

From the *Be-Edwards Gazette*, April 9.

98. *James's P.B. 14.* This Day the Right Honourable the Earl of Granville resign'd the Seals into his Majesty's Hands, which his Majesty was pleas'd to redeliver to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, and to the Right Honourable the Earl of Harrington, his Majesty's two Principal Secretaries of State.

They write from Gottenburgh, that one third Part of the Town is reduced to Ashes, and the Fire not yet extinguish'd, but they hope soon to be Masters of it. There are four Persons imprisoned, who are suspected to be Incendiaries.

London February 18. Yesterday it was currently reported, that Brussels was actually in the Hands of the French, But, the Supplement to the Rotterdam Dutch Courant of the 22d, contains an Article from Antwerp of the 21st, giving an Account of a grand Assault upon Brussels, in which the Enemy were repulsed with great Loss.

The Particulars are, in Substance as follows:

The Garrison of Brussels having made several successful Salies with great Courage, in which they had Slaughter'd many of the Besiegers, and nail'd up their Cannon, the Day before Yesterday a great Shout was heard from the City, which made it thought the Besieged had propos'd to capitulate: But Yesterday in the Evening the important News came to the Prince of Waldeck, that the French, who had demanded a Suspension of Arms for 24 Hours to bury their Dead, Yesterday Morning, when not above 10 of the Hours were past, made a furious general Storm with three Brigades, in order to render themselves Masters of the Place *Sword in Hand*; but the Garrison being alarmed, placed some Cannon loaded with small Shot against the Breach and made so good a Defence, that the Assaultants were oblig'd to retire with the Loss of between 3 or 4000 Men: That Salies were made at the same Time from two Gate, which took the Enemy in Flank, and made great Slaughter, while another Party ruined most of their Batteries and nail'd up their Cannon: So that the Firing discontinued. Upon this good Fortune all the Bells in Brussels were set a Ringing, and *Te Deum* was sung.

The Prince of Waldeck upon receiving this News, ordered all the Troops to be in readiness to march, and they were to march that Night and the next Morning, in order to give the Enemy Battle, and raise the Siege; so that in a few Days very great News is expected.

Some private Accounts say, that the Loss of the French in this Siege amounted to 7 or 8000; and that the Sick and Wounded were carried so fast into Ghent, that the Inhabitants wanted Room.

Last Saturday Night died, at his House in Hanover-Square, upwards of 60 Years of Age, the Hon. Martin Bladen, Esq; of Alburyhatch in the County of Essex, Member of Parliament for Portsmouth, and one of the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations.

Their Lordships have ordered two Ships of 40 Guns, and two of 20 Guns, to cruize off the West Part of Scotland, near the Isles of Mull and Skie, to watch the Flight of the Rebels.

Spoken extempore by a Soldier the Day after he received a Flame'd Waistcoat, thro' the Bounty of some of the People call'd Quakers.

THIS Friendly Waistcoat! keeps my body warm,
Intrepid now I march, and fear no harm;
Beasts of prey, and Men of blood, I scorn;
Pursue my way, and never turn my head;
The Quakers' love, my only friend I find;
And though I change the scene, I'll never mind;
For 'tis their love, that's my true friend,
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A Sloop that arriv'd here last Thursday Evening, met a Week before at Sea with the Woolwich Man of War, which had met with a Vessel from Bristol, that had fell in with the Snow Happy (which had been surprized and taken by the Rebels) in Company with a Privateer that had retaken her, off Cape-*Clear*. The Captain of the Privateer told the Captain of the Bristol Man to publish in the West-Indies, that he had been very lucky in his Capture, for that the Pretender's eldest Son, and his chief Attendants, were his Prisoners on board.—We hope this may be confirm'd, as it is said to be of a later Date, than our Packet could bring.

We hear that some Letters by the last Packet advis'd that Commodore Knowles had taken two Transport Vessels off Oiltend having on Board 600 Irish Soldiers under Fitz James, and five thousand Pounds Cash, design'd for Scotland.—That it was mention'd by the Dutch Mail, that the Pretender's Son safely arriv'd in France.

That the King of Prussia has openly declar'd to the French Minister that he will most vigorously oppose France in every Measure she takes, to destroy the proper and just Ballance that ought to be inviolably preserv'd in every State, and that his Troops should be employ'd to regain and secure the frontier Places in Flanders. It is rumour'd that there have been thoughts of making the King of Prussia Stadtholder of Holland.

B O S T O N, April 23.

By an Express last Saturday from the Westward, we have an Account of an Attack made by the Indians on a new Township call'd Upper Ashuelot, That the Enemy were about 60, who were discover'd in their Approach by the Garrison early in the Morning; whereupon the Men went out to meet them, and fought, which gave most of the Inhabitants time to get in to the Garrison; so that there was only an old Man and a Woman kill'd, and one man missing, suppos'd to be taken captive. One of our men being abroad, was surprized by the Indians, and submitted by laying down his Gun; but the Indian who pursued, and (as it were) taken him, coming up to him with his Hatchet lift up to kill him, he thereupon, being resolute, struck the Indian with his Fist such a Blow on the Temple, as laid him on the Ground; which gave him Opportunity to recover his Gun, and make his Escape, which he did to the Garrison. They burnt 3 or 4 Houses and a Barn, before they were beat off; and it is suppos'd one of the Indians was killed, a Gun and a Blanket much blooded having been found.

We hear from N^o. 4, a new Township to the Westward, that three Men, with a Team of 4 Oxen, having been at a Saw-mill to fetch Boards, were surprized by a Party of Indians, and the Men being missing, are suppos'd to be kill'd or made Prisoners, the Oxen being found dead with their Tongues out.

We have Advice from Casco-Bay, that the Indians have burnt some Out-houses there; and that the Inhabitants are daily alarmed by the Enemy.

Extract of a Letter from Louisbourg, dated Feb. 26.

The Night after the 20th Instant, a most surprizing Event happen'd in this Place. A violent Gust of Wind and Snow Storm arose, which shipwreck'd almost all the Vessels in the Harbour; and among other Damages done in the City, the General's House did receive a great Part of its Roof wash'd down, so that the morning before it was a very disagreeable sight to see a storm, which had blown down the roof of the General's House, and the water was so high, that the Cows were trapp'd thereby and perished, and many of the men were perished, for fear of being drowned. The Water was so high, that it was impos'd at the Island Battery Grove near a Dozen Cows on Shore alive, on that day.