of this City, Te Deum was sung in the great Church, and a triple Discharge of the Cannon on board the Fleet, and from the Garrison at the same Time; after which the Duke gave a grand Entertainment to the Government, &c.

On the 19th the Marshal took Possession of a small Fort abandoned by the English, which served to cover Fornelle, a small Port, situated on the Eastern Side of the Island, at the Point of a small Bay, near a Cape of the same Name.

On the 20th, the Marquis de Mefnil, and the Marquis de Monteynard, two Lieutenant Generals, were detached from the Army with 24 Companies of Grenadiers and a Royal Brigade, to encamp at Mercadol, from whence they were to advance towards Mahon, in order to block up that Port, on the Eastern Side of the Bay, whilst the main Body of the Army is to invest Fort St. Philip, in which General Blakeney has gathered the chief Body of his Troops, to the Amount of 2500 Men, as some say, or 2000, according to the Report of others. This Day the heavy Artillery destined for the Siege began its March. The Fleet commanded by Count de la Galissoniere, is preparing to block up the Entrance of the Bay of Port Mahon, in Expectation of the Arrival of Admiral Byng, and with Orders to fight him.

The Islanders seemed pleased with the Arrival of the French, and gave them all possible Assistance in landing their Troops and Artillery, and supplying them with all Manner of Provisions.

Paris A-la-main, May 10. A Report strongly prevails here, that we have lost a Thousand Men before St. Philips, and that the Duke de Richelieu's Nephew and several other General Officers were killed.

LONDON, May 15.

The Prince George of 80, the Hampton Court of 64, the Nassau of 64, the Tilbury of 60, and Isis of 50 Guns, are ordered to sail to the Mediterranean to join Admiral Byng.

Extract of a Letter from Port-Mahon.

"Our Spirits are so good, our Garrison so hearty, and our Supplies so ample, that if our Works do not defend us, and we are to be buried in their Ruins. And as General Blakeney is Governor, who so gallantly defended Stirling Castle in the last Rebellion, against the whole Force of the Rebels, and who is a Gentleman that has served long, and likewise has a great Character as an Officer, we need be under less Apprehension for this Place."

The Packet-boat from hence to France on hearing that War was declared in Paris the 10th Instant, immediately sailed back again with the Mail.

Orders are given to the Ships of War to make Prizes of all Vessels of what Nation soever that shall be found to carry Provisions or Warlike Stores to our perfidious Enemy the French.

Last Night Notice was stuck up at the Post-Office, that the Mail was stopped from going to France.

Dublin, May 25. We are informed by private Letters which came by the last Express, that Fort St. Philip was not taken by the French the 4th Instant. That Admiral Byng being informed at Gibraltar that the French Fleet were much superior to him in Number, waited for a Reinforcement, which he daily expected, and would then sail to attack the French: That a certain noble Peer (L. A.) had declared last Tuesday on the Royal Exchange, that the Fleet was ready to sail sixteen Days before they had sailing Orders given them from the proper Persons for that Purpose, which hath given great Uneasiness and Consternation: That Commodore Edgcombe had got safe out of the Harbour of Mahon: That the Lords and Commons had voted Addresses to his Majesty, that he would be pleased to lay before them such Accounts as the Ministry had received, with their different Dates, of their Preparations of War by Sea and Land for America, Minorca and other Places, in order to make proper Enquiry into them for the Satisfaction of the Nation.

May 29. It is said that 4 Irish and 6 English Regiments will very speedily go upon a secret Expedition.

Extract of a Letter from Plymouth, May 25.

"Just now arrived his Majesty's Ship the Lyme, Captain Vernon, of 20 Guns, who the 17th Instant, cruising off Rochefort, in Company with the Colchester, Capt. Obrian, of 50 Guns, fell in with two French Men of War, one of 50 Guns, and the other of 36, when the two latter drew

up in a Line, and fired first at the Colchester, upon which an Engagement began at 6 in the Evening, the Colchester with the 60 Gun Ship, and the Lyme with that of 36 Guns. At Half an Hour past Eleven the French Frigate lay to to stop her Leaks, having before made the Signal of striking, but sunk in less than five Minutes: Between Eleven and One the Colchester, as they believe, was on Fire, by a Cloud of Smoke which they saw arise, but that disappearing, she bore away at S. S. W. The French Man of War of 60 Guns then came up with the Lyme, thinking she was her Companion, but the Lyme not answering her Signals, she bore away again. The Lyme is in a very shattered Condition, having had 80 Shot through her Main-top-sail, 54 in her Main-sail, and her Fore-sail set on Fire, and had several Shot between Wind and Water. She has only three Men killed, but many wounded. The Colchester is said to be arrived."

BOSTON, July 12.

Last Wednesday Night arrived here Capt. Jones in 8 Days from Halifax, in whom came Passenger the Hon. Jonathan Belcher, Esq; Chief Justice of the Province of Nova-Scotia. By Capt. Jones we have Advice, that about a Fortnight before he sailed, his Majesty's Ship Norwich of 50 Guns, fell in with L'Arc-en-Ciel, a French Man of War of 54 Guns, and between 7 and 800 Men, and had a smart Engagement with her for 3 Hours, when the Litchfield of 60 Guns came up, and having given her 2 Broad-sides, she struck to the Norwich, having lost many of her Men; and 'tis said but few of the English were killed. She was standing in for Halifax as Capt. Jones came out. We have also a Confirmation of the Account of Capt. Rous's taking a large Store Ship, with these further Particulars, viz. That she had on board a great Quantity of Powder, Fire Arms, 2 large Brafs Mortars, 2 Brafs Cannon, and other warlike Stores and military Accoutrements. And by Letters found on board her, the Captors learned, that a Fleet of 14 Sail, consisting of Men of War, Store-Ships, and Transports, sail'd in Company with her from France, bound to Louisbourg.—Also, That Commodore Holmes in the Grafton of 70 Guns, with the Nottingham of 60, who arrived at Halifax from New-York, was to sail in a few Days, with two or three other Ships of War then in Port, to join the Fleet cruising off Cape-Breton, which consisted of 8 Sail. 'Tis said the Prize is a Dutch Vessel, and was navigated with Dutch Sailors.

July 19. By Letters from Albany we learn, that all the Provincial Troops, under the Command of General Winslow, at the Half-moon, decamped the 12th Instant, and marched for Lake George with 130 Teams of Oxen, 6 Oxen to a Team, 500 Waggon, and 60 spare Horses, with Whale-boats and Battoes almost innumerable.

By an Express from the Westward we have Advice, that on the 11th Instant, towards the Evening, three Men belonging to the Fort at Hoosuck, being at a small Distance from it, were fired upon by a Party of French and Indians, and two of them killed, and the third taken Captive. That the French were well dressed, had laced Hats and Cockades (supposed to be Regulars) and it was feared they would attack the Fort next Morning, which could make but a poor Defence, having only seven Men in it.

By a Fishing Schooner from Halifax, we are informed, that the large Store Ship taken by Capt. Rous (as formerly mentioned) was safe arrived there, notwithstanding the Prisoners had attempted to overcome the Captors. It is said four of the Prize's Crew were killed before they could be suppressed.

NEW-YORK, July 19.

Wednesday last the Snow Meliscent, Captain Scrogam, and Ship Betsey, Captain Caselton, arrived here in eight Weeks from Portsmouth, with Stores for the Troops in this Province.

The Brig mentioned in our last, that lay at the Watering-Place, commanded by Captain Wayman, came up the 14th Instant, and all possible Diligence is now used in fitting her out for a Privateer. A Sloop commanded by Captain Grantham is in such Forwardness, on the same Design, that her Water was put on board Saturday last. A Schooner, and two or three other Sloops will also be ready, in a short Time; and many more Vessels are nominated for the like Purpose; all which we expect will be ready to push off in a very few Days after War is declared here.

Thursday Night last Captain Dill arrived here from St. Eustatia in seventeen Days, by whom we have Advice, that Commodore Frankland was cruising off Martinico with five Sail of the Line.

Extract of a Letter from Albany, dated June 10.

"All our Provincial Forces are advanced. The Main

Body of them are encamped at Half-Moon, about twelve Miles from hence; the rest encamped, or in Garrison, at Saraghtoga, Fort-Hardy, Stillwater, Fort-Miller, Fort-Edward, and Fort-William-Henry. The brave Captain Rogers is gone out with a Party of 55 Men on a bold and daring Enterprize; and by the Accounts I have had since, is likely to succeed: When I was at Fort William-Henry (which was the second Instant) it was thought he had got safe past the French Army, Crown-Point-Fort, and had got undiscovered into Lake-Champlain. Since I came from the Fort, one of Rogers's Party is returned, who says, he lost himself; and the Account he gives is, That they got safe over Lake-George, cut a Road through the Bushes, first carried their Packs, and then their Whale-boats on their Shoulders, to Lake-Champlain. 'Tis said Rogers designs to strike a Blow in the Heart of Canada, or burn the French Brig on Lake-Champlain, and make his Retreat to the Borders of New-England, to Fort Number 4. Two Expresses are arrived at the Camp, near this City, one from Fort William-Henry, from Colonel Bagly, that 40 Battoes, with 30 Men in each, had appeared on Lake-George, in Sight of the Fort; the same was confirmed by an Express from Colonel Ruggles. On the 8th Instant a Detachment of 500 Men marched from Half-Moon to reinforce the Garrison of Fort William-Henry.

P. S. Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON had a narrow Escape in returning from Onondago, being three different Times Way-laid by the Enemy; but some of his trusty Mohawks found him out a Road unknown to them."

Copy of a Letter from an Officer in the Army, to a Gentleman in this Town, dated Trois Rivieres, July 6, 1756.

"The Third Instant, at Ten A. M. I left Onwego with Col. Bradstreet's Command, which were returning, and about 3 o'Clock, P. M. we were attacked by a large Body of French and Indians, 4 Miles below the Falls, consisting (according to the Information of the Prisoners we have taken) of 400 Canadians, 180 Regulars, and upwards of 100 Indians. They attacked us in our Battoes, which Fire killed many of our People before they could get on Shore. But Col. Bradstreet behaved so brave and active, that he took Possession of a small Island, and kept the Enemy off for near an Hour, with not more than 20 Men; after which he came over upon the Main, and with not more than 200 Men repulsed the Enemy, who had forded the River upon us in great Numbers. The Action continued for upwards of two Hours, yet we have not exceeding 60 or 70 killed and wounded. But by what we are able to judge from the Confusion the French went off in, and the Number of Guns and other Trophies picked up, the Loss of the Enemy must be at least double or triple."

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman at Albany, dated 13th of July, 1756.

"On Monday Colonel Bradstreet arrived here from Onwego. On the Third, about 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, nine Miles on this Side that Place, having about 300 Battoemen with him, in their Battoes, he was attacked from the North Side of the River, by about 700 of the Enemy, of which 200 were Regulars, the rest Canadians and Indians.—Colonel Bradstreet, who at that Time was near the Front of his Party, proceeded with six Men to a small Island near the Enemy, and ordered a few more to follow him there, to keep back the Enemy from fording the River, till the rest of his Men could land on the South Side of it. He had no sooner landed with the six Men, but he was attacked by Twenty of the Enemy, whom his Party beat back, kept Possession of the Island, and were joined by six more Battoemen. They were then attacked by about 40 of the Enemy, who stood their Ground very well, and wounded Eight out of the Twelve; yet, as our People never fired, without each killing his Man, the Enemy gave Way. The Party on the Island were then increased to about Twenty, besides the wounded, and were again a third Time attacked by 70 of the Enemy, whom our Folks also beat back a third Time. This Affair on the Island lasted near an Hour, and had given the rest of our Battoemen Time to land on the South Side of the River; and those on the Island perceiving the Enemy were coming to surround them with their whole Strength, retired to the South Side of the River, and were followed by the Enemy. Our People made a faint Flight until the chief of the Enemy had forded the River, then faced about, and pushed the Enemy back into the River, where they killed great Numbers of them; the rest took to their Heels; and were so closely pursued, that they left all their Packs, Blankets and Provisions, behind, and many of them their Guns. About 40 of our People are killed and missing, and Twenty-four slightly wounded. The Number of the Enemy killed, is not exactly known, as most of them fell in the River, but it must be at least triple the Number of ours.—Colonel Bradstreet has brought two Prisoners with him."

Another Letter from Albany, of the same Date, says, General Winslow is to march towards Crown-Point Tomorrow with his whole Army, consisting of above 7000 Provincial Troops. All their Provisions and Stores are already up at the Forts Edward and William-Henry. The 4th Regiment moves up to Half-Moon on Thursday next.

Extract of another Letter from Albany, dated July 13.

Last Thursday General Abercrombie, in Company with a Number of Gentlemen, took a ride to the Falls. He had a