

the Raft Logs; notwithstanding all our Efforts we could not get the Raft to either Shore, but were obliged, as we were near an Island, to quit our Raft and make to it.

The Cold was so extremely severe, that Mr. Giff had all his Fingers, and some of his Toes frozen, and the Water was shut up so hard, that we found no Difficulty in getting off the Island on the Ice in the Morning, and went to Mr. Frazier's. We met here with 20 Warriors, who were going to the Southward to War, but coming to a Place upon the Head of the great Cunaway, where they found 7 People killed and scalped, all but one Woman with very light Hair, they turned about and ran back, for Fear the Inhabitants should rise and take them as the Authors of the Murder: They report that the People were lying about the Houfe, and some of them much torn and eaten by Hogs: By the Marks that were left, they say they were French Indians of the Ottoway Nation, &c. that did it.

As we intended to take Horses here, and it required some Time to find them, I went up about 3 Miles to the Mouth of *Yaughyaugbane* to visit Queen *Alliquippa*, who had expressed great Concern that we passed her in going to the Fort. I made her a Present of a Match Coat and a Bottle of Rum, which latter was thought much the best Present of the two.

Tuesday the 1st Day of January, we left Mr. Frazier's House, and arrived at Mr. Giff's at *Monongabela* the 2d, where I bought Horse, Saddle, &c. The 6th we met 17 Horses loaded with Materials and Stores for a Fort at the Forks of *Ohio*, and the Day after some Families going out to settle: This Day we arrived at *Wills Creek*, after a fatiguing a Journey as it is possible to conceive, rendered so by excessive bad Weather: From the first Day of December to the 15th, there was but one Day but it rained or snowed incessantly; and throughout the whole Journey we met with nothing but one continued Series of cold wet Weather, which occasioned very uncomfortable Lodgings, especially after we had left our Tent, which was some Screen from the Inclemency of it.

On the 11th I got to *Bevoir* where I stopped one Day to take necessary Rest, and then set out, and arrived in *Williamsburg* the 16th, and waited upon his Honour the Governor with the Letter I had brought from the French Commandant, and to give an Account of the Proceedings of my Journey, which I beg Leave to do by offering the foregoing, as it contains the most remarkable Occurrences that happened to me.

I hope it will be sufficient to satisfy your Honour with my Proceedings; for that was my Aim in undertaking the Journey, and chief Study throughout the Prosecution of it.

With the Hope of doing it, I, with infinite Pleasure, subscribe myself,

Your Honour's most Obedient,

And very humble Servant,

G. WASHINGTON.

COPY of the Governor of Virginia's Letter to the Commandant of the French Forces on the OHIO.

S I R,

THE Lands upon the River Ohio, in the Western Parts of the Colony of Virginia, are so notoriously known to be the Property of the Crown of Great Britain, that it is a Matter of equal Concern and Surprise to me, to hear that a Body of French Forces are erecting Fortresses, and making Settlements upon that River, within his Majesty's Dominions.

The many and repeated Complaints I have received of these Acts of Hostility, lay me under the Necessity of sending, in the Name of the King my Master, the Bearer hereof, George Washington, Esq; one of the Adjutants General of the Forces of this Dominion, to complain to you of the Encroachments thus made, and of the Injuries done to the Subjects of Great Britain, in open Violation of the Law of Nations, and the Treaties now subsisting between the two Crowns.

If these Facts are true, and you shall think fit to justify your Proceedings, I must desire you to acquaint me, by whose Authority and Instructions you have lately marched from Canada, with an armed Force, and invaded the King of Great Britain's Territories, in the Manner complained of; that according to the Purport and Resolution of your Answer, I may act agreeably to the Commission I am honoured with, from the King my Master.

However, Sir, in Obedience to my Instructions, it becomes my Duty to require your peaceable Departure; and that you would forbear prosecuting a Purpose so interruptive of the Harmony and good Understanding,

which his Majesty is desirous to maintain and cultivate with the most Christian King.

I persuade myself you will receive and entertain Major Washington with the Candour and Politeness natural to your Nation; and it will give me the greatest Satisfaction, if you return him with an Answer suitable to my Wishes for a very long and lasting Peace between us.

I have the Honour to subscribe myself,

S I R,

Your most Obedient,

Humble Servant,

ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

Williamsburg, in Virginia, }
October 31st, 1753.

[The Answer to this Letter, from the French Officer, the Reader has already had, in our Gazette No. 461.]

BOSTON, January 31.

AFTER a Spell of moderate Weather the Beginning of last Week, there suddenly came on very high and heavy Winds, first at about West, and then more Northerly, and extreme Cold, which lasted all Monday Night and the Day following; most of the fishing Boats of this Town, being out in the Bay, when the Weather alter'd, it was with great Difficulty that some of them got back into the Harbour. One of the said Boats ran upon George's Island, the Skipper hereof, named Burt, and another Man, named Perryway, were both froze to Death, the former has left a Widow and five Children. Two other Men belonging to the Boat, got into a House and saved their Lives; another of the said fishing Boats endeavouring to get in, and being within a little Distance from the Light House, had her Sails blown to Pieces, and was then driven before the Wind all Night, and the next Morning the Men found themselves at a Place called *Nobscusset*, on Cape Cod, where they got safe ashore, and two of them came to Town by Land last Saturday Night. Also a Lighter from Weymouth loaded with Wood, meeting the Gale, came to an Anchor near the Cattle; but by the Violence of the Wind, she was drove from her Anchor, and ran ashore near Hangman's Island, where she soon after sunk; the Skipper named Nash, and his Negro Man got on the Island into a small Hut, and sav'd their Lives, but continuing without Food or Fire till Wednesday Morning, when they were taken off, they were almost Spent; two young Men of this Town, the one named Barnard, the other Loring, with another belonging to Weymouth, perish'd in the Boat. Two of our fishing Boats that were seen in the Bay just before the Weather alter'd, having five Men in each, being yet missing, 'tis fear'd they are lost.

We hear that a Brig and a Schooner are ashore on Cape Cod, and that the Brig has lost three of her Hands.

We hear also from Newbury, that one Mr. Flood, was froze to Death.

A Vessel which arrived here last Friday from Halifax, brings an Account of an Insurrection which happen'd at Lunenburg, formerly called *Marlagath*, settled last Summer by a Number of English and Germans from Halifax; some of the Particulars of which Insurrection we have in the following Extracts of two Letters from a Gentleman that was on the Spot a few Days after it happen'd, to one in this Town, viz.

Lunenburg, January 2, 1754.

"The Monday alter I left Boston, we put in here:—I was agreeably surpriz'd to find my Friend Col. Monckton here: A Tumult of the Germanic Body, occasion'd his visiting Lunenburg with a Party of 200 Men.—He stays here 'til he can trace the Riot to its Source:—He is now busy in taking Examination, committing those inform'd against, &c.—This Disturbance was created by a Letter feign'd to be receiv'd by one Peterkin here, from a Brother of his in London; in which Letter they say, was a particular Account of the generous Allowance of Parliament to the Germans, viz. All Materials to build with, Cloathing, Fishing Tackle, better Provisions, and Three Shillings a Day. The Contents of this suppos'd Letter were diffus'd thro' the whole: The Inhabitants, of course, if they gave Credit to it, would take some Means to enjoy those Advantages; the first Step they took was to demand a Sight of the Letter.—Peterkin could not produce it to them; then they tortur'd him to know what became of it; in his Tortures he swore he gave it to Mr. Zouberbuhler; and that he swore him to Secrecy to deny he had ever receiv'd such a Letter.

—They all flew to Arms the Seventeenth at Night;—Zouberbuhler got a Hint that they intended to Sacrifice him, and he fled to the Fort; They demanded him to be deliver'd to them, threaten'd to destroy the Forts and Storehouses, and put all the English to Death; they fir'd upon a Log House in which was a Corporal's Guard; the Corporal return'd it, and wounded two of them:—As the Troops in the Forts were an insignificant Number, compar'd with th'm, who were Five Hundred fighting Men, they could not venture to use any Force to suppress them. Cap. Sutherland sent one of his Officers at Night, to get aboard a little Vessel lying in the Harbour, she sail'd next Morning, and in a few Hours got to Halifax. Col. Lawrence with extraordinary Dispatch sent them Succours; for tho' Rogers, and Taggart were both unrigg'd and hawl'd up, yet they were made ready, and brought Col. Morckton here, with two Hundred Men in four Days after the first Notice. The Germans swore they would not suffer a Man to Land. The Col. order'd the Masters of the Vessels, to have their Carriage Guns and Swivels in Order, and under cover of these he landed. The Germans very prudently declin'd Opposition. He has stripp'd them all of their Arms, and will leave a Part of those Troops he brought with him to protect them from the common Enemy. He has committed several of the Leaders, who he will take to Halifax with him. The whole, I fancy, will be unravel'd by and by:—Col. Monckton tells me, the French have retir'd from Ohio."

P. S. Lunenburg, 8th January, 1754.

The Colonel by dint of Perseverance has at last unravel'd this close laid Piece of Villainy:—Mr. Hoffman is discover'd to be the Author of the incendiary Letter.—He is now Prisoner on board Capt. Taggart, who carries him to Halifax, in order to take his Trial before the Governor and Council.

Halifax, January 16, 1754.

"This Day I arrived with Col. Monckton from Lunenburg. I gave you an Account in a former Letter of the late Insurrection at Lunenburg: The Col. has humbled their rebellious Spirits; he has traced the Scheme through all its Meanders to the Source of Mischief Mr. Hoffman, who is now closely confin'd in the Provost here: The Evidences which Col. Monckton has this Day brought with him, and his own Letter to Mr. Webb, are sufficient to convict him, if the Law admits of it.—During my Stay at Lunenburg, I reconnoitred the Country adjacent as far as Le Have and Mahone Bay. This last Place is on the East Side of *Martlegath*, and Le Have on the Western Side: There is almost a Communication with Lunenburg and Le Have by Water: The Distance over Land is not quite a Mile. Mahone Bay is perhaps one of the richest and most curious Places in North-America: There are in it One hundred and eighty Islands; which are all surrounded with a smooth and pleasant Beach: Each Island is a secure Harbour, and the Land of an excellent Nature; being cover'd chiefly with Oaks.—Had these insolent Wretches the Patience to consider the Means they have of becoming independent and comfortable, by applying themselves with a little Industry to the Cultivation of these Lands, which Nature has been so profuse in, that I am certain in a few Years this Settlement, would not be among the least considerable of America. I hear that the French Port is tumbling to Pieces, our's has been new pick'd this Summer, and all the Earth Work repair'd; so that it is in a much better Condition than the French.—Yours, &c."

Extraß of a Letter from Newbury, dated Feb. 12, 1754.

"Last Saturday Evening, after having observ'd, for about an Hour, Lightning at some Distance from us to the N. W. and low Thunder, a little before Eight o'Clock, we had two very severe Claps, which seem'd to proceed from a Cloud directly over our Heads in this Part of the Town where I live. The Lightning of the latter (which was presently upon the former) struck the Spire of our (Mr. Lowell's) Meeting House, cut it asunder at some considerable Distance from the Weather-cock, shattered the remaining lower Part and Cupola very much, flew down into the Steeple, shiver'd the Foot of one of the Corner Posts, broke several Windows of it almost all to Pieces, and others in the Body of the Meeting House on one Side of the Steeple, damaged two or three Pews on the same Side, especially in the Gallery, but no great Injury is done to the House within. The Steeple had lately been repaired at a considerable Cost, which makes the Blow the heavier; but we would in this give Thanks, that no Life is lost, or any Person hurt. Some Houses near the Meeting-House sustained so being broke. We Hall of the Biguel no Wind."

House sustained so being broke. We Hall of the Biguel no Wind."

By other Letters hory, we learn, the House received from being partly melted of Gun Powder, w Meeting House, na some of the Bullets der, being melted

And from Andov ing, about Eight o a violent Tempel Thunder, and Lig ceeding high, th entirely, and there fast into the Room ged to leave it: down, and Creatu the Rev. Mr. Phil third Part of it c forcibly rais'd to Rasters: and the Phillips's Dwelling great deal of other N E

March 4. We Sloop *Bacbelor*, last Thursday from in 28 Days. That smart Engagement the Span th Main, Spanish Guarda C foundly drubbed, running ashore; b Coracoers, they which consisted of escaped in the E board, or drown shore. The Cor with the Loss of

Last Week Ca from Rhode Island ing Particulars relat sailed from hence for Honduras Bay, 1753, was taken o or 12 Carriage, into Port Mahoo, 18men were con Months, and used like Manner, bei ether Meat or I they had given t rotten, that by gi to Pieces from the V'dual's; and at Drink. During h in a Ship from P Sloop, were carri chiefly owing to cessaries of Life. tre Governor for sician then there

Heretic Dogs die that all such Ver the Earth. In a Jamaica arrived a zie was set at Li to the Musqueto ceived, and met Mr. Pitts, and th Place; but not r cording to Exped second Time in the King of Sp Capt. Burger, o mentioned in thi commiserating h another Englishm got safe to the B took his Passage Island.

P H I February 19, was held here, indicted and conv Eight Men were which at the Car Daniel Jeffson (o against him, for u Sailing Bills) w the Pillory, to b to it, and the P meet he suffer'd March 5. C Spais, (which h