

was in the Closet from Eight o'Clock till Nine. It was perceived at the Issue of his Audience, that his Looks spoke the highest Satisfaction, and he immediately saw himself surrounded by the most distinguished Nobility, all full of an impatient Concern, how he would be went no farther than saluting them in a Manner which expressed his Sense of their Concern, and without exchanging a single Word with any, immediately got into his Post Chaise, on his Return to Soissons; before his Journey several Couriers passed between Versailles and Soissons, of Gentlemen of the Great Chamber, who concluding from these frequent comings and goings, some Negotiation to be on the Carpet, put the Question to the first President, who, without any Hesitation owned to them, that actually a new Negotiation was begun, and would very probably be brought to a happy Issue, but added, he had been enjoined to Secrecy; assuring them, however, that he would close with no Measure that should not be agreeable to the Court. Within these few Days Marshal Noailles has, by the King's Order, paid a Visit to the Archbishop of Paris, and it is also known to have chiefly turned on the Concurrence which his Majesty desires from the Clergy, in the Measures for facilitating their Accommodation."

They write from Canterbury, that a Farmer last Week, on removing a Hayrick into his Barn, near the Middle of it found a poor labouring Man, who, to his great surprize, said that last July he fell asleep whilst the Hay was putting up, and being accidentally covered, had been close confined in it ever since. The Farmer remembered the Man and knew him on first Sight, he being no otherwise altered than looking a little Pale in the Face. Multitudes of People daily resort to see him, and large Contributions are made, as he has slept near ten Months, and lived without either Meat or Drink. [Reader, if you never before heard of A Canterbury Story, you may take it for granted, that This is one.]

June 26. His Excellency Governor Morris, who lately set out for Portsmouth in Order to embark for his Government of Pennsylvania, will this Day go on board the Mermaid Man of War, Capt. Shirley, who is to land his Excellency at Philadelphia, and then proceed to his Station off New-England.

#### NEW-YORK.

September 2 On Friday last his Honour the Governor, in the Presence of the Council, and Members of the House of Representatives of this Colony, was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, viz. An Act for paying Five Thousand Pounds, for and towards assisting the Colony of Virginia and Pennsylvania, to dispossess the French and Indians, who have settled and erected Ports on his Majesty's Lands, on the River Ohio, and Parts adjacent thereto.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman at Albany, to his Friend in New York, dated August 28, 1754, brought by an Express, which arrived here last Saturday Night.

#### S I R,

Last Sunday Morning came down an Express from the Carrying Place, with a Cousin of D. V. D. H. who lies there to trade. Some Indians who had been here, sent by that young Man (I think) four Strings of Wampum, to give Notice that some Orondax Indians were gone to destroy Hofack: Upon this Alarm, most, if not all the Inhabitants of Saratoga, Half Moon, Schaaekhook, Tambemick, and Hofack, left their Habitations; many of them came into Albany, others staid above, about (a) Barent Bratt's, Van Der Heyden's, Van Arnen's, and that Neighbourhood, for two or three Days; some were gone back to their Habitations, others making ready to return. This Evening came here Peter Hogg, an Inhabitant at Hofack, who went from thence this Morning; and as he was near home, met one of the Neighbours by the Way, who had escaped, and told him to return with all Speed; for Hofack was all on Fire, and some People killed, and others taken Prisoners: I have not yet heard the Particulars, the Man at the Time of my Writing, being with the Commissioners.

After writing the above, I went to Letteridge's, and was informed, that the Commissioners had taken Hogg's Affidavit, which I suppose will be sent to the Governor. I am told, he swore, That the young Man who met him on the Road, told him, that he had seen the Army, and computed them to be near 300, or more, and many Frenchmen among them. I wish the Assembly might do something towards fortifying our Frontiers: I reckon, that To-morrow every Soul to the Northward of the (b) Patroon's, will be in Town; if they think themselves safe, which I much doubt of; for if such a Number of Indians should, in several Parties, fall on the Town in different Places, as we are all open, I think they could destroy us all.

The French Indians who come here more than two Weeks ago, to make Peace, and open the Path, have

always told the Commissioners, that there was no (c) Danger; that the Path was now open and clear, and this Peace was not made for a short Time, or during their Lives; but for ever. As I heard an Express was going to New York, I had just Time to write this. I am, &c.

(a) About 6 Miles from Albany.  
(b) A Mile from Albany.  
(c) As much Faith is to be put in the Promise of an Indian, as in that of a Frenchman. [It will be well if Allies, don't turn out at last All Lies.] Since the above we hear, that the French Army are come down as far as Kinderhook (20 Miles below Albany) where they have taken a Prisoner. 'Tis said another Express is hourly expected with further Particulars.

WILLIAMSBURG, September 5.

This Day the General Assembly was prorogued, when his Honour the Governor was pleased to make the following SPEECH.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,  
THE impending Danger from the violent Incursions of the French, their Threats and Depredations, were the only Motives of calling you together at this Time. And the Lives, Liberties and Properties of your Constituents are in such imminent Hazard, I did not in the least doubt, but that you would, before this, have strengthened my Hands with a proper Supply, to frustrate their malicious Intentions: And especially, when I received from you, such strong and repeated Assurances, that you "Were determined on your Parts to withstand the impending Danger, and to pursue every Measure in your Power, to defeat these pernicious Designs of your Enemies." I thought I might reasonably admit the pleasing Hopes, that "You would effectually provide for your Country's Preservation, and convince the World, that you had nothing more at Heart, than a zealous Discharge of your Duty to the best of Kings, and the sincerest Regard for your Country's Welfare."

How great then, Gentlemen, must be my Surprize, and with what Amazement must that Country, and the World, see such high Expectations cast down so low! See you called upon in the Day of your Country's Distress; hear you declaring your Knowledge of her Danger, and professing the most ardent Zeal for her Service; yet find these Declarations only an unavailing Flourish of Words; and that, inconsistent with them, and the Purposes of your Meeting, you withhold your Aid, and thereby leave the Enemy at full Liberty to perpetrate their destructive and unjust Designs.

The independent Companies, ordered by his Majesty, clothed and paid by him, and now employed in your immediate Defence; you absolutely, by your Resolve to me, deny Subsistence to: A Thing unprecedented in any of his Majesty's Dominions, where they have been employed in their Defence, from Incursions or threatened Invasions.

I have my Master's Service, and the Safety and Honour of Virginia, so much, and so truly at Heart, that I cannot but be deeply affected at a Conduct so contrary to her Interest; and not altogether unconcerned for you, Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses, that you should appear in so bad a Light to his Majesty, and give such ill Impressions to the neighbouring Colonies.

However, as I find you are determined not to do, what your Duty to his Majesty, and the present obvious Danger, indispensably require; I think it proper, to avoid aggravating unnecessary Expences, particularly inconvenient at this Time; and therefore, to put an End to your Continuance here, I do prorogue you to the Seventeenth Day of October next; and you are accordingly prorogued to that Time.

#### ANNAPOLIS.

Monday or Tuesday last sailed from below Kent Point, the Ship Prince Edward, Capt. Blackburn, for London; with whom went Passengers, Madam SARAH HOLLYDAY, and her Son JAMES HOLLYDAY, Esq; of Queen Anne's County.

We hear from Dorchester County, that Mr. John Reed, who was wounded by his Negro Fellow with a Lathing Hammer, lately mentioned, died of his Wounds a few Days afterwards.

The Trial of old Mr. Cooper, for stabbing Hugh Meredith, whom he had employed as an Overseer, did not come on at Dorchester County Assizes, for Want of a material Evidence; and we hear a Special Court is ordered in that County, for his Trial, to be soon held.

Two of the Negroes who were condemned at our County Assizes last Week, for breaking open a Meat House, having been recommended to his Excellency the Governor for Mercy, have received his Pardon; but the other one we hear is to be executed To-morrow.

#### A RECRUITING SONG, For the MARYLAND Independent Company. (By an Officer of the COMPANY).

OVER the Hills with Heart we go,  
To fight the proud insulting Foe;  
Our Country calls and we'll obey,  
Over the Hills and far away.

#### CHORUS.

Over the Mountains dreary Waste,  
To meet the Enemy we haste;  
Our King Commands and we'll obey,  
Over the Hills and far away.

Let sneaking Cowards skulk at home,  
While we in quest of Glory roam;  
And noble Conquest crowns the Day,  
Over the Hills and far away.

Chor. Over the Mountains, &c.

No POTERY, nor SLAVERY,  
No Arbitrary Pow'r for me;  
But Royal GEORGE's righteous Cause,  
The Protestant and British Laws.

Chor. Over the Mountains, &c.

Shall We to British Blood lay Claim,  
And not support the British Name?  
Shall Marlborough's Battles be forgot,  
And SLAVERY prove our willing Lot?

Chor. No! O'er the Mountains dreary Waste,  
To meet the Enemy we haste;  
Our King Commands and we'll obey,  
Over the Hills and far away.

Who'er is bold, who'er is free  
Will join and come along with me;  
To drive the French without delay,  
Over the Hills and far away.

Chor. Over the Rocks, and o'er the Steep,  
Over the Waters wide and deep;  
We'll drive the French without delay,  
Over the Lakes and far away.

Let our dear Country rest in Peace,  
While We, despising slothful Ease;  
In toilsome Hazards spend the Day,  
And drive the Monsters far away.

Chor. Over the Rocks, and o'er, &c.

On fair OHIO's Banks we stand,  
Musket and Bayonet in Hand;  
The French are beat they dare not stay,  
But trust to their Heels and run away,

Chor. Over the Rocks, and o'er, &c.

We'll do our Indian Allies Right,  
And shew them Englishmen can Fight;  
They'll see us win the well fought Day,  
And Frenchmen flying fast away,

Chor. Over the Rocks, and o'er, &c.

Ye FAIR! with soft approving Smiles,  
Sweeten your SOLDIER's rugged Toils;  
For you we Fight, for you we stray,  
Beyond the Mountains far away.

Chor. While o'er the Rocks, and o'er the Steep,  
Over the Waters wide and deep;  
We drive the French without delay,  
Over the Lakes and far away.

And when return'd from bloody Wars,  
Adorn'd with honourable Scars;  
Let Beauty be the SOLDIER's PRIZE,  
Who dreads no Wound but from your EYES.

Chor. Since o'er the Rocks, &c.

Then tofs about the flowing Bowl,  
To each true hearted generous Soul;  
That fears not Blood, or Limbs, the Day  
We meet, to drive the French away.

Chor. For o'er the Rocks, and o'er the Steep,  
Over the Waters wide and deep;  
We'll drive the French without delay,  
Over the Lakes and far away.

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