

HALIFAX in NOVA-SCOTIA, June 21.

By the Master of a Fishing Schooner who arrived here last Wednesday, we are informed, That on Monday last being about 16 Leagues to the Westward of Louisburg, he discovered three large Ships which he bore down for, and hoisted his Jack, which they immediately answered by hoisting blue Ensigns, and upon his coming near enough they hail'd him, asking who he was, and where bound, which he inform'd them, and then asking them where they were bound, they answered him, they would tell him by and by, and ordered him to speak with the windwardmost Ship (a fourth Ship which he did not at first discover) which was then at a Distance, and which he took to be the Commodore; upon which he fell astern of them, and crowding all the Sail he could, made the best of his Way from them, which they perceiving, fir'd a Volley of Small Arms, and after that a Cannon Shot at him, to bring him to, but as they were laying to with their Heads to the Southward, he soon got out of their Reach. He says that the three that he spoke with he took to be French Men of War of 60 Guns each, as he saw a great Number of Men on board in white Coats with blue Lapells, and with white Cockades in their Hats; but cannot tell what Force the windwardmost Ship was of.

BOSTON, June 23.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman at St. John's, in Newfoundland, dated May 30, 1755.

"By the last Ships from England, we are informed, that on the 28th Day of April, 30 Sail of Men of War, of the Line, sailed from Plymouth for the Coast of France; if so, we may soon expect War to be declared."

By a Vessel arrived here last Tuesday from St. George's River, we have an Account, That on the 9th Instant, a Man was taken by the Indians at Broad Bay, and another endeavouring to make his Escape from them, by getting off in a Canoe, was shot at and kill'd. And that on Thursday the 12th Instant, a Man and a Boy were taken by the Indians, and carried off, at a Place called Pleasant-Point, near the Mouth of St. George's River.

We hear, that for the further Encouragement of Volunteers, who shall enlist and form themselves into Companies (none of which are to consist of less than 30 Men each) to penetrate into the Indians Country, to captivate and kill the Indians of any of the Tribes this Government hath declared War against, the General Court has voted thirty Days Provisions to be given to such Company, and the Sum of Two Hundred and Twenty Pounds, to be paid out of the Public Treasury, for every Captive taken by any Company, Party or Detachment, and brought into Boston, and delivered up to the Government; and Two Hundred Pounds for every Scalp that shall be brought in and produced as aforesaid.

Since our last, several Vessels have arrived here from different Parts of Newfoundland, and by them we are informed, that French Vessels have been in every Creek and Harbour in that Island where any Trade is carried on by us, in order to pick up Provisions at any Rate, which plainly shews the mighty Advantage of the Acts of this and the other Governments, to prevent the French from being supplied with Provisions, and the Necessity there is for continuing them, and 'tis thought, that if those Acts were as strictly observed as they ought to be, we should have very little to fear from our Enemies without, and might keep our Swords in their Scabbards till they grow rusty.

By a fishing Schooner arrived at Marblehead from the Banks we have Advice, that on the 12th Instant they fell in with a French Fleet of 15 Sail of large Ships, supposed to be Men of War and Transports; that one of the Men of War of 70 Guns, brought the Schooner to, and order'd the Skipper on board, where he was told it was Peace, and ask'd how far they were from Louisburg, how it bore, &c. and after some Time was dismissed.

Last Saturday arrived here a Snow from Bristol, and by her we learn, that there was a greater Prospect of War than ever, and that they were fitting out Privateers both at London and Bristol.

June 30. From Colrain we hear, That on Wednesday the 18th Instant, a Man being at a small Distance from the Fort there, espied an Indian sitting upon the Stump of a Tree with his Back towards him, shot at him, when he instantly fell: The Man in going to scalp him, saw several other Indians, upon which he made his Escape to the Garrison, and related what he had done: Upon which some of the Garrison went in pursuit of them, but did not discover any Thing, only that they had dragged the Indian that was shot

at a considerable Way: They found a long Tract of Blood, some of which was covered with Dirt, to prevent its being seen; and 'tis not doubted but that he was killed.

We hear from York, that on Friday, the 20th Instant, one How, a young Man 18 Years of Age, was at work a small Distance from the Houses there, he saw an Indian with his Gun presented towards him; whereupon he cried for Quarter, the Indian told him, very good Quarter if he would come up to him: As soon as the Indian had hold of him, he laid down his Gun against the Stump of a Tree, and put his Hands up to his Mouth (How imagining) to whistle, and he suspecting some others were near, gave him such a Knock with his Fist, that he stunned him, and he fell to the Ground, when he made off, and got safe Home: Upon Intelligence thereof, a Scout went immediately in Pursuit of them, discovered their Tracks, but could not come up with them.

As Captain Jones came out of Halifax, he met Captain Taggart bound in, in 6 Weeks from London, who inform'd him he had 9 Cannon, and other Ammunition on board for that Place; and also advised, that there were about 20 Sail of Men of War to sail from England immediately after him, in order to join Admiral Boscawen, whose Fleet now consists of 11 Sail of the Line.—Captain Taggart also said, that Admiral Boscawen had likewise seized a French 74 Gun Ship (supposed to be one of the above Squadron) in the Channel of England, soon after he came out, and that he had sent her into England.

NEW-YORK.

June 30. Monday last arrived here from Providence in New-England, 20 Sail of Transports, and the next Day two others arrived, having on board Governor Shirley's Regiment, and the Rhode-Island Forces; and on Tuesday they weigh'd Anchor for Albany.

By the last Boats from Albany our Intelligences are, That on Wednesday the 18th Instant, a Man arrived there from Canada, who had been taken Prisoner by the French off our Frontiers about four Years ago, and gave out, That the French were actually dispatching a Number of Forces from Canada for the Ohio:—That after he made his Escape he got among a Tribe of Indians, much in Friendship with the English, a Party of whom coming down to Albany offer'd to guard him thither. That they wanted to stop at Crown Point, but were beaten off by the French. And that near the Point they met the 5 Indians mentioned two Weeks since in this Paper, that scalp'd one and carried off two young Men Prisoners from Hofack; both of whom they had in Company with 'em carrying to Canada.

Wednesday last Mr. William Cockcroft, Colonel of our Provincial Forces, embarked on board a Sloop for Albany.

And next Day Colonel Peter Schuyler, Esq; Colonel of the New-Jersey Provincial Troops, set Sail for the same Place.

The same Day three Sloops arrived here from Taunton, in New-England, with 150 of the Massachusetts Provincials; and we hear that some Hundreds more are expected from that Province, in order to join the other Forces that are designed for an Expedition towards Crown-Point.

July 7. We have the Pleasure to inform the Public, that his Excellency Major General SHIRLEY arrived here last Wednesday Evening, in the Massachusetts Sloop, from Boston. And,

Accompanied with Mr. William Alexander, and Captain John Kennier, his Excellency sailed from hence on Friday Afternoon, with a fair Wind, for Albany.—God grant us all that Success against our perfidious Enemies, which we have Reason to expect from Armies conducted by Generals of unwearied Industry and Vigilance, for the Service of their Country, and an animated Zeal for the Rights and Dignity of the British Crown.

The same Day six Sloops, with the Remainder of Major General Pepperell's Regiment, several Carriages for Field Pieces, and a great Quantity of other warlike Stores, sailed for the same Place.

By a Gentleman that left Albany on Tuesday last, we are informed, that the Transports, with Major General Shirley's Regiment on board, arrived at that Place on Saturday Se'nnight; and that they, with the Connecticut Men, and our Provincials, were encamped at a Place called Green Bush, and only waited the General's Arrival, to give Directions for their marching.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in Boston, to his Friend in this City, dated June 30, 1755.

"The Designs of the French were to have attacked Halifax, and possessed themselves of all

Nova-Scotia, as well as reinforced all their Garrisons from Quebec to the Ohio. Admiral Boscawen's Orders were signed by the King, and two Privy Counsellors, to sink, burn and destroy all French Ships in such a Latitude and Longitude. Commodore Holburn is expected to join him daily with six Ships of the Line, and several Bomb Vessels, &c. This Action, no Doubt, will bring on a general War. It is reported Admiral Hawke is gone to the West-Indies, with the same Orders from our good King. These French Men of War, after they had possessed Nova-Scotia, were designed to convoy Monsieur Duplex to France, who is to stop at Louisburg in his Way from the East-Indies with an immense Treasure. Perhaps he may be convoyed to England as formerly."

Major General PEPPERELL, we hear, will set out in a few Days for the Eastward, to take the Command of 5000 Men, provided with a fine Train of Artillery, who are to rendezvous at Port Halifax, on Kennebeck River, and thence to proceed immediately towards Quebec, in Canada.

Last Saturday Morning two Sloops came in from Rhode-Island, with the last 200 of their Provincial Troops, and sailed for Albany the same Day.

Yesterday Morning a Schooner arrived here from Boston, with an Engineer, and a few Soldiers belonging to Major General Shirley's Regiment; and only waits a fair Wind to proceed to Albany.

PHILADELPHIA, July 3.

Extract of a Letter from Oswego, on Lake Ontario, dated June 9.

"Within these three Weeks have passed by about 36 Battoes, with eight or ten French and Indians in each of them. We are busy getting a fine Row Galley ready, in order to stop their Passage for the future. They are obliged to pass in Sight of our Fort, which lies on the Edge of the Lake, on the South Side, and cannot keep far from the Shore, because of the frequent Squalls of Wind that happen, and would certainly overfet them, if they could not quickly reach the Shore. Our People work on Sundays as well as other Days. Several larger Vessels are going to be built. Some Carpenters arriv'd here Yesterday from Bolton."

Since our last several of the Waggoners, who went with Forage, &c. to the Camp at Will's Creek, have return'd to the City, all well.

July 10. We hear from Tulpehocken, that John Shickcalami, an Indian Chief, arrived there last Week, and informed, that the French Fort on the Ohio had been strongly reinforced lately with both Frenchmen and Indians: That General BRADDOCK would not allow his Indians to scalp any Frenchmen that might fall into their Hands, which had occasioned a good many of them to leave him, and would not engage till they should hear from the English Governors: And that they wanted much to know whether it was War or Peace.

ANNAPOLIS, July 17.

A few Days ago, a Man in Baltimore County was committed to their Jail, for counterfeiting with a Pen, the Twenty Shilling Bill of this Province: It seems he was sent in here from London about two Years since, for his INGENUITY there.

This Week arrived here from London, after a Passage of seven Weeks, the Ship *Rose*, Capt. Slade, with upwards of 100 of his Majesty's Seven Year Passengers.

Capt. Slade informs us, that just before he sail'd, a Sloop of War was return'd from Admiral Boscawen's Fleet, with Advice of the Strength of the French Fleet; upon which the Regency met in the Night, and ordered 20 Capital Ships immediately to sail after and join him, and so hot a Press broke out that no Protections avail'd any Thing, and many Chief Mates and Carpenters were press'd.

Upon the Arrival of the agreeable News (contain'd in the Beginning of this Paper) of the gallant and victorious New-England ENGLISHMEN, taking the three French Forts at the Eastward, and of the brave Admiral Boscawen's taking their two Men of War, a general Joy was seen in every true Subject's Countenance.

But, since that, we have been fill'd with Concern, and a Melancholy diffus'd, on some Reports which have been brought to Town, of General BRADDOCK's Army having met with a severe Blow from the French and Indians; but the Reports are so vague and uncertain, that we cannot infer them, as they clash and are contradictory, and leave some room to hope that his Excellency may yet be well, and, instead of being conquer'd, be the Conqueror. For knowing truly the Event, we must submit to Time, and next Week our Readers may expect a further Account.

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