

to fit her so as to bring her hither with Safety, and to have a proper Repair.

"After fighting four Hours the Frenchman fired red-hot Shot on board of her, which set her on Fire: This Engagement was off Belleisle, and made the French fire their Alarm Guns on Shore, and ring their Alarm Bells."

BOSTON, July 26.

By the Arrival of a Courier from Albany, we are informed, That the Provincial Army, commanded by General Winslow, decamped from Half-Moon the 15th Instant, and had marched to Fort-Hardy by the 18th, the great Number of Waggon, Carts, &c. which carried the Artillery Provisions, &c. obliging them to make easy Marches: The Army is to encamp for a few Days between the Forts Edward and William Henry, to favour the Conveyance of the Provisions, &c. to the Lake; when this is effected they will proceed immediately upon Action; 2000 regular Troops are following them, to take Possession of the Forts and Passes that our People leave: A Communication is to be kept open between them, that the Provincials may receive their Assistance if necessary. Our Army now consists of upwards of 7000 effective Men, exclusive of the Regulars.—A perfect Harmony at present prevails, and we doubt not the wise and prudent Behaviour of the British Officers will gain the Affections of the Americans, and greatly promote the Common Cause—the present Plan of Operations is generally approved—with our united Strength to act on the Side of Crown-Point. If that Fort, and the Pass of Ticonderoga is gain'd, a Passage is gained to the Heart of Canada.—The Conduct of the Enemy last Year, shows the Sense they have of the Importance of this Pass.—Frontenack and Niagara were neglected, scarce any Forces were sent there, while Baron Dieskau, and the main Body of Regulars, Canadians and Indians, were turned this Way.—If we succeed, the Communication with the great Lakes may be cut off, Du Quesne, Niagara and Frontenack, falls of Course, and those Waters may then be effectually secured to us, and the Indian Trade which flows through them—Our Prospect is favourable—the Enemy not so numerous as expected, many of their Indians carried off by the Small-Pox last Year—but two Battalions of Regulars yet arrived—the Intelligence to be gained by the brave Capt. Rogers to be depended upon—An open War will now allow us full Scope—but favourable as the present Appearances are, the Scene may soon be changed—and nothing can ensure us Success, but that divine Aid which we have been in a public and solemn Manner imploring.

By a Vessel arrived last Week at Marblehead, from the Straights, we have the following Account from Barcelona, of May 11, viz. That the French landed at Minorca, in 80 Transports, 25000 Men (convoys'd by 19 Sail of the Line) commanded by the Duke de Richelieu, who, after his landing, sent a Flag of Truce to General Blakeney, Commander in Chief of that Island, in order to demand Fort St. Philip's; but his Reply was, "That he was now an old Man, and could not, by the Course of Nature, live much longer; and as he had already faithfully served his Britannic Majesty, he should not deliver it up; and that if he should be killed, he did not doubt of their finding his Second." That he (Blakeney) had already destroyed 2000 of the Enemy: That the Duke had sent for a Reinforcement of 5000 Men: That Commodore Edgcombe had been at Gibraltar, and clean'd, and had join'd the Admirals Byng and West.

By the Captain of a Scouting Party of ours we find, that the French have at their Camp at Fort Carolong, (alias Ticonderago) 330 Tents, 70 Log Houses, Forces at that Place and Crown-Point 3000; and more expected. This was not Capt. Rogers's Party.

August 2. Tuesday last arrived here Capt. Dewar, from Cadiz, which Place he left the 16th of June, and informs, that the Day after he came out, he fell in with 8 British Men of War of the Line, about 16 Leagues from Gibraltar, bound to the Mediterranean to reinforce the Admirals Byng and West. These Ships were from 90 to 60 Guns, and had on board a great Number of Troops out of old Regiments.

The same Day Captain Stainford arrived at Ipswich in 43 Days from Lisbon, who confirms the Accounts we have had from other Places, of an Engagement between the English and French Fleets off Port-Mahon, with these further Particulars, viz. That after an obstinate Fight from Eleven a Clock in the Forenoon till Night, both

Fleets parted; that the French retired either to Toulon or Marseilles, and it was thought the English had got into Mahon Harbour.

By several Vessels from the West-Indies we are informed, That a great Number of Privateers were fitting out, both at the English and French Islands; but that none of them had put to Sea 18 Days ago.—That besides abundance of Northern Vessels with Provisions at St. Eustatia, no less than Two Thousand Tons of Beef, &c. from Ireland, were lately brought to St. Eustatia in Dutch Vessels, supposed for the Use of the French.

We have the following melancholy Account from the Westward, viz. That 13 of our Carpenters being at Work in the Woods near Lake George, within Half a Mile of one of the Forts, and under a Guard of 4 Captain and 60 Men, and the Captain discovering Indians in the Bushes hard by, ran away with his Men, and called to the Carpenters to make the best of their Way, for that there were Indians: But the Guard being gone, the Indians attacked the poor Carpenters and killed Eight of them, the other five made Shift to recover the Fort. 'Tis said the Indians were about 30 in Number, and that the Captain is broke for his ill Behaviour.

The following Extract of a Letter from Fort Edward, dated July 26, we received by last Saturday's Courier, viz. General Winslow, with the chief Part of the Army, arrived here the 20th, with the Artillery, &c. in 3 Days from Half-Moon, and the next Day fet out for the Lake: Colonel Ruggles with his Regiment fet out for the Lake To-morrow: Last Week 3 Men were killed at Fort William-Henry, which was chiefly owing to bad Conduct in the Officer who commanded the Party. Yesterday three Deserters came to Fort Miller, with their Guns clubbed, for Protection, and said 16 more were determined to do the same; they say that Garrison is in a miserable Condition; that they have the Small-pox there, and that there is but fourteen Pieces of Cannon at Ticonderoga, chiefly small. The Deserters have been examined by the General, and are properly taken Care of, for fear of bringing any bad Disposition: The Enemy lately killed two of our Men at Fort William-Henry, and wounded a Third; but a Party of our Men sallied out of the Fort and overtook them, killed and scalped one Indian, and it is thought several, as they found three Guns and 30 Packs, which they brought to the Fort.

NEW-YORK, August 2.

Upon the Arrival of the Express on Saturday Morning last from Albany, Directions were given for publishing his Majesty's Declaration of War. And accordingly at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council, such of the Members of the Assembly as were in Town, and the Magistrates of the City, and all the Civil and Military Officers attended at Fort George, with Capt. Alexander's Company of Grenadiers, where the Proclamation was read, and his Majesty's and several other loyal Healths were drank. The Company afterwards proceeding to the City-Hall, preceded by the Company of Grenadiers, it was a second Time published: After which the Company proceeded to the City-Arms, where his Majesty's immortal Memory, and numberless other loyal Healths were repeated, and every Thing conducted with great Order and Decency.

A Letter from Oswego, dated the 15th of July, says, "We are all well here, and only wait for Guns for the new Vessels; the Brig is now rigged, will carry 14 Guns very well, and is, I think, a fine Vessel of her Size: However the Brig, Sloop Ontario, and the new Sloop, are to go, upon a Cruise on Sunday next."

August 9. The Leicester Packet Boat left Fal-mouth the 23d of June, and the Day after Capt. Ratford descried a Fleet at some Distance, and was chased by one of them for some Hours, but out-failed her: About which Time another Fleet was in Sight, and by their Signals and Course were both judged to be English Fleets; the one under Admiral Osborne, bound to America, with the Stirling-Castle Man of War, and twelve Transports under Convoy; and the other under the Admirals Hawke and Saunders, bound up the Mediterranean.

Since our last the French Ship brought in by the Nightingale Man of War has been condemned, and her Cargo is selling off every Day.

The Nightingale we hear is preparing for a Cruise.

Tuesday last his Excellency Major General Shirley, sailed from hence, for Rhode-Island, with a fair Wind.

Since our last the following Privateers fell down to the Watering-Place, viz. The Sloop Hardy, Capt. Grantham, of 12 Carriage, and 12 Swivel Guns, and 100 Men; the Sloop Mary, Capt. Pell, of 12 Carriage, and 12 Swivel Guns, and 100 Men; the Snow Earl of Loudon, Capt. Wayman, of 16 Carriage, and 16 Swivel Guns, and 120 Men; the Sloop Bradford, Capt. Becker, of 8 Carriage, and 8 Swivel Guns, and 50 Men.

The Brig Prince George, Capt. Linus King, of 12 Carriage, and 12 Swivel Guns, will fall down to the Watering-Place on Wednesday next, as will also the Sloop Goldfinch, Capt. Randal, of 14 Carriage, and 14 Swivel Guns, and the Sloop Harlequin, Capt. Fenton, of 10 Carriage, and 10 Swivels, with 50 Men, at the same Time. The Brig Polly, Capt. Grigg, of 14 Carriage, and 14 Swivel Guns; and the Schooner Margaret, Capt. Miller, of 12 Carriage, and 12 Swivel Guns, are fitting out with all Expedition.

We are credibly informed, That about 5 Weeks ago, there was at Cape-Francois, one French Ship of War of 74 Guns; two of 64, one of 54, and two Frigates, one of 36 Guns, and the other of 28; that several English Vessels had lately been carried in there; one a large Schooner, with 20 Horses on-Deck, one a small Schooner, and a Brig commanded by Capt. Butterfield, bound from Georgia for Santa Croix; that about 50 Sail then lay at the Capé loading Sugars, &c. for Old France; but that Men were so scarce that 'twas thought almost impracticable to obtain a Sufficiency of Seamen to navigate them to Europe; and that a great many single Ships had arrived there from home lately.

PHILADELPHIA, August 5.

A Privateer Brigantine of 14 Carriage Guns, and 16 Swivels, is fitting out here with all Expedition, and will be ready to sail in ten Days or a Fortnight at farthest. A Ship for the same Purpose is put on the Stocks, which is to be forwarded with all possible Dispatch.

We have Advice from Cumberland County, that on the 22d ult. about 60 Indians appeared before Fort Granville, and challenged the Commander of it to come out and fight them; but that he being but weak handed, did not think proper to accept of the Challenge; that they fired at, and wounded one of the Men that belonged to the Fort in the Thigh, who happened to be a little Way from it, but not so badly but that he got safe in; that they lurked about the Place for some Time, expecting to catch some of our People, but they being upon their Guard, were disappointed; and that then they went off, after shooting down all the Cattle they could find.

We hear further from the same Place, that on Thursday last twelve Indians (Part of those that were at Fort Granville) went to the Plantation of one Baskins, near Juniata, whom they murdered in a cruel Manner, burnt his House, and carried off his Wife and Children: That one Hugh Carroll and Family were made Prisoners about the same Time by some Indians, who asked Carroll a great many Questions, particularly with respect to the Strength of Harris's, Hunter's, and M'Kee's Forts; and said they would soon shew him a great Number of French and Indians, who, they told him, were coming down to fall upon this Province; but that he, notwithstanding they thought they had tied him very securely, made Shift to untie himself in the Night, and made his Escape.

August 12. Capt. Rench, who left Plymouth the 29th of June, in Company with a Number of Transports, with five Regiments on board, for Gibraltar, under Convoy of three Ships of War, of 60, 40, and 20 Guns, gives us the following agreeable Intelligence, viz. That that Day he heard a Letter read at Plymouth, from an Officer belonging to Admiral Byng's Fleet, to his Father there, advising, that they had met with the French Fleet, and engaged them from some Time in the Afternoon (he does not say what Day) till Night came on, when he took the Opportunity of landing the Men he had on board his Fleet for Minorca, which he did effectually, and then came out again, and engaged Gallifoniens a second Time; in which Engagement he shattered his Ships so much, that they were all obliged to run for it, some into Carthagena, and others into Toulon, &c. and that he, Byng, was lying off of Toulon, with 21 Sail of Men of War, in order to prevent any Succours being sent to the French Army at Port-Mahon.

On the 22d of July, in Latitude 35: 3, Long. 31: 59, he spoke with the Fleet bound to North-America, consisting of 13 Transports, under Convoy of a 74 and 40 Gun Ship. The Honourable

George Benny, Esq. appointed Governor of this Province, is on board the 74 Gun Ship.

And on the 2d Instant, in Lat. 36: 30, Long. 64: 16, he spoke with the Hynd Man of War, bound to England from Jamaica; on board of which is Admiral Knowles, late Governor of that Island, who, Capt. Rench was informed, is made a Lord of the Admiralty.

Capt. Rench says further, that there had not one French Privateer appeared on the Coast of England: That Admiral Hawke had sailed for the Mediterranean in a single Ship: That the Royal George, of 112 Guns, sailed also for the Mediterranean at the same Time with the Gibraltar Fleet: That the English were in high Spirits: And that every County in England had offered to build a Vessel of War for his Majesty at its own Expence, and that several of them were actually on the Stocks.

It is also said that the French are very sickly at Minorca; that great Numbers of them die daily; and that General Blakeney has a good Garrison there, consisting of between four and five Thousand effective Men.

By a Letter from Fort Henry, in Berks County, dated August the seventh, there is Advice, that the Indians are hovering about that Neighbourhood, some of them being seen almost every Day; and that they had burnt the House of Nicholas Eifenhower.

From Barbados we learn, that two Martinico Men, taken by one of our Men of War, have been lately sent in there; and that the Prize taken by Capt. Falkingham had also got safe in.

We have Advice from Halifax, that a French Frigate was lately drove ashore near Louisburg by some of our Men of War.

ANNAPOLIS, August 19.

Sunday last his Excellency our Governor returned Home, in good Health, from Fort-Frederick.

Monday last his Majesty's Declaration of War against the French King, was publish'd here; the Militia of the Town and County being drawn up, on the Court-House Hill, on that Occasion: After which, his Majesty's, and many other loyal Healths were drank.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, Entered, Brig Osgood, Wells Waring, from Barbados; Snow Molly, William Smith, from Madeira.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the OSGOOD, Capt. WELLS WARING, and to be SOLD by the Subscriber, in ANNAPOLIS, for Bills, Cash, Wheat, or Corn,

A CHOICE Parcel of Madeira WINES; likewise, Barbados RUM and SUGAR. DANIEL WOLSTENHOLME.

STOLEN out of the Inspecting-House at Howard's Point on South River, between the 14th and 17th Instant, the following Parcel of Transfer Notes, sign'd by Zachariah Jacob, and Joseph Howard, viz.

No.	To whom payable.	Quantity.
23.	Richard Phelps,	248½
41.	Elisha White,	101
79.	James Maccubbin,	215
39.	Charles Griffith,	447
57.	Sarah Gresham,	391
28.	John Wilmot, junior,	296
80.	Samuel Day,	438
1.	John Brunt,	400
66.	Anne Sanders,	224
78.	John Elliott,	116
72.	Richard Beard,	128
31.	Elizabeth Burges,	136
63.	Edward Lee,	192
36.	Richard Nicholson,	136
13.	Gideon Garrey,	132
11.	John Pelton,	109
7.	Richard Taylor,	192
58.	Basil Phelps,	136
13.	Thomas Litten,	212
53.	Robert Wells, junior,	131

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Any Person to whom they are offered to Sale, or in Payment, are desired to stop them.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in Calvert County, on the 26th of July last, a Negro Fellow, named Samba, he has a down Look, and is above 5 Feet high. Had on when he went away, a blue figur'd Jacket, and an Off-habrigs Shirt. Whoever will bring the said Negro to the Subscriber, shall have a PISTOLE Reward, paid by THOMAS MORGAN.