

## MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices, Foreign and Domestic.

WEDNESDAY, June 21, 1748.

LONDON, April 3.

**W**E learn from Marfeilles, that they have lately dispatched four or five advice-boats to the French consuls at the several ports of Turkey, with orders to suspend all embarkations of goods for France, during the continuance of the present war, as they are convinced of the impossibility of preventing their ships from being taken by the English men of war and privateers.

*Extract of a Letter from Gosport, March 29*

The Mortimer, Landstown, from Virginia for Bristol, was lately taken by the Alcide, a French privateer; and some people who came over in a cartel ship say, that the privateer was afterwards sunk by an English man of war, and all the people drown'd, among whom was capt. Landstown.

*Extract from the Votes of the House of Commons.*

Resolved, That, from and after the first Day of June 1748, it shall and may be lawful to export tea to Ireland, and his Majesty's plantations in America, without paying the inland duties charged thereupon, by the act of the 18th year of his Majesty's reign.

April 5. On Saturday last the collection for the unhappy sufferers by the fire in Cornhill, amounted to near 2000 l. which is so far as yet from being wholly extinguished, that engines are continually playing upon the ruins, for the preservation of the houses which have as yet escap'd the flames.

We are assured that his Majesty has been graciously pleas'd to order 1000 l. to be paid to the lord mayor, to be by him distributed among the unhappy sufferers by the late fire in Cornhill.

April 9. Some accounts, by yesterday's mail, make the number of French troops which have invested Maestricht amount to 15,000, and that they have with them a train of 30 pieces of battering cannon; that mar. Saxe had extended the polls on his left from Billen and Vieux-Jone to the Meuse, and M. Lowendahl those on his right to Bruylt and Chaoren; which position the town of Maestricht was block'd up on both sides the river.

They write from Paris, that on the 15th inst. N. S. in the evening the king received an express from mar. Saxe, with the following Letter, which his Majesty thought proper to make public:

SIR, This short billet will just inform your Majesty that our troops have entirely surrounded the walls of Maestricht, which your Majesty will judge much the same as if this had been actually dated from within those walls. I have finished the lines of circumvallation, and hope to open the trenches by the 16th; and by that day evening at farthest your Majesty may expect your troops will be in possession of the town. &c. &c.

From Aix la Chapelle we hear, that the Imperial, British, French, Sardinian and Dutch plenipotentiaries continue to visit each other, but to no purpose, as the Spanish and Genoese ministers are not arrived; and besides, their last advices from Maestricht have put them in some confusion; so that couriers are dispatch'd to London, Vienna and Turin, for fresh instructions.

April 14. Yesterday arrived two expresses from Holland: the first said they bring an account, that the French opened their trenches before Maestricht on the 17th instant, N. S. and began to fire upon the city very briskly, and that it was as briskly returned.

We have advice from Lisbon, of the arrival there of the Rio Janeiro Fleet, on the 26th of March, N. S. consisting of the whole of 28 sail, with a cargo of prodigious value; the very gold on board, for the account of the king and of the company, amounting to no less than nine millions of crusadoes; which is about a million and a half sterling, exclusive of gold dust, and eleven hundred and forty slaves of diamonds. Monsieur de la Bourdonaye arrived with this fleet, and has actually taken a house at Lisbon, but it is thought she will not be long

at liberty, as there is a strong suspicion that she was in the secret of losing the Victoria, a Portuguese man of war; for which fact the captain, who was passenger in the same ship with her, has been already sent to prison.

CHARLES-TOWN, in South Carolina, April 11.

Yesterday arriv'd here the Snow Charming Nancy, William Norris Master, from Boston: She was taken on the 21st of March by two French Men of War homeward bound with 14 French Ships from St. Domingo, in Lat. 30 D. 20 M. North, and Long. 73 D. 20 M. The Commodore was a Frigate of 34 Guns, call'd L'Atalante, commanded by Mons. Du Chaffault, the other a Ship of 30 Guns. The 24th she was ransom'd for 500 l. Sterling, and left them.

BOSTON, June 6.

We hear from the Western Frontiers, that on the 19th past a Scout of 14 Men belonging to Fort Massachusetts, under the Command of Capt. Ephraim Williams, Jun. as they were returning to said Fort within about 180 Rods, came upon a Party of Indians, about 30 as they judge, that had laid in Ambush; our Men fired upon them, upon which the Indians fled without firing a Gun, they track'd three a considerable way by their Blood, and on Tuesday last they found one Indian, the Enemy had carr'd half a mile and buried, and have brought his Scalp into Northampton, and are still in Hopes of finding the other two. Our men recover'd from the Enemy two Guns, six Blankets, eight Hatchets, &c. which were sold for 135 l. old Tenor.

We hear from the Eastward, That one Day last Week Mrs. Steward a Widow Woman at Wells, went from the Garrison there, with her Child, to her own House at a small Distance about some Business, and did not return the Night after; the next Morning the House was found to be burnt down, and the poor Woman burnt to Death therein, the Remains of her Body being found among the Rubbish: No discovery had been made of the Child. 'Tis conjectur'd that some of the Indian Enemy were the Authors of this mischief.

Friday last came to Anchor in Nantasket Road, two Prizes sent in by the Worcester Man of War, which she took on the Coast of Virginia, one a French Ship about 300 Tons, laden with Sugar, Indigo, &c. and bound to France: The other an English Billender that had been taken by one of the Enemy's Privateers on her Voyage from Virginia to Bristol. The Worcester also took a small French Privateer on the same Coast, which she kept for a Tender; and last Saturday both the Man of War and Privateer arriv'd safe in Nantasket Road.

By a Letter from Jamaica we are told, that Capt Crookshanks had been tried by a Court Martial there, and received the following extraordinary Sentence, (tho' the brave Capt. Erskine's Charge against him was fully proved) viz. "That he be dismiss'd from his present Command, and cashier'd during his Majesty's Pleasure." A Sentence that makes a great Noise at Jamaica, and 'tis said Capt. Erskine is so dissatisfied, that he intends to go home about it.

NEW-LONDON, May 26.

The Day before Yesterday our Country sloop lying in the Harbour, saw a Snow in the Race and immediately went out after her, which she soon came up with, took and brought her in. She is a French Flag of Truce from the Cape, bound to New-York, has on board one hundred and odd Hogheads of Molasses, and eighty two Hogheads of Sugar, and some Rum, what else is as yet unknown. There are three French Gentlemen of Distinction on board, who expect the Cargo at least will be condemn'd as lawful Prize.

NEW-YORK, June 13.

Monday last arriv'd here from a short Cruize of little more than 4 Weeks, the Privateer Snow Royal Catherine, of this Port, Capt. John Burges Commander, with three French Prizes, two whereof were Ships bound from Martinico for Old France, which they took the 20th of last Month, in Lat. 34. 18. Long.