

Influence, but was from the Integrity of their Hearts, the only Verdict they could give; on which the Bill was unanimously thrown out of that illustrious House; and we hear the whole Proceedings and Examinations are to be printed, and is expected to be given Gratis to the Public.

We are assured that one of the Officers of the Court-Martial, being ask'd by a noble Lord, Whether if he was discharged from his Oath of Secrecy by an Act, if what he had then to say, could have any Tendency to the Service of the Public, or induce his Majesty to shew Mercy? To which he answered in the Negative: At the same Time, a brave Admiral said, that he had voted for his being shot, and would, if he had been his Brother.

March 10. We hear that the Lords of the Admiralty have lately prohibited the Use of spirituous Liquors on board the Ships in his Majesty's Navy.

It's said the Lords of the Admiralty have signified to the Merchants, that on it's being made appear to them, that any Commanders of Men of War have been defective in their Duty of conveying or protecting their Ships or pursuing Privateers, on Notice being given, they shall be instantly dealt with according to their Deserts; and be taught that they are to regard themselves as the Servants, and not the Masters of the Merchants.

From the St. Christophers Gazette, April 13. Extract of a Letter from Barbados, dated the 24th of March, 1757.

"Captain Stirling has not his Number of Hands, though the Governor and Council gave him Liberty to impress. However the Vessel has been of infinite Service to the Trade of this Island, as the Privateers have been afraid to come to Windward of it. I make no Doubt if that Brigantine had not been fitted out, there would have been more than to the Amount of fifty thousand Pounds taken before this Time. Antigua must have suffered as much as that by not having accepted a similar Offer; and I am surprized St. Christophers has not thought such a Thing would be expedient for the Safety of her own Trade.

"On Monday last was condemned in the Court of Admiralty of this Island, the French Privateer Schooner La Victorie, taken by his Majesty's Ship Blandford, commanded by Capt. Charles Middleton, who retook and brought in at the same Time, a Snow called the Lovely Matty, Hugh Vance, Master, belonging to this Island, and loaded from Carolina. The above mentioned Privateer is a large Schooner of ten Carriage Guns and twenty-two Swivels, and is well fitted with Swivel Blunderbusses, Muskets, Pistols, Cutlasses, Launces, Pole-Axes, and all other Warlike Stores: She carried one Hundred and nine Men; and had taken no less than twenty-one English Vessels, several of which were of great Value. Captain Middleton only said to see her safe in this Road, and in his Return to Antigua, took a very fine French Privateer Sloop of ten Guns, so that we may justly say he has done a most essential Service to the Trade of these Islands in Particular."

Extract of a Letter from Antigua, dated April 12.

"Yesterday Captain Thomas Thompson arrived here from the Windward and Gold Coast of Africa, who gives an Account that 4 French Men of War were on the Coast, and had destroyed several Factories, and taken several Bristol and Liverpool Vessels, which they burnt or sunk, after taking out their Cargoes, and what Necessaries they wanted: And that he escaped under Cover of the Night, by standing in with the Land. Capt. Thompson brought 4 of the Captains Passengers with him to Barbados, who assured him that they expected the Men of War would proceed down the Coast as low as Capbenda, on the Coast of Angola. I send you a List of the Captains Names; and the Ships they commanded, viz. Capt. Amion, of the Annabella; Captain Gill, of the Nancy; Captain Jackson, of the Prince of Orange; Captain Carruthers, of the ———."

St. CHRISTOPHERS.

Basseterre, April 2. By the Captain of a Snow who arrived this Week from Martinico, we hear that seven French Merchantmen from Marceilles arrived there last Week.

The following Prizes were the last that had been carried in; and they were taken within the Space of about eight Days.

Capt. Hanson Mercerve, in a Snow from Piscataqua for St. Christophers.

Capt. Gibbons, in a Schooner from Ditto, for Ditto.

Capt. Thomson, in a Brig, from Ditto, for Antigua.

Capt. Galway, in a Snow from Cork.

Capt. ———, in a Brig, from Ditto.

And a Brig from Philadelphia.

Capt. Salter, in a Ship, from Piscataqua for St. Christophers, was taken by a French Privateer

Sloop of 12 Guns; but was retaken by Captain Davis in a Privateer-Snow. The Frenchman did not get away till he had received several Shot between Wind and Water; he also lost his First Lieutenant, with the Master, and 7 Men, and had 16 wounded.

A French Privateer Sloop (with all her Crew, except 14) was lost on the 25th ult. in a Gale to the Eastward of Martinico.

CHARLES-TOWN, in South-Carolina, April 14.

From Cape-Fear, we have an Account of two small Dutch Vessels from Cape-Francois (a Sloop and Schooner) being sent in there, taken by Captains Fenton and Jones in two New-York Privateers.

By Capt. Beazley, from Providence, who arrived on Sunday last, we have Advice, that Captains Fleming and Beake, in two Privateers belonging to Providence, have lately sent in there a small French Schooner and a Long-Boat, laden with Sugar, &c. and a large Schooner and Sloop, which it is pretended belong to the Governor of St. Eustatia. That Capt. Arbuthnot's Prize had proved to be a French Vessel, and her Cargo consisted of all the rich Commodities of Marceilles: That the Dutch Snow taken by Capt. Sweeting of Rhode-Island, still lay there uncondemned; but the Frenchmen who were found on board are sent in a Flag of Truce to the Cape: That a Flag of Truce was arrived from the Cape, with 13 Englishmen, who were taken going to plunder a Plantation: That a French Ship called Le Genevieve, laden with Sugars, Indico and Coffee, bound for France from the Cape, was lately brought in there, by some Englishmen who had been Prisoners on board her, but getting all the Frenchmen drunk, confined them, and took Possession of the Vessel: And that the Captains Fleming and Beake were returned from their Cruize, and had brought an Account of the Arrival of 7 French Ships of the Line, and 2 Frigates, at the Cape, upon which all the Men of War from Jamaica were returned for their Station, and all our Privateers retired from about the Coast of Hispaniola.

Advice is come, that our good Friends the Dutch, have completely armed and manned several stout Vessels at Coracoa, in order to supply the French Colonies with Provisions, &c. at all Events.

The Lyttleton Privateer of this Port, commanded by Capt. Thomas Tucker, is just returned from a Cruize, of which we have the following Account: On the 22d chased some small Craft into Port Paix, and there took up a Boat with one Capt. Kelly of Philadelphia, and 6 other Englishmen, who had made their Escape out of Goal; the Men informed Capt. Tucker, that they had belonged to the Two Sisters Privateer of Jamaica, mounting 8 Carriage and 12 Swivel Guns, and commanded by Thomas Coverly, who suffered himself to be taken and carried in there by a small French Privateer of 4 Guns: On the 26th, took a small Sloop from Petit Guava, which he burnt, and two others from Grando Ance, laden with Mahogany, one of which he gave to his Prisoners, and the other to Kelley and Coverley's People to carry them to Jamaica: On the 27th, took and burnt a small Schooner. March 4th, took a Boat from Port Paix, loaded with Indico, which he sunk, after taking out her Cargo. On the 7th, chased a Scout Boat under the Cannon of Fort Dauphin, which fired several Shot, but did him no Harm. On the 12th, took a Long-Boat belonging to a Ship in Port Paix, with 12 Men going to cut Wood, and another Boat loaded with Indico: One of which he gave to his Prisoners, the other he sunk. After this made several Attempts to plunder some Plantations, in Concert with 2 other Privateers, but succeeded only in one, where they burnt all the Buildings, with a great Quantity of Indico, &c. amidst a very hot Fire from the Enemy's small Arms, and 4 Swivel Guns they had planted on Stumps, and made a good Retreat, Capt. Tucker having only 1 Man wounded.

The 27th, spoke with a Jamaica Privateer, commanded by Capt. Howard, who told him, he had seen 7 French Men of War, 3 Days before, lying off Monte Christo, and 2 others at the same Time giving Chace to a Sail in the Offing. On the 4th Instant, off Cape-Nichola, chased and came up with a small Schooner, called the Two Sisters, Richard Peale Master (sent Express from Jamaica with a Packet for the Admiral) who informed him, that the Earl of Loudoun, a fine Privateer Snow, belonging to New-York, mounting 14 Carriage Guns, commanded by Capt. Mark Vallentine, had been taken off Monte Christo by a French Frigate, after an Engagement of five

Hours; but was afterwards retaken by 2 New-York Sloops, and carried into Jamaica, where Capt. Vallentine gave the disagreeable News, that he had met with 5 French Ships of the Line, one of 80 Guns, with 1400 Men, and 3 Frigates, and saw two of the latter attack his Majesty's Ship the Greenwich of 50 Guns, commanded by Capt. Roddam, who beat them both off, after a hot Contest of 5 Hours; soon after which he saw a 74, a 64, and 50 Gun Ship come up with the Greenwich, and the two largest take her, after another smart Engagement, which lasted an Hour and an Half.

Capt. Tucker looked into most of the French Harbours on Hispaniola, and saw many Vessels in them, but too well guarded to cut any of them out, which he designed; and observed, that all along the Coast they had erected 3, 6, and 8 Gun Batteries, with Alarm Lights, and Watchmen blowing Concks. His Prisoners informed him, that the Governor at the Cape had lately forbid any Vessels putting to Sea, from any Part of the Island till the Ships of War arrived, which was the Reason he met with nothing of Value; that a Privateer was fitting out at Port Paix, on Purpose to take him; and 7 more, with many others at different Places, to cruize upon this Coast, and off Philadelphia and New-York, as soon as their Men of War had cleared their own Coast.

B O S T O N, May 12. We hear that a Vessel which had been re-taken by a New-York Privateer, and bound for that Port, is put into Cape-Anne by contrary Winds.

Yesterday Afternoon a Flag of Truce arrived at Marblehead, in eight Days from Louisburg, and brought 73 Persons who had been taken Prisoners: —By Mr. Kirke, one of them, who came to Town this Morning, we are informed, that last Winter and this Spring two Privateers, viz. a Sloop and a Schooner, fitted out from thence, have taken and carried in there the following Vessels, viz. The Two Sisters, Dobson, a Sloop belonging to this Place, bound to Halifax; a Schooner, Boobey, Master, belonging to Marblehead, bound from the Banks, with Fish; the Molly, Thomas Dunbar, a Snow from Philadelphia, for Dublin; the Lloyd, a Snow, George Sweeting, from Maryland for Liverpool; the Dispatch, Leech Harris, of this Place, from Madeira, with a valuable Cargo of Wine, bound hither; the Apollo, a Schooner, Thomas Legget, from this Place for Halifax; a Schooner, Arthur Randall, from the Isle of Shoals, for the Banks; a Sloop, Gutteridge, from New-London for Madeira; a Schooner, Bragdon, from Old-York, for Halifax. —He informs, that there was no Privateer out from thence, that they heard of.

We learn also by him, that a Ship was seen ashore on the Isle of Sable, an English Vessel which had been in her Passage from Portugal to Virginia taken by a French Privateer, and sent to Louisburg: That seeing a Schooner they hoisted English Colours; upon which the Schooner went to their Relief; but some Difference arising the Frenchmen took Possession of the Schooner, and with her took another, on board of which they put some of the English People, who we hear are arrived at Cape-Anne; the other Schooner arrived at Louisburg before the said Flag of Truce came out, with some of the Ship's Sails, Rigging and Stores, which they saved, she being left a Wreck.

Yesterday Advice was received, that one or two Vessels had been chased by a Sloop about 25 Leagues to the Eastward of Cape-Anne, and tho't to be an Enemy's Privateer; the Province Snow of War the Prince of Wales, Capt. Dowse, was ordered by the Honourable his Majesty's Council to proceed immediately in Quest of her; and accordingly she came under sail about 5 o'Clock.

May 16. We hear from Rhode-Island, that Friday last, the Collector of his Majesty's Customs there, seized a Sloop belonging to Peter Simmons of that Place, Peleg Clarke, Master, having on board a Cargo of French Sugars, she being suspected to have been trading with that Nation.

By a Master of a Vessel, lately arrived from Hispaniola, we are informed, That on the 13th of April, there lay at Port a Prince, a Brig about 120 Tons, mounting 14 Carriage Guns, and 200 Men; also a Sloop about 70 Tons, 8 Carriage Guns, and 100 Men, both intended in Comfort (as it was there said) for the Coast of New-York, and thereabouts. The Brig is Rhode-Island built, black Sides, with a white Bottom; the Sloop is painted very gay, as with red, yellow, black and green. He heard likewise, that at another Port in the said Island, there was fitting out a Snow (which had been lately a Packet, taken from the English)

English) to mount 16 Carriage Guns, and commanded by one Palankey (a very noted Commander) to come on the same Coast.

W I L L I A M S B U R G, May 13.

On Wednesday arrived in Town about 100 tawbas, who are returned from Fort-Cumberland with two Shawanese Scalps; and Yesterday, J. Heigler, with several of the principal Warriors had a long private Conference with the Honourable Atkin, Esq;

And this Day came to Town about 30 Turcoras, who have brought with them one Scalp, which they got in a Skirmish with the Shawanese about 40 Miles above Fort-Cumberland.

May 20. An Express arrived Yesterday from Augusta, who informs us, that last Saturday 10 Persons were killed and scalped in the Calf-Pasture in that County, about 40 Miles from the Court House; and that several Families were missing. The Indians, by their Tracks, were supposed to be between 40 and 50.

Letters from Fort-Cumberland acquaint that Sergeant Fent and a Catawba Indian, were supposed to be killed by the Enemy at Fort Du Quesne, are both come into that Port, and have brought with them two Scalps, taken from two Shawanese Indians, whom they prevailed on to accompany them within Sight of the Fort, when watching a proper Opportunity, they killed them both, and scalped them.

All the Indians who were in this City, have left this Week, on their Way Home.

N E W - Y O R K, May 16.

Extra of a Letter from Falmouth, dated March

"The Impudence of the French Privateers in these Parts, is unaccountable; not many Days ago, one of them, a Ship of about 20 Guns, and several Vessels in Sight of this Place, and the Lisbon Packet, who had Forty Thousand Moidores on board, quite into the Harbour, came so nigh, that a Gun from the Castle was at her; but, as we suppose; she had made her Cruize by the Vessels she took before, stood off, and we have not seen her since. —'Tis said Ships of the Line are to be sent to the Mediterranean, and 18 of the Line also destined for America, which we hope will be with you by the latter End of May, Wind and Weather permitting."

May 23. Captain Barham, of Connecticut taken by the French.

Friday last Capt. Dunbar, late of the Sloop Pelly, from Philadelphia, came here by the Ship from Boston, having arrived at Cape-Anne 11th Instant from Louisburg, with 73 others, had the Misfortune to be taken and carried to Cape-Breton, as has been already mentioned under the Boston Head. Capt. Dunbar informed

That he failed from Cape-Henlopen the Day of December, and was taken the 25th following, by a Privateer Sloop, of 8 Carriage Guns belonging to Louisburg, to which Place he was sent; that 29 Sail of English Vessels had been sent in there since September last, most of which were already mentioned in the Papers; that the Garrison of Louisburg consisted of about 200 Men, who were so much in Want of Provisions that Part of them offered to release a Number of English Seamen, over whom they were Centinels provided they would carry them to Halifax. Privateer then in the Harbour; which the Seamen agreed to, but the Soldiers, afraid of being detected, fell out among themselves, and put a stop to the whole; and that not one Vessel of War was in the Harbour of Louisburg the 3d of Instant May.

The Price of Provisions, at Louisburg, Bread, 6 d. Sterling, per lb. Rum, 20 s. a Ton; Mutton, 40 Livres a Quarter; Geese, Turkeys the same; and Wine 6 Livres a Bottle.

We hear from Albany, that a few Days ago a Party of our People were marching betwixt Fort-Edward and Fort William-Henry, they were fired upon by a large Body of French and Indians, and that four of them were killed, and four taken Prisoners.

We hear from Bermuda, that on the 4th of April last, they had a Shock of an Earthquake there, which continued about Half a Minute, did no Damage, although it was very hard in some Parts of the Country.

On Tuesday last, one Christopher Hesse, Grenadier in the 4th Battalion of Royal-Argons, desirous to exercise his Sword, insisted a Comrade of his, one Michael Falt, to fight with him, which Falt refusing, retreated several Times; the other, at length, obliged him to draw his Sword in his own Defence; when Hesse,