

of Two Thousand Pounds aforesaid, granted by this Act, shall not be expended for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid, then the Remainder thereof shall be applied to the Public Uses of this Province, as the General Assembly thereof shall hereafter direct and appoint.
" This Act to continue until the said Sum of Two Thousand Pounds shall be raised, repaid, and replaced, into the Office of the Commissioners or Trustees aforesaid, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall thereafter happen.

THE INDORSEMENTS :
" By the Lower House of Assembly, July 2, 1755.
" Read the first and second Times by an especial Order, and will pass.
" Signed per Order, M. MACNEMARA, Cl. Lo. Ho.
" By the Upper House of Assembly, July 2, 1755.
" Read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.
" Signed per Order, J. ROSS, Cl. Up. Ho.
" By the Upper House of Assembly, July 3, 1755.
" Read the second Time, and will not pass.
" Signed per Order, J. ROSS, Cl. Up. Ho.

LONDON, May 7.
WHEN his Majesty went on Shore at Helvoetsluys in the eight-oared Boat belonging to the Carolina-Yacht, accompanied by Lord Anson and Lord Delawar, the Sea ran excessive high, and the Yacht at least a Mile distant from the Harbour, infomuch that the Dutch Boats refused going out to fetch some Necessaries for his Majesty's Journey till the Wind abated.
It blew so violently last Tuesday Morning, just before his Majesty landed at Helvoetsluys, that one of the Sailors belonging to the Yacht was blown over-board and drowned.

May 9. By a Gentleman lately arrived from France, we learn the following Particulars of the Strength of the Brest Squadron; that it consists of 19 Ships of the Line, three 50 Gun Ships, and 5 Frigates; they have 6 Battalions on board, amounting to 3150 Men, for the Accommodation of whom eight of their largest Ships have had their lower Tier of Guns taken out.

BOSTON, June 30.
The following ADDRESS of the Honourable his Majesty's Council and House of Representatives of this Province to his Excellency the Governor, was presented Saturday the 21st of this Instant.

To his Excellency WILLIAM SHIRLEY, Esq; Captain-General and Governor in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, in New-England, and Major-General in his Majesty's Army.

May it please your Excellency,

AS his Majesty's Service calls for your Excellency's speedy Departure from the Province, in order to take upon you the Command of the Forces destined to Niagara: The Two Houses most heartily wish your Excellency Health and Prosperity, while you are engaging in this important Undertaking.

It is with great Concern that we part with your Excellency at this critical Conjuncture, when we are alarm'd with an Account of a French Fleet in these Northern Parts of America, and with frequent Advices of the Invasion of our Frontiers by the Savage Indians. These Events call for the utmost Attention of the Government; and the Experience we have had of your prudent Conduct during the last War, makes us the more to regret your proposed Absence now: And we could wish that your personal Appearance at the Head of the Army had not been thought necessary.

We pray that Almighty God would preserve your Excellency, and carry you safely through the various Fatigues and Hazards to which you will be exposed, and return you very soon to your Government, crown'd with Victory and Success.

In the Name and by Order of the Council,
June 21, 1755. J. WILLARD, Secr.
In the Name and by Order of the House of Representatives, T. HUBBARD, Speaker.

His Excellency's ANSWER.

Gentlemen,

I THANK you for your affectionate Address; I shall think myself happy if by engaging in the Service under my Command, I shall be instrumental in the Recovery of his Majesty's just Rights, and laying a Foundation for a solid Peace, and the lasting Security of the British Colonies upon this Continent: I congratulate you upon the News of the happy Issue of the Expedition to Nova-Scotia hitherto; May equal Suc-

cess crown every other Part of the General Plan of Operations now carrying on for his Majesty's Service in North-America: I hope the Divine Providence will protect the Province in my Absence, and restore me in due Time to my Government among you.

W. SHIRLEY.

BOSTON, July 7.
Thursday last a Sloop arrived here in four Days from Annapolis Royal, and by her we have Advice, that on the 26th of June past, three of his Majesty's Ships of War, the Success, Mermaid, and Syrene, with some of the Transports with Soldiers, came down the Bay, and failed for St. John's River; and that the Vulture Sloop of War, with some other Vessels, having on board the French Garrison of Beaufejour, had failed for Louisburg, to deliver them there, according to Capitulation.

Extra of a Letter from Ferryland, in Newfoundland, June 17.
" I am credibly informed, that twelve Sail of Men of War were off St. John's the 28th of May, and sent a Letter to the Governor, acquainting him that they were bound Westward. Last Saturday a 60 and a 20 Gun Ship were off the Harbour; the Purser of the 60 Gun Ship was ashore, and said they were under the Command of Admiral Holburn, in the Terrible of 74 Guns, and that they were bound Westward, but to what particular Place he did not know. They were to make Cape Broyl, and wait 24 Hours for some other Men of War. He told there were 20 Sail of Men of War in all: But no War as we hear."

We hear that two Families living about a Mile from Hinsdell's Fort, in Northfield, were taken by the Indian Enemy on the 27th of June past, and that two Men belonging to those Families, one named Grout, the other Caleb How, were killed by them; also, that their Wives, and seven or eight Children are carried off: The Indians made but little Noise when they did this Mischief, so that they could not be heard at the Fort.

Since our last two of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians arrived here in a Sloop from the Eastward, with an Officer belonging to George's Fort, by whom we learn, that 30 or 40 of those Indians had been at the Fort, where they had read to them the Proposals of this Government, respecting their Conduct during our War with the other Tribes; which Proposals they seem willing to comply with, and have sent the two Fellows abovementioned to signify the same to the Government. These two Indians say, that just before they came from George's, some of their Tribe came in from Canada, and informed, that two Men of War were arrived at Quebec, and that another was soon expected with a new Governor. That there were 50 Transports below in the River, with 4000 Troops on board. That there had been a Fire at Quebec, which had destroyed 70 Houses, and that the Small-Pox was in that City, which carried off great Numbers of People. That there had likewise been a Fire at Montreal, which had destroyed one Half of the Town; and that Abundance of Soldiers had lately been sent from Quebec towards the Ohio. [Tho' some of these Articles may possibly be true, yet we look on the Story in the main, but as Indian News.]

We have a Report in Town, that a Fishing Schooner is arrived at Cape Anne from the Banks, the Master of which informs, that he saw in the Gut (some say the Harbour) of Canis 14 or 15 large French Ships, and that soon after falling in with 7 or 8 English Men of War, he informed them of what he had seen, upon which they immediately stood away for Canis.

WILLIAMSBURG, July 4.

Tuesday Evening an Express arrived in Town from the Right Honourable the Lord Fairfax, with Letters for his Honour the Governor, acquainting him, that several Parties of French and Indians had lately appeared in the County of Hampshire, on Pattison's Creek, within 8 or 10 Miles of Fort Cumberland, that they had kill'd several Persons and wounded others, besides committing other Outrages; and that the Inhabitants in that Neighbourhood were in the greatest Consternation: His Lordship has ordered the Militia under Arms, in Order, if possible, to disperse them; but the Fears of the People, their being in Want of Arms and Ammunition, give us Reason to fear they'll not be able to make Head against them.

Last Night an Express arrived in Town, from our back Settlements, on the Head of Patowmack, confirming the above Account, and further informing us, That five more Families are entirely cut off on Pattison's Creek, by the French and Indians: That most of the Inhabitants were quitting their Plantations, and retiring inwards for Safety.

July 11. Last Sunday an Express arrived in Town, with the melancholy News, of several more of our Inhabitants being cut off, on Holston's River. Capt. Stallnicher and his Wife were taken Prisoners, his Mother and four Children being in an Out House made their Escape, and concealed themselves in a Rye Patch, till the Affair was over; there were three more taken Prisoners and killed. Col. Stewart, and William Long, on their Return from Fort Cumberland, where they had been to supply Provisions for the Army, were shot at three several Times, but escaped unhurt, to Augusta Court-House, from whence they were about 45 Miles distant.

Last Wednesday the General Assembly of this Colony was prorogued to October next, after having passed a Bill for raising 6000 l. by Lottery, and we hear the Managers are to meet the second Monday in next Month, to distribute the Tickets: They have likewise laid a Tax of Two Shillings on every 100 Acres of Land, which will raise about 10,000 l. to be applied for supporting the Forces on the present Expedition, for raising three independent Companies, of 50 Men each, with their Officers, to range on the Counties of Hampshire and Augusta on the Frontiers of this Colony, and for the Expence of garrisoning Fort Cumberland. They have likewise laid an Impost of Three Shillings and Six Pence a Hoghead, on Tobacco, for the raising of 8000 l. to pay for the Tobacco, burnt in Bollings Point Warehouse; with several other Acts.

And then his Honour the Governor made the following

SPEECH:

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses.

I SINCERELY thank you for your agreeable and seasonable Supply, for conducting the necessary and just Ex-

pedition: That Part you have left to my Conduct, shall be made Use of with Frugality, for the Service it's intended.

I am under much Concern for the barbarous Behaviour of the French and their Indians, in murdering and robbing our fellow Subjects on our Frontier Settlements.

Gentlemen, I am in great Hopes, before this, that General Braddock is in Possession of the Fort on the Ohio, that the French took from us last Summer; but it is to be fear'd, that flying Parties of French and Indians will invade our Country, and repeat their Barbarities.

I therefore heartily recommend to you, to prevail with the Officers in the different Counties, to muster and exercise the Militia, which, under the Divine Protection, is our only Safety, and is what I have already commanded them.

I wish you an agreeable Receipt, and I think proper to prorogue you to the second Thursday in October next, and you are accordingly prorogued to that Time.

NEW-YORK, July 14.

Letters from on board the Irene, Capt. Garrison, dated London, April 29, say, That he had on board for Governor HARDY, the King's Presents to the Indians. And that the Irene was to leave London for this Place the latter End of May.

Last Wednesday Morning, Major General Pepperell, failed from hence, for Rhode-Island, on board the Sloop Capt. Amy.

Capt. Van Schaick, from Albany, informs us, that about 12 o'Clock on Tuesday last, he met with his Excellency Major General Shirley, at Claverack, 28 Miles from that Place; that a Gentleman was arrived in six Days from Oswego, some Time before he failed from Albany, who acquainted him, that one of the Gallies of 36 Feet Keel, was planked and completely rigged on the Stocks, and that they intended to launch in four Days after the Arrival of the Pitch and Oakum, which he met with on the Road the Day after he left Oswego; that a Snow, 56 Feet Keel, and another Galley, were in great Forwardness, and would soon be launched; that seven Men had deserted from Oswego, and were going to Niagara (we suppose to inform the French of our Designs) but that six of them (three of whom belonged to Esopus) were brought back by our Indians, and severely punished; and that 25 l. Currency per Man, is given for apprehending all Defectors from either of the Armies.

We hear from Kinderhook, that on Wednesday the 2d Instant, at 4 Men, 2 Boys, and a Negro, were howing Corn, in a Field near that Place, they were surpris'd and fired upon by 6 Indians, and a Frenchman, which wounded one of the Men, a Boy, and the Negro Fellow, when they, with three others, took to their Heels; the 7th, named John Gardineer, ran towards their Arms, that were nigh at Hand, and having dispatched two of the Indians, a third closed in upon him, and in the Scuffle the Frenchman came up, and seeing Gardineer get the better of the Indian, he knock'd him down with his Piece, and afterwards scalp'd him, when the Indians made off, and carried their Dead with them. Some short Time after, Gardineer came to himself, and with some Difficulty reached the Fort: He was so stunn'd with the Blow, he received from the Frenchman, that he was insensible of his being scalp'd, until he was informed by the People, who discovered the Blood; but remembered the whole of their Proceedings before; and said he could have killed three of the Indians, had not the second Gun he took up missed Fire.

On Receipt of the above News, the Sum of Twelve Pounds was immediately raised by a few Gentlemen, in this City, and sent to John Gardineer, for his gallant Behaviour, to support his Wife and Family, during his Illness; and it is to be hoped, that those Gentlemen who would willingly infuse a martial Spirit, in the Armies now going against our Enemies, will follow an Example so truly worthy of their Imitation.

We hear that on Monday last, another Party of French and Indians, consisting of between 30 and 40, appeared at Kinderhook, and carried off a young Boy, and wounded a Negro Man; and that Robert Livingston, junior, Esq; with about 40 Men, were gone in Pursuit of them.

Last Week Henry O'Brian, and Henry Huddle, the former taken with Colonel Washington, at the Great-Meadows, and the latter at Dartmouth, in Nova-Scotia, four Years ago, arrived here in 20 Days from Canada: By them we are informed, that the French were not in the least apprised of the Designs of the English against Crown-Point, or Niagara, as the former was garrison'd with only 45 Men, twenty Days ago, the greatest Part of their Force having been dispatched to the Ohio; that they were sensible a War must soon ensue, as our Northern-Men were prohibited from trading any more with Cape-Breton; for which Reason, they would, if possible, impede their Indians from trading with Albany; that they had waited with Impatience for the Fleet from Old-France, with a large Reinforcement of Men, and warlike Stores; but imagined by their Delay, they were intercepted by some English Men of War; and it was reported, that immediately upon the Arrival of the Fleet, 400 Men would be dispatched to attack Albany, 400 more to attack Oswego, and a large Detachment sent to the Ohio, and that the Remainder of their Troops would be employed as the Situation of their Affairs should then require.

Yesterday Capt. Dumfries arrived here in 20 Days from St. Eustatia, who informs us, That in Latitude 29, and eleven Days ago, he spoke with a Brig 6 Weeks from Bristol, bound for South-Carolina; the Master whereof told him, that a few Days before he failed, they had certain Advice, that 35 Sail of the Line, with Transports, were failed from Brest, for the Westward, and that a large Fleet failed from England in Quest of them.

PHILADELPHIA, July 17.

By a Letter of the Tenth Instant from Fort Johnson we have Advice, that the Conferences between the Indians of the Six Nations and Major General Johnson ended the Fifth: That they had made an unanimous Declaration, that they would stand by their Brethren the English, and no ways assist the French: That the whole Confederacy is betwixt disposed to us than they have been for Forty Years: And that more will join the General than the several Legislatures have provided for.

By several Letters from Cumberland County we are informed, that the Present made by the Government of the Lower Counties to the Army, consisting of fat Oxen, Sheep, and several Waggon's filled with Necessaries, were got safe

to the Camp; but that Communication between was Way-laid by French Supply: That on the millioners and Road Company, were 70 Men, and 30 very uneasy for want of Company, who were attacked by a Party of near Ray's Town, who of his Men, and three also thirteen Soldiers, and guard the Provision of seven Horle Load, was the Men who conveyed further for fear of the Mr. Hoops, the Inhabitant's Mill, and on Saturday Bread unserviceable, went Men, well armed, who back with them, the the Road, and likewise that had been abandoned.

It is fortunate that by his Presence the Indians hoped form themselves Ammunition, of which them from this City was

Last Friday Captain Weeks from Oporto, were 15 Sail of Alger between Cape St. Vincent Twenty-one Sail of Du that their Commodore it was currently reported discharged all the English laid up their Ships of Number. And that of from Glasgow for Virginia League: from our Cape he received some Damage.

On Tuesday last Cape here, and brought with Place, with his Passes Jane left his Vessel of from Jamaica. His C

We hear from Reading of Indians have lately Schuykill, about this as they were all Stran at their Visit, tho' at Seventh Instant) they

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By a Letter from the Informant and James Calder, teers, who went from in the late Action, a come to Town, w Particulars, relating

On the 9th Instant, rock, with 1200 Regiments under with Part of his E twice over the R o'Clock about 3 Q River, and 6 Miles they were about to upon, from the To ber of French and quick Fire, which our Men, and pu that the General an

them in Order, n military Expedition Officers, with some for about 3 Hours treat, leaving the and Baggage, to the Wounded. His E after having 5 H length shot into and was buried a l Sir Peter Halkett, Son to General S other Officers fell

(of Lesty's Regiment Chemley, Polson, P were all kill'd; H main, Widman, H but, all kill'd; E le, Splitdorff, S and a great many

John St. Clair, an about 600 of our Action; but what not yet learn'd. Half-King, behav Some of the Rem Dunbar next Day, berland, where w

Tuesday Morn verner sat out fro and lodg'd that Governor Ogle's) Excellency intend