

THE MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices foreign and domestic.

THURSDAY, July 8, 1756.

A complete LIST of the ROYAL NAVY of Great-Britain, as it stood the first of January 1756; by which the Reader may readily see the Force of any Ship when they are mentioned in the public Prints.

Table listing ships of the Royal Navy with columns for ship names, gun counts, and various rates (First, Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth).

There are also a Number of Fire-ships, Hoys, Transports, Smacks, Lighters and Hulks.

The following short Account of the Island of Minorca may possibly be no unpleasing Entertainment to our Readers at this Juncture, when our great Enemy is supposed to be meditating its Invasion of it.

THE Island of Minorca lies in the Mediterranean Sea, about 60 Leagues to the Southward of the Coast of Catalonia in Spain. It is upwards of 33 Miles long, and varies in Breadth from ten to thirteen Miles and more; so that it is nearly of the same Bigness as the Isle of Wight, and contains 236 square Miles, and 151,040 square Acres.

How this Island came into the Hands of the English, a few Words will be sufficient to relate: Upon the Reduction of Sardinia, and the Return of the Fleet to the Coast of Catalonia, Major-General Stanhope projected an Expedition for the Conquest of it, then garrisoned by the French and Spaniards for King Philip. He accordingly procured the necessary Orders for embarking a Body of Troops amounting to 2600 Men, 1200 of whom were British, 600 Portuguese, and the rest Spaniards; these were put under his Command, and arrived at the Island September 14, 1708. N. S. and on the 30th the whole Island was happily reduced under the Obedience of King Charles. Thus the Island of Minorca came into the Possession of the Allies, and a very valuable Acquisition it was, on every Account, especially for its excellent Port, which became the general Rendezvous of the British Fleet in the Mediterranean; for here they could assemble as many Ships as they pleased in the utmost Secrecy, without having their Destination discovered to the Enemy, as was likely enough to happen, in the Harbours of the Continent. Here too they were a Kind of Curb to the French and other maritime Powers. But among the several Advantages that rebounded to the British Nation from this Conquest, it raised their Figure in those Parts, and gave the Moors and Italian States an Idea of them more favourable than they had entertained before, and rendered them more tractable in certain Negotiations that ensued, than would possibly have been, if this Enterprize had not been crowned with Success.

On the Peace of Utrecht, Minorca was yielded to us and has ever since continued quietly in our Hands.

CHARLES-TOWN, South-Carolina, May 29. Advice has been received, that the French and their

Indians, on the Side of Mississippi, made three or four Attacks upon our Friends the Chickefaw Indians the last Winter, but were every time repulsed; and that tho' in some of those Attacks they had 1000 Men, they are now preparing to attack them again with a greater Body; on which Occasion, the Chickefaws have ordered all their Men, that were in other Nations, to join them immediately, and have also applied to this Government for Supplies of Ammunition, &c. to defend their Country, which they are determined to do to the last Man. There is not perhaps a Nation of Indians in America, who have given greater Proofs of their firm Attachment to the English, and of Courage and Intrepidity; and therefore the French have for several Years past aimed at and endeavoured their total Extirpation.

June 17. Last Sunday Morning, Between One and Two o'Clock, a Fire (which is supposed by many to have been maliciously kindled by some hellish incendiary) broke out amongst a Parcel of Pitch, that lay upon Colonel Beale's Wharff, and burnt with such Violence, that although all the Town Engines were there in a short Time, and played with great Judgment, and upwards of 100 Men from the Winchelsea and Jamaica assisted, who were very active and serviceable, it consumed all the Stores on the said Wharff, with what was in them, before its Progress could be stoppt. His Excellency the Governor, tho' remote from it, was among the first at the Spot, upon the Alarm of Fire, and having immediately given such Directions as were necessary upon this Occasion, and on account of the Number of Acadians here, staid till the Fire was totally extinguished. Providentially it was calm; for, had the Wind blown from the Westward (it being Low-water) none of the Vessels lying at that and some other adjacent Wharffs, nor a great Number of Stores, full of valuable Merchandize, could have been saved; or had it been Easterly, all the trading Part of the Town might have been destroyed, or at least must have suffered very considerably. In the Stores that have been consumed, were about 160 Barrels of Rice, 7 Hogsheds of Sugar, 5 of Rum, one Cask of Indico, 40 Coils of Cordage, some Flour, and many other Articles; and the Quantity of Pitch burnt, was about 50 Barrels.

BOSTON, June 14. A Letter from Albany, dated the 6th Instant, says, last Thursday Capt. Rogers arrived here from within Sight of Ticonderoga, where he lay in Ambush two Hours, with 11 Men, when he counted 113 Frenchmen march by him, within two Rods; and that they had not marched 70 Rods before he came athwart 21 more, who were clearing a Road, when he fir'd upon them, kill'd and scalp'd one, and took another Prisoner, whom he brought safe here. And, from Oswego we hear, That the Indians scalp'd two Battoe Men, about 16 Days ago, as they were asleep in their Tents, one of which was kill'd outright, the other is like to do well.

By a Vessel from the West-Indies we are informed, that the French at Martinico have lately bought up 10,000 Barrels of Provisions at St. Eustatia, and were fitting out the Warwick Man of War (lately taken from us) to convoy them to the River Mississippi. Also that immense Quantities of Provisions of all Sorts were carried to St. Eustatia from the Northern Colonies, notwithstanding all their Acts.

Saturday last Capt. Sharrad arrived here in 29 Days from Jamaica; he came out with 150 Sail of Vessels, bound to different Parts, under the Convoy of two Men of War.

The same Day sailed His Majesty's Ship Woolwich for the West-Indies; as did also His Majesty's Ships Lynn, Mermaid, and Hornet Sloop, for Nova-Scotia, to join Commodore Spry's Squadron.

June 21. Capt. St. Barbe, who lately arrived at Portsmouth from Southampton, informs, That the Brest Squadron had not got out, save a few single Ships. That Admiral Hawke was off Brest with a strong Squadron, but having looked into the Harbour, found he was not strong enough for the French, and sent home for more Ships; upon which Admiral Boscawen, with nine Sail of the Line, immediately sailed to join him, under whose Convoy Capt. Barbe came out.

NEW-YORK, June 28. JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Esq; Major General, Capt. James Abercrombie, and Lieut. William Abercrombie, together with all the Officers and Men that arrived here the 15th Instant, embarked and sail'd with a favourable Wind for Albany on Tuesday last about 2 P. M. And about two Hours after arrived safe in the River, the Wilmington and Charlton Transport Ships, Captains Penny and Lad, mentioned in our last to have parted with the Fleet the 3d Instant in a Gale of Wind. The Wilmington is of Seven Hundred Tons Burthen, and besides the Officers and Men she brought, is loaded with Stores, &c.

On Tuesday came up the Earl of Halifax, Capt. Philippe.

Princ-Gedgers-County, May 24, 1736. JUST IMPORTED, In the Ships ANNE-GALLEY, Capt. HAMILTON, from LONDON, and JUDITH, Capt. SEDGWICK, from GLASGOW, and to be Sold at the Subscriber's Store in QUEEN-ANNE-TOWN, at the most reasonable Rates, for Bills of Exchange, Current Money, or Tobacco, A CHOICE Assortment of European and East-India GOODS; also, good West-India Rum, Barbados Sugar, Melasses, and Choice Cheese. WILLIAM HAMILTON.

STRAYED or Stolen from the Widow Townly's Plantation, in the Night, between the 4th and 5th of April, a Black Horse, 14 Hands high, he is 9 Years old this Spring, paces slow, and is very apt to break into a Gallop, his Brand is something like I L (with a Stroke across the l) on his left Shoulder and Buttock, has a Star in his Forehead and a Bob Tail. Whoever takes up the said Horse, and brings him to Henry Darnall, Esq; near Upper-Marlborough, Mr. James Marshall, at Piscataway, Mr. William Gammell, at Port-Tobacco, or the Subscriber, at New-Port, shall have a handsome Reward, and all Expences, paid by ALEXANDER LOTHIAN.

CATHARINE JENNINGS, HAVING left off the Business of keeping a Tavern, hereby gives Notice, that she keeps PRIVATE LODGINGS, at the House where she formerly liv'd in Annapolis, having good Beds and Accommodation. N. B. She has a BILLIARD-TABLE, almost new, to dispose of at a cheap Rate.

TO BE SOLD, A TRACT of choice Land, lying on Rock-Creek, in Frederick County, called Thompson's Adventure, containing 50 Acres, and is adjoining to John Baldwin Adamson's. Any Person inclining to purchase, may enquire of John Thompson in Annapolis, and know further.

TO BE SOLD, For Sterling Money, good Bills of Exchange, Gold, Silver, or Paper Currency,

THE following Tracts and Parcels of Land, viz.

Table listing land parcels: Rover's Content (466), Part of The Inclosure (89), Part of Goodluck (445), Fife (78), Beall's Chance (290), Father's Gift (183), Bread and Cheese Hall (91). Total Acres: 113, 649, 380, 225.

The Four last mentioned lie in Beall's Neck, in Frederick County, not above twelve Miles from Bladensburg, being a choice Parcel of fine Wood-Land.

Also 459 Acres of Land, being Part of a Tract called Allison's Park, lying likewise in Frederick County, on or near a Branch, called and known, by the Name of Captain John's Branch.

Any Person inclinable to purchase Part of the first mentioned seven Tracts, lying in Prince George's County, may have the Quantity desired, provided it be taken so as not to incommode the remaining Part, to render it unserviceable, or prejudice the Sale thereof; and likewise, any Part of the several Tracts, in Frederick County, in like Manner.

The Title and Terms may be known, by applying to the Subscriber, or to Jofas Beall, junior, living on Ackokick, near Piscataway, in Prince-George's County. JOHN BEALL, junior.

N. B. Time will be given for the Payment of Part, on good Security, if required.

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