

were informed of this Transaction, had them into the River Swamp.-----As it is ended so be the Duty of every Civil and Officer throughout the Province (as it is of every Inhabitant) to prevent such Out- &c. &c. 'tis hoped these Acadians will not be led to commit any more Robberies, or even go beyond the Limits prescribed them. Near that more French Captures have been made into Jamaica, and St. Kitts, since those were mentioned.

Letters from Antigua, we are informed, that on the 19th ult. the Snow Edward, Capt. Cook, for Connecticut, with 260 Acadians (commonly called French Neutrals) on board, and on the Brig Experiment, Capt. Stoddard, for New-York, with 200 more of those had put in there; having then been out- riggered from Nova-Scotia, met with very bad weather, and beat off the Northern Coasts.

HALIFAX, January 24.
Friday another Party of the American Soldiers, consisting of 120 Men, arrived here from Piquit, with whom came Lieutenants Fitch and Fitch, who inform, that they, with their Men, being upon the Beach at just upon the Flood, and hearing the Boats in, they made all possible Dispatch to the shore to save themselves, notwithstanding which of the eight Men were drowned, the rest escaped.

BOSTON, February 23.
I write from Halifax, that they are about, as the Season will admit, three new Forts, Barracks, viz. One on the Citadel-Hill, is to be 365 Feet long and 35 wide, of 10 Stories, which Hill and Barrack is to be in the Circumference of the whole Hill, is very large, and to be mounted with a Number of Cannon, which will command only the whole Town, but also as far as the Ball will reach back into the Woods, so 20,000 Men could not come to do it any way, as the Hill is very steep, and 'tis look'd as impracticable to raise a Bomb-Battery so as to reach it:-----Another Fort and Barrack to be erected on the Windmill-Hill (so called) half a Mile to the Southward of it, but of other Dimensions:-----A third at a Place called Point, at the North Side of the northern Arm, so called.

Capt. Knox from Halifax, in 8 Days, informs, the Day he failed, they had an Account of Chiegnecto, That one of the French Neutrals came over to the English Fort and informed, that a Body of about 300 French and Indians were near, and intended to cut off the English Wood-cutters; whereupon Lieut. Col. with about 300 of the Provincial Troops, set in quest of them; and having spent a Day and Night without Discovery, they concluded the Defenter had deceived them and resolved to return; but in their Way back, the Enemy came upon the Rear of the Provincials, who immediately facing about and firing, kill'd Eight Men on the Spot; and 'tis suppos'd wounded a considerable Number, as they followed the Enemy and saw a great Quantity of Blood in their track: We don't learn that any of the Provincials were kill'd or taken.-----It is also said that they had taken two French Men Prisoners, which were brought to Halifax the Day Capt. Knox failed.

NEW-YORK, March 1.
The Report last Week of Captain Rogers taking the French Prisoners near Crown-Point, proves very premature; for by the Albany Post, and other good Intelligence, we are assured that only one Prisoner has been taken. The best Account we can learn is this; That Captain Rogers, ever active and vigilant against the Enemy, went out a few Days ago, with a scouting Party of about 20 Men, and advanced within Sight of the Fort at Crown-Point, into which all the Inhabitants, except one which he made Prisoner, immediately fled; whereupon Captain Rogers set Fire to nine Houses and Barracks, and then returned in Safety to the English Fort.

We hear that the General Assembly of this Province, have voted 125 Spanish Dollars, to be sent to the above-mentioned Captain Rogers, for the Services done to his Country in several late Excursions against the French and their Indians, near Crown-Point. We hope the neighbouring Governments will follow an Example so truly worthy of imitation, and reward only those whose Actions deserve it.

Friday and Saturday last, upwards of 400 Recruits

arrived here from the Westward, for the different Regiments now posted at Albany, Schenectady, &c.

We are credibly informed, that there was not less than 500 Indians at the late Meeting at Mount JOHNSON, in the Mohawks Country; and that many of them belonged to Tribes, none of which ever attended at a Treaty with the English before. 'Tis said they were in a fine Humour, and that Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON, Baronet, was using his best Endeavours to bring over several of them to the English Interest.

By some People who arrived here on Saturday last from Esopus and Goshen; we are informed, That the Tuesday before, a Party of ten Men that were helping Capt. Hartell up with Goods to the House wherein Philip Swartwout lately lived, 20 Miles from Goshen, eight of them were surprized, as they were at Dinner (the other two being gone to the Mill) by a large Body of Indians: Our People defended themselves for some Time; but they were soon obliged to abandon the House (the Indians having set it on Fire) and shift for themselves. Five of the Men were killed, and a white Woman taken Prisoner; the other three happily saved their Lives by out-running the Enemy. As soon as the Indians appeared, an old Negro Wench that was in the House, concealed herself in a Cellar Kitchen, until the Fray was over, and afterwards got to the Bank of a River, until a Number of white People came from a neighbouring Plantation. The old Wench said she knew several of the Indians, and that there were two white Men among them.

Col. Gale, who left Orange County on Thursday last, says, that on Receipt of the above News at Goshen, 25 of the Rangers were immediately dispatched to the Relief of the Distressed; but were advised by those that escaped, not to pursue (altho' at the same Time they saw a Fire at a few Miles Distance) for they imagined there were between 60 and 100 Indians, with some white Men. The Col. farther adds, as his Opinion, That when the western Parts of Ulster and Orange Counties will be made desolate by the Savages, unless some more effectual Means are made use of to protect the Frontiers.

The Eighteenth of last Month a Proclamation was issued at Boston by his Excellency General Shirley, declaring, that whereas the Government of the Massachusetts-Bay, New-York, and Connecticut, being apprehensive of the great Danger to which His Majesty's Colonies are still exposed, by Means of the Encroachments of the French on His Majesty's Lands on this Continent, and of the absolute Necessity there is of a vigorous and speedy Prosecution of all proper Methods for stopping the Progress of the French in their Invasions of His Majesty's Territories, and distressing His good Subjects in North-America, and for recovering out of their Hands those Places they have unjustly invaded; more especially such as are upon or near the Lake Iroquois, commonly called Lake Champlain; have, in Prospect of the other Governments joining with them herein, agreed to raise such a Number of Forces for prosecuting this Design, as they judge may, by the Blessing of God, prove effectual for these Ends. Therefore the Government of the Massachusetts-Bay set forth the following Articles, viz.

That there be granted to each able bodied and effective Man, that shall enlist, before the 20th Day of March next, a Bounty or Encouragement of 6 Dollars, and a Blanket. That such Men who were in the last Expedition, and shall enlist anew, shall be allowed half Wages from the 17th Day of December, when the Pay of the last Army ceased, over and above the Encouragement aforesaid. That the same Wages be allowed to the Officers and Men, as in the last Expedition: That Half a Dollar for each Man be allowed to the Officers for the Expence and Trouble of Enlisting; and that such Officers and Soldiers as shall proceed in the said Expedition, shall not be taxed for their Polls the present Year. And, That they shall not be compelled to march Southward of Albany, or Westward of Schenectady, and shall be discharged as soon as the Expedition shall be finished; or at furthest within a Year after the Enlistment.---And Governor SHIRLEY promises in Behalf of his Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, that there shall be a full Compliance with all and every the Articles aforesaid.

PHILADELPHIA, February 26.
Letter from Governor SHIRLEY to a Gentleman in this City.

S I R, Boston, Feb. 4, 1756.
I was favoured with your Letter at New-York, dated the Second of December, acquainting me,

that your Assembly had sent a Present of 1339 warm Waistcoats, 1000 Pair of milled Stockings, and 332 Pair of knit Mittens for the Comfort of the New-England Troops, and others, that might remain in Garrison in that cold Country the ensuing Winter, and desiring I would order a proper Disposition of them, which you supposed were by that Time in the Hands of Mr. Stevenson in Albany.

It was not till a few Days before my leaving New-York, that I could learn the Certainty of this Cloathing's being actually arrived at Albany, and had not Time before my Departure from thence to answer your Letter.

I am now, Sir, to acquaint you, that I have ordered a Distribution of the Cloathing, and to desire the Favour of you to make my Acknowledgments to the Assembly for this second Instance of their public Spirit and Zeal for his Majesty's Service, and the general Good of these Colonies, given by them in the Expedition against Crown-Point.

I cannot but hope, that so laudable an Example will inspire the other Colonies with the like Spirit, so necessary at this critical Conjuncture, for putting a Stop to the Invasions and Devastations of the French, and their Indians, within our Borders, and placing the British Northern Colonies in a State of Security against the Attempts, which, from the Armament sent the last Year from France, and their known Designs, we have the utmost Reason to expect they will push this Year; and that it will continue to animate the Government of Pennsylvania in the Common Cause, as it hath hitherto done, so highly to their Advantage.

Be pleased likewise to assure them, Sir, that I shall not be wanting in making a just Representation to his Majesty, of these Marks of their Zeal for the Service of their King and Country, and doing every Thing in my Power, for the Service of the Province.

I am, with Truth and Regard,
Sir, Your most humble Servant,
W. SHIRLEY

In a Letter from Fort Cumberland, dated the Fifteenth Instant, there is Advice, that two considerable Bodies of French Indians have been lately down there, and had picked up several of the Men belonging to the Fort; but that the Commanding Officer there had detached Parties immediately in Pursuit of them, which obliged them to retreat precipitately, and thereby prevented their getting among the Inhabitants.

It is farther added, that one Mrs. Inglis, who was taken Prisoner by the Shawanese when Colonel Paton was kill'd, had made a wonderful Escape from the Lower Shanoë Town; and that she was fourteen Days in the Woods on her Way home, was naked all the Time, and lived on Chestnuts, &c. The Particulars of what Discoveries she made while among them, was not then come to hand.

ANNAPOLIS, March 11.
Monday last came on the Election of a Representative for this County, in the Room of the late Dr. CHARLES CARROLL: And about Nine at Night the Poll was closed, and CHARLES CARROLL, Esq; (only Son of the Deceased) was Declared duly Elected. And next Morning he was Qualified, and took his Seat in the House.

Extract of a Letter from Conococheague, dated February 29.
"My last was of the 26th Instant, on our March to Tonawagoy: About 5 Miles on this Side Stoddert's Fort, we found John Myers's House in Flames, and 9 or 10 Head of large Cattle killed, besides Calves, and several Horse-kind and Sheep. About 3 Miles and a half further up the Road, we found a Man (one Hyatt) killed and scalped, with one Arm cut off, and several Arrows sticking in him; we could not bury him, having no Tools with us for that Purpose. Half a Mile further (within a Mile of Stoddert's Fort), we found Ralph Matson's House burnt down, and several Sheep and Hogs killed. When we came to Stoddert's Fort, we found them all under Arms, expecting every Minute to be attacked: From thence we went to Comber's Fort, where we found a young Man, about 22 Years of Age, killed and scalped; there were only four Men in this Fort, two of which were unable to bear Arms; but upwards of forty Women and Children, who were in a very poor Situation, being afraid to go out of the Fort, even for a Drink of Water; the House catch'd Fire, during the Time the Indians were surrounding the Fort, and would have been burnt down, but luckily there was some Soap-Suds in the House, by which they extinguish'd it. The young Man, mentioned above, was one Lynn's Son, and was setting on the Fence of the Stock-Yard with Comber's Son, when they discovered the Indians, upon which they ran to get into the Fort, and before they reach'd it, Lynn's Son was shot down, and an Indian pursued the other Man with a Tomahawk within thirty Yards of the Fort, but he luckily got into the Fort, and shot the Indian. We searched the Woods to see if we could discover where the Indian was buried (as they supposed him to be mortally wounded); we found, in two Places, a great Quantity of Blood; but could not find the Body. We saw several Creatures shot; some dead, and others going about with Arrows sticking in them. About half a Mile on this Side Mr. Kinn's (in little Tonawagoy) we found a Load of Oats and a Load of Turnips in the Road, which two Boys were bringing to Comber's, and it's imagined the Boys are carried off by the Indians. When we came to Mr.

Stoddert's, we first several Sheep and Cattle killed; I then went to one Lowber's, about two Miles further, where we found his Grain and two Calves burnt, two Cows and nine or ten Hogs killed, and about 150 Yards from the House found Lowber dead and scalped, and otherways terribly mangled; his Brains were beat out, as is supposed, with his own Gun-barrel, which we found sticking in his Skull, and his Gun broken; there was an Ax, two Scythes, and several Arrows, sticking in him. From thence we returned to Comber's, and buried the young Man, and left ten of our Men here to assist them to secure their Grain, which, as soon as they have done, they purpose to leave that Fort, and go to Stoddert's. From hence we went to Stoddert's Fort, where we laid on Friday Night; and Yesterday, on our Way down here, we buried the Man we left on the Road.

ISAAC BAKER.
Major Frazer, who has the Governor's Commission to command all the Forces on the Frontiers (except those at Fort-Cumberland) has at this Time under his Command about 150 Men; and Capt. Alexander Beall, who was out with a Company of Volunteers in November last, has Orders to raise as many Men as he can, not exceeding 300, and join Major Frazer, with all possible Expedition.

Thomas Mills, who came from Conococheague the Beginning of last Week, says, that the Inhabitants of that Part of Frederick County, were lately thrown into the greatest Consternation, by some Persons firing Guns, and hallowing with a Design to terrify the Inhabitants, and make them desert their Habitations; he farther says, that upon the People's flying, these Villains went and robbed their Houses, and that some of them have been since apprehended, and confessed what is above mentioned.

To be SOLD, for Sterling Money, or Leased out in Parcels, for any Term of Years, not exceeding Twenty One,

PART of a Tract of Land, lying on the little Falls of Gunpowder River, in Baltimore County, containing 590 Acres.

Also, the Lots, with all the Houses, Garden, Yard, and all other Improvements, belonging to the Subscriber, lying in Upper-Marlborough Town, in Prince-George's County, either to be Sold or Let. For Terms apply to

ROBERT BRADLY.

TO BE SOLD,
A TRACT or Parcel of Land, being one Moiety of a Tract of Land called Clean Drinking, lying in Frederick County, on Rock-Creek, within six Miles of the Warehouse at George-Town, the said Moiety contains 625 Acres, of a good Soil, and well timber'd; whereon is a Dwelling House, and two Tobacco Houses, also a good Apple and Peach Orchard.

Any Person inclinable to purchase the said Land, may know the Title, and Terms of Sale, by applying to the Subscriber, living near lower Cedar-Point, in Charles County.

ARTHUR LEE.

WHEREAS it has been reported, by some ill-disposed Person, with a Design of prejudicing me, that I was run away; this, therefore, is to give Notice, that I am still living at Broad-Creek, on Kent-Island, and keep Ferry as usual, where all Gentlemen may depend on having good Boats and skilful Hands, and kind Usage, from
Their humble Servant,
DANIEL MCONKIN.

BROKE out of Calvert County Goal, the first of this Instant March, two Felons, viz. Richard Dew, a lusty well-set young Fellow, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high.

Negro Jupiter, belonging to Mr. Samuel Durr, a well-set Fellow, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high.

Whoever secures the said Felons, so that the Subscriber may have them again, shall have Two Pistoles Reward for each, paid by
Maj. Genl. CHARLES GRAHAME, Sheriff.

THERE is in the Possession of William Molton, living at Rentfro's Old Mill, at Anti-Basam, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Mare, she has some Saddle-Spots, and is branded on the near Buttock GV.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

JUST IMPORTED,
And to be SOLD by the Subscriber, in Annapolis, at the House where Mr. James Dick lately kept Store, either for Bills of Exchange, Current Money, or on short Credit.

SUNDRY EUROPEAN and EAST-INDIA GOODS.

Also, Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Gloucestershire Cheese, Window Glass of different Sizes, West's Snuff, good West-India Rum, and Florence Oil.

JAMES JOHNSON.

Philadelphia,