

that it would have been morally impossible for the French to have escaped him, had not these two Ships left the Stations assigned them. One Ship is said to have sprung a Leak, and the other a Leak; and so the provident Commanders, instead of going into an Irish Port to refit, giving Notice to the Admiral to replace them, or, &c. thought Home the safest Place to come to.

October 14. It is reported that private Letters by the last French Mail say, that a large Fleet of Men of War and Transports were then ready to sail, as supposed, to the Relief of Cape Breton, and afterwards make a Descent on Halifax.

One of our Men of War hath taken twelve Vessels out of thirteen that were going into Boulogne on Saturday last.

From Portsmouth of the 12th Inst. our Correspondent writes, that his Majesty's Ship Gosport, Capt. Edwards, is arrived at Spithead from Jamaica, having on board for the Merchants 40,000l. In the Passage they met with a French Ship, bound to Cape Breton; laden with Provisions and Horses, kept her Company for almost two Days, but that having no Orders to make Reprisals, she was permitted to proceed on her Voyage.

October 16. Seven large flat-bottom'd Boats have been taken by some of our Men of War, as they were going from St. Villaroj to Dunkirk. Many of them are getting ready at the first-mentioned Place, in order to take Troops on board at Dunkirk and other Ports of France. They are built to hold 400 Men each.

By a Letter from Belfast in Ireland it appears, that the Troops in that Kingdom are desiring to the Sea Coasts; that seven Men of War, from twenty to forty Guns, have lately been sent thither, and that some Engineers from England were lately arrived; from whence some Conjectures have arose, which in the Nature of Things must be without Foundation.

Admiral Byng's Squadron, it's conjectured, will replace Sir Edward Hawke's in the Bay of Biscay, or else proceed to the Mediterranean to pay the Morocco Prince a Visit.

October 16. The Prefs for Seamen on the River continues as hot as ever.

The Government hath taken into its Service several small Vessels to cruize on the French Coast, which are getting ready in the River with all possible Diligence.

Orders are given from the War-Office for the Camp Equipage of the Guards to be got ready with all Expedition.

We hear also that a Company of Grenadiers will be added to each Regiment in the Guards.

Letters from France To-day mention their being greatly exasperated against the English, and that Letters of Marque and Reprisals would soon be granted.

Last Thursday his Majesty sent an Order to the War-Office to make out Commissions for twelve Independent Companies, to consist of 100 Men each, which are now raising with all possible Expedition; and we hear that they will be immediately sent to do Duty and guard the Coast of Essex and Suffolk, as an Invasion from the French is daily expected on those Parts.

We don't find in any late Advices from Paris, that they pretend to guess at the Destination of the Squadron sitting out at Toulon, which is to consist of 16 Ships of the Line, including the four Men of War purchased at Genoa: But some Letters from Genoa seem to hint, that the said Squadron may be suddenly employed, by way of Reprisals, without a Declaration of War, against a certain Island in the Mediterranean. But then there must be a good Number of Land Forces on board the Fleet; and we have not yet heard of any Preparations made at Toulon for an Embarkation.

We hear from Yarmouth, that the Herring Fishery has proved so successful this Season that the Vessels employed therein have brought 30,000 Barrels into that Place and the adjacent Ports.

October 21. Orders have been dispatched for the immediate sailing of eight large Men of War to particular Stations in the Channel.

Letters from Paris of the 15th inst. advise, that Orders had been dispatched to Brest, Rochfort, and Toulon, to send out some Ships immediately, and make Reprisals on the English.

The Courier lately dispatched from Versailles to the Viscount d'Aubeterre, the French Minister at the Court of Vienna, carried Orders to him to demand a categorical Declaration what Part that Court had determined to take in the present Conjunction. The French Ministers at Turin and the Hague have Orders to make the far Demand.

On Thursday Evening six large Men of War,

supplied with a Squadron, were seen sailing towards the Westward.

Extraordinary News, October 10. "We were informed in the Afternoon greatly alarmed by a Fire happened on board the Glory, an old French Man of War, which lies along-side of us, but we were fortunate enough soon to extinguish it, tho' after the Fire was perceived, it was near an Hour before we could find out where it was, which was in the Fish-room near the After-Magazine. There is too great a Reason to suspect it was lit on purpose by one of the French Prisoners (of which we have 70 on board) he having been seen below by one of the Ships Crew with a Candle. Had this happen'd in the Night, it might have occasioned the Loss of one of the finest Ships in the British-Navy."

October 23. On Monday a Proclamation was issued prohibiting the Exportation of Gunpowder, except for his Majesty's Service, during the Space of three Months. The Men work Night and Day to complete the Royal Sovereign and Princess-Royal, first and second Rate Men of War, put into Commission to guard the Mouth of the Thames, and Medway; and the Ships at Sheerness are taking in their Guns, being to be employed on the same Service. It is said that in one of the French Ships outward bound, lately taken by one of our Men of War, was found a Letter of Marque, to make Reprisals in America, whither she was bound. Private Letters from Amsterdam advise that some very extraordinary and shocking political Steps, such as scarce any but Dutchmen are capable of, have lately been taken in the Province of Zealand. It is strongly reported that the Brest Fleet is put to Sea, consisting of eighteen Men of War of the Line.

The following is the Substance of a Letter from Cherbourg in Normandy dated September 22. "Last Monday Morning, about Seven o'Clock, sixteen Merchantmen which were returning from Rouen, Honfleur, Caens and other Ports of Normandy, met off Cape Barfleur with an English Man of War of fifty Guns, which discharged several Volls of Shot at them, and pursued them into the Bay of Bretteville, about a League and a half from this Place, where several of them were forced to run aground. Capt. Blandin, of Peners in Brittany, was obliged to abandon his Ship, after losing some of his Men by the Shot of the Enemy, who kept a constant Fire: About Three in the Afternoon the English Captain sent his Boat to bring her off. This Capture, being made in Sight of the Shore, spread a general Alarm: All ran to their Arms; but the Cannon not being mounted, the Musket-Shot could not hinder the English from getting off the Vessel. The rest escaped by steering between the Island of Pele, and the Land, and got safe in here, where they found a secure Asylum. This Affair has manifestly shewn the great Utility of the new Works which have been raised at this Port, by his Majesty's Orders, since the Year 1738. By means thereof it is more capable than ever of furnishing a Refuge to Vessels pursued by the Enemy even when there is least Water in the Harbour by reason of the great Ebbs. The Workmen are at present employed Night and Day in repairing all our Batteries."

Portsmouth, October 10. Since my last arrived from a Cruise, the Nassau, Capt. Cockburne, and brought in a fine St. Domingo Man, worth 25,000l. There are now in this Harbour 59 Prizes.---The Carpenter of the Barfleur is broke for giving his Advice, that the Ship was not fit to keep the Sea when out with Admiral Hawke, which was contradicted by the Builder here.

Portsmouth, October 15. This Morning all the French Merchants and Passengers set out on their Way home, some by Water to Guernsey and Jersey, and others by Land to Dover and London. N E W - Y O R K, December 15. The Author of a Letter from St. Eustatia, dated the 12th of November last, speaking of Trade to St. Eustatia, says, "That their Trade is over with the French, as Commodore Frankland takes all he meets with, whether French or Dutch Traders."

We are told, that Major General JOHNSON is expected in Town this Week.

Extra of a Letter from Charles-Town, in South-Carolina, dated November 25, 1755. "Our Assembly has been sitting some Days, in order to determine what to do with the Neutral French brought here; and I believe we shall send them further. They are insolent Rascals, talk in

a high Strain, call themselves Subjects of the French King, own they were Neutrals, and that they took up Arms against us, but alledge for Excuse, that Col. Monckton used them ill. They say they will settle here, if we will allow them such Privileges as they require, particularly the public Exercise of their Religion, with their Priests, &c. and unless we agree to their Terms, they choose to be Transported to some of the Territories of the French King: They will not even upon any Terms take the Oaths of Allegiance: By this we may judge, what a pernicious dangerous Gang they were in Nova-Scotia."

We are assured, that Hudson's River was froze up, last Sunday Se'nnight, above Half a Mile this Side Albany.

December 22. A Vessel arrived here on Friday Night last from Jamaica, and affirms the Arrival at Port Royal of Admiral Smith, with Twelve other Men of War from England.

Capt. Williams, arrived here on Friday last from Lisbon in seven Weeks, and says, That the Day before he sailed, a Packet arrived there from England, and reported, that some of our Men of War had taken and sent into Plymouth a French homeward bound East-India Ship, valued upwards of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds Sterling:---That Admiral Byng was actually fail'd to visit the Prince of Morocco, that Prince having issued Orders for the taking English Vessels:---That the last Mail from France mentioned the Readiness of a large Fleet of Men of War and Transports to sail, it was supposed, to the Relief of Cape-Breton, and afterwards to make a Descent on Halifax:---That Orders were received at Portsmouth to fit without further Orders from the Admiralty, as soon as they arrived, the following Ships of Admiral Boscawen's Squadron, viz. the Tournay, Monarch, Somersset, Chichester, Yarmouth, Nottingham, Dunkirk, Augusta, Norwich, and the Hornet Sloop:---And, That a Vessel had arrived at Bristol from New-England in 23 Days, with an Account of the French Army under Dieckau being defeated by General Johnson.

Capt. Williams's Vessel in Lat. 35, 30. North, Long. 16, 15. West from London, about half an Hour after 9 A. M. on Saturday the 1st of November, was violently agitated by the Shock of an Earthquake for the Space of three Minutes, but was not damaged thereby.

Since our last came to Town, one of the Men late belonging to the Snow Jamaica Packet, Richard Bennet Master, of this Port; and brought an Account, That the said Snow, having a valuable Cargo on board, in the sudden Storm of Wind and Rain we had here on Tuesday Afternoon last, about 4 o'Clock was forced on shore a few Miles to the Eastward of the Hook, and soon after went to Pieces, when the Crew, seven in Number, took to their Long-Boat, which presently filling, the Captain and five of his Hands were unhappily drowned, and our Accountant by clinging to and kicking forward the Boat, at Night safely landed on the Beach.

By a Letter from St. Eustatia, we learn, That all the Vessels taken by Commodore Frankland, were condemn'd and sold at Vendue between the 24th and 30th of November last; together with the 800 Slaves they had on board.

By the Albany Post who came to Town last Night, we are told, That at Claverack, December 13, one Michael Herder had the Misfortune to lose his Barn, seven Cows, and twenty four Sheep, by his Boy foddering the Cattle by Candle Light. It was not known whether the Boy let the Candle drop out of the Lantern, or took it out that it might afford the better Light: It however catch'd the Straw, and burnt so sudden and violent, that the Lad being scared, swooned away, and would certainly have been burnt with the Cattle, had not the Fire been timely discovered, and he drag'd out of it. A Number of Horses were with Difficulty shov'd out of the Stable, some of them being burnt stone blind.

A Person arrived at Albany Yesterday Week from Oswego, gave out, That ALL's well at the Lake. And, Another who arrived thither from Lake George the Tuesday following, reported, That ALL was well at the Garrison there.

PHILADELPHIA, December 18. Since our last we have received most melancholy Accounts from Northampton County, of a Number of People being murdered by the Indians, and of a great many others having left their Habitations for fear of them. These Accounts are supported by many undoubted Affidavits; but as they are chiefly to the same Purpose,

pose, we think and therefore length, as it whole, and for Courage and

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Horsfield, Esq. said County, Geo. 36 Years, and up to Law, deposed instant December

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