

Prize Ships written by Galiffoniere to a Friend, in which he acknowledged his wonderful Escape on the Engagement of the 20th of May, owing to the Cowardice of the English Admiral, or some other unaccountable Circumstance. This Letter, we are assured, is with the Lords of the Admiralty. Yesterday Admiral Knowles arrived at his House in Bond-Street from Jamaica.

September 4. The following Captains are going to the Mediterranean, in the Room of those order'd home, on Admiral Byng's Tryal; Captain Charles Wray, John Storr, Edward Hughes, Julian Legge, James Gambier, Car Scroope, Chaloner Ogle, and M. Moore.—Some Ships are sail'd with Stores for Jersey and Guernsey.—Admiral Hawke was off Minorca, and divided his Fleet to block up all the Harbours; but they say the Garrison had Provisions for 18 Months.

Extract of a Letter from Southbold, September 1. "Tis with great Pleasure I inform you of my safe Arrival. We have had a long and anxious Passage. We spoke to two Brigs off Berwick, who had both been taken and ransom'd; and one of them was chased into our Fleet by another Privateer, but seeing so many of us together, he did not care to venture in among us, which was very fortunate for us. 'Tis true we had a Sloop of ten Guns with us for-Convoy, who has given due Attendance; and performed her Duty exceeding well; but had they known what little Defence we could make, and had they joined together, few of us could have escaped. I think it is great Pity that so great a Property, and such a Number of naked Men should be risked, without any Thing to defend themselves but a single Musket a-Bulk, which, I assure you, has caused me many uneasy Hours. However, thank God, we are safe arrived with a good Fishing; and if the Yarmouth Fishery turns out in Proportion to the Shetland, and with as little Loss, it will be the most beneficial Fishing the Society ever made, by some Thousands of Pounds. We have caught more Fish, got them earlier to Market, and brought our Nets home all dried at Shetland, which is a very great Advantage to them, at least 1000 Pounds Difference in their fitting out for another Season."

Extract of a private Letter from Amsterdam, Sept. 3. "Letters from Leipfick of this Day, give us an Account that the Prussian Troops are arrived in that City from Magdeburg, that they have taken Possession of the Gates, have planted four Pieces of Cannon against the Town-House, and are billeted from 14, to 16 and 20, in almost every House in the City. At the same Time we hear, that the severest Injunctions have been laid on the People, through all the Towns they have pass'd, forbidding them, on Pain of Death, to communicate by Letters the Destination of these Troops. The Terror into which this Circumstance has thrown the Traders at Leipfick, is unpeakable, their Commissions for Goods being countermanded, and the Stoppage of their Merchandize being earnestly desired till further Notice. Letters from Berlin at the same Time communicate as a Secret, that the Court has discovered, by a Secretary lately escaped from Vienna, that the Court of Saxony has embraced the Scheme of the Court of France and Vienna. It is conceived here that his Prussian Majesty, whose Purposes are not always known till executed, being well apprised of the Designs of his no-good Friends, has made Use of his usual Method of taking Occasion by the Forelock, and will be ready in Silesia and Bohemia before he is called on."

By the Instructions given to the Captains of Men of War and Privateers, armed against the French, they are in no wise to molest any Ship belonging to the Grand Signior; and that if any Goods be found on board any Turkish Ship, the Property of the Grand Signior's Subjects, that are not contraband, they shall be conveyed to the Place where they are bound to.

Extract of a Letter from Edinburgh, dated Sept. 2. "On Saturday last arrived from Aberdeen the Margaret of Seagreen, bound from Campvere for Bergen, who reports, that on Tuesday Se'nnight, he was taken off Holy-Island, about 15 Leagues from the Land, by a French Privateer from Boulogne, Charles Cary Commander, mounting four Carriage Guns, and about 30 Swivels, with a Crew consisting of 60 Men, among whom were several English and Scotch, who did not shew their Countrymen common Civility. After detaining him four Hours on board, they ransom'd him for 93 Guineas, and carried James Younger the Master, Ransom'd. The Vessel is a Dogger, square-stern'd, a small Mizzen, but no Mizzen Top-sail, and is reckon'd a dull Sailer. The Frenchman

did his Orders were to carry into Port three of all his Prizes and ransom the fourth; and having already taken three, this Vessel fell to be ransom'd. On Saturday the Margaret spoke with the Grampus Sloop, who the Day before had chased a French Privateer off Stonchaven, and lost her in the Night.

Extract of a Letter from on board the Fortune Sloop, commanded by Captain Mapleford, off the Hebrides, August 12, 1756.

"Though the French have taken Care to furnish all the Ports along the Coast of Minorca with Troops, Admiral Hawke's People have landed in several Places, and carried off Numbers of Cattle and Provisions. A Vessel is stationed here to observe the Toulon Fleet."

September 6. Ten Pieces of fine Brass Cannon, from 50 to 60 Hundred Weight, with their Carriages, were on Tuesday brought to the Tower Wharf, and are in a Day or two to be shipped for the Mediterranean, with many others of a larger Size.

The Camp under the Command of Sir John Mordaunt, at Shroton near Blandford, is thought to be no way inferior, in Point of true Service, Figure, Order, Economy, and a regular Discipline, to charge of religious, as well as military Duties, to that of the Hessians at Winchester: The Soldiers observe a most exact Discipline, and behave well, owing principally to the good Example set them by their Officers, who are no less distinguished for their Politeness than their Bravery.

September 6. A Gentleman, who arrived last Thursday from Amsterdam, informs us, that that Port, and many others, were filled with transport Vessels, laden with Stores, and all Kinds of Ammunition for the French Service; and that not a Day passes but some Vessels go out for the French Ports.

On Wednesday Admiral Norris hoisted his Flag on board the Yarmouth at Portsmouth, who, with the Torbay, Warwick, and several others, are ready to go out of the Harbour.

In the Amsterdam Gazette, we find the following Paragraph, dated London, August 24.

"Lieutenant-General Hop, Envoy Extraordinary from the States-General, has demanded of the Ministry the Release of the Dutch Man of the Downs the 7th Instant by some of the King's Ships: His Excellency represented, that the Ships and other Materials on board the Ships Maits and other Materials on board the Ships in Question, not being included, by Treaties, in the Class of contraband Goods, they could not in Justice stop nor detain those Ships; and he was answer'd, that the Case should be examined without Delay, and decided according to the Tenor of the Treaties."

Sept. 14. According to Letters from Nantz, the Unicorn Frigate is arrived from Canada at Brest, with the News of an Advantage gained in America by the French Troops. It is said, that having met with a Body of 1500 English, they killed 400 of them, and made 400 Prisoners; that they burnt 300 Battoes on Lake Ontario belonging to the English; and that after their Victory they went to Invest Fort Oswego. However the Court has not published a Syllable of all this.

Chatham, Sept. 3. The Union, a fine second Rate, ornamented a la Chinoise, will be launched the 25th Instant, and it is confidently reported that Admiral Knowles will hoist his Flag on board her.

St. JOHN'S, in Antigua, October 12. 'Tis reported that the Squadron on this Station, which is already very strong, will soon be considerably reinforced with some Capital Ships.

On Sunday the Dove, Capt. Higgins, and the Lampoo, Capt. Shearman, two private Vessels of War, brought into this Harbour a French Privateer, the Captain of which was killed in the Engagement; and the Snow Elizabeth, Capt. Ritchie, from London and Cork, bound for Jamaica which they retook from the said Privateer.

We can with Certainty assure our Readers, that Captain Lynn, in the Joram Privateer (which was fitted out from this Port, and lately taken by two large French Privateers) behaved with the greatest Bravery and Resolution, as did all his Officers. They killed 42 of the French, and wounded 17, and would inevitably have taken either of the Vessels singly. The Enemy admir'd the Intrepidity of the gallant old Captain, whom they treat with the Respect he deserves.

The Sloop Paragon, John Thibou, Commander, from New-York (a Letter of Marque) on Saturday Night last took and carried into St. Christophers, a French Schooner, bound from St. Eustatia to

St. Domingo, with 30,000 Pieces of Eight on board. A few Days before, the said Sloop engaged two French Privateers, which she drove off with the Loss of six Men.

N E W - Y O R K, November 8. We hear that a fifth Packet is taken up to ply between this Port and Falmouth; and that she was to sail from thence the 16th of October.

Saturday last the Privateer Sloop Weefel, Captain Fenton, and Squirrel, Captain Jones, fell down to the Watering-Place, and we hear are to proceed on their Cruise To-morrow, or next Day.

November 22. Thursday Morning was sent in here, by the Privateer Schooner Charming-Peggy, Captain Haddon, of this Port, a French Barka Longa, Monsieur Piarre Soavage, late Master, which he took about 5 Weeks ago, in the Latitude of Bermuda, bound from Porto-Prince, on Hispaniola, for Dunkirk. She sailed from Hispaniola the 12th of September, under Convoy of Admiral Salvart, and 7 Men of War, with 16 Merchantmen, and parted from the Merchantmen only three or four Days before he was taken. Monsieur Salvart, after seeing the Ships clear of the Islands, put back. This Barka Longa sailed from Dunkirk the 16th of June, with the French King's Declaration of War for the West-India Islands, and being in the King's Service, her Cargo is very inconsiderable, consisting of a small Quantity of Indico and Coffee.

Saturday last the Privateer Ship Hercules, of 22 Guns, and 150 Men, Samuel Bayard, Commander, fell down to the Watering-place, in order to proceed on her Cruise.

And, next Day the Privateer Snow Dreadnought, James M'Hugh, Commander, fell down also.

A Letter from one of our Naval-Officers taken on Ontario Lake, dated Quebec, October 8, to a Gentleman in Albany, brought thither by a Friend Indian, mentions that himself and Brother Captives were all well, and then on the Point of being put on board Vessels for Europe.

Extract of a Letter from Albany, dated last Friday.

"Undoubtedly you have heard that all our Operations against the Enemy, for the Season, are at an End; and that our Forces are going into Winter Quarters, certain Intelligences having been obtained, that Monsieur Montcalm, the French General, had ordered his Forces into Quarters some Weeks ago, the Weather beginning to grow every sharp. Our Fort Edward is rendered extremely strong, inasmuch that the 500 Men left in Garrison there, are thought to be sufficient to keep off any Body of Men the Enemy can bring against it. Fort William Henry is also well furnished, and left garrisoned by 500 Men more; and such a Communication is established between them, that any Attack made upon either, Assistance from the other may be obtained in a Trifle of Time, and is so ordered, that should the Enemy come between, they are sure of being engaged between two Fires. We have heard of no late Depredations of the Enemy on our Frontiers. General Johnson left this a few Days ago, for the Onondago Country. Lord Loudoun is now here, and when he leaves it I know not. We have a fine long Range of Barracks here, completely finished for the Comfort of the Soldiers. I have one Thing further particularly to observe to you, that the Battoemen returned from Duty, and paid off, are in general very healthy and strong, owing, it is thought, to their constant Exercise, their Calling, indeed, being all such."

PHILADELPHIA, November 25. Friday last his Honour the Governor, with the Gentlemen that accompanied him, returned from Easton, having concluded a Peace with the Delaware Indians that live on Susquehanna: So that it is hoped our Northern Frontier will now have some Rest from the Incurfions of the Savages, and the Province better enabled to defend the Western Parts.

ANNAPOLIS, December 2. Yesterday Morning Major Day Scott, of Somerset County, came to Town, and informs us, That Capt. Dickenson in a large Sloop from London arrived there the 25th of last Month in seven Weeks and three Days, having touched at Bermudas, who gave the following most agreeable Account; That the brave Admiral HAWKE, with his Fleet of 20 Ships, had met with and engaged the Toulon Fleet in the Mediterranean, but the Day he has forgot, which consisted of 19 Sail, and after a very smart Engagement of several Hours, he took Seven of the French Men of War, and sunk Three, having Two of his own sunk; and One blow'd up: He further says, that Capt. Dickenson had this

Account from on board one of Admiral Hawke's own Ships, who was then coming up the Channel, with the Seven French Men of War, which he saw and counted. Capt. George Handy, who arrived there the 28th of November last, in 16 Days from Antigua, declares, That just before he sailed from thence, the West-India Packet arrived there from Falmouth in a short Passage, and brought Letters and Prints from London, which contained the same Account as above.

We hear that Capt. Caldwell, in a Sloop from Somerset, loaded with Corn and Lumber, was taken in Sight of Antigua by a French Privateer: They gave the Men the Sloop's Boat, in which they went ashore at Antigua.

We are likewise informed, that Captain Aaron Lynn, late of Somerset County, who commanded a Privateer, belonging to Antigua, sailed on a Cruise some Time ago, and in a few Days after, off of Martinica, he took a rich French Sloop, and carried her into Antigua. In a short Time he went out again on another Cruise, and in three Days after, seeing a French Sloop lying off of Guadaloupe, near the Land, he run in, cut her off, and sent her safe into Antigua: But two Privateers belonging to Guadaloupe (having seen him take the Sloop) immediately weigh'd Anchor, and came out after him, which he engaged 6 Glaffes, when he was obliged to strike, having no more Cartridges filled, or it is thought he would have fought his Way clear, altho' both the Privateers were much superior to him in Strength. In the Engagement he had only Three Men killed and Two wounded; and the French Privateers, by Letters from Guadaloupe, had Forty-two killed, and Seventeen wounded. They carried him into that Port.

On the 6th of November, died in Somerset County, of a Nervous Fever, Capt. JOHN HANDY, one of the Representatives and Magistrates of that County, a Gentleman much esteem'd and of a fair Character.

A Fortnight ago, died Dr. FRANCIS PARNHAM in Charles County, a Gentleman whose Death is much lamented by all who knew him.

A few Days since died of a Pleurisy at Chester-Town, on his Journey home from the Northward, Mr. PHILIP BARTON KEY, a young Gentleman, late Sheriff of St. Mary's County, whose promising Disposition and engaging Temper gain'd him a general Esteem, and whose immature Death is greatly regretted.

In a List of Prizes just come to Hand, taken and carried into Martinica, before the 1st of October, amongst many others, are the following, viz. Brig Fox, Cornelius Roberson, from Virginia for Barbados, with Grain, &c.

Schooner Sea-Horse, Henry Hammond, from Maryland for Ditto, with Ditto.

Sloop Charming-Patty, Bartholomew Lynch, from Maryland for Antigua, with Pork, &c.

The Schooner ———, Nicholls, from Maryland, is carried into Guadaloupe.

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GIVES Public Notice, That he has again taken out Licence, and has very good Entertainment for Gentlemen or Others; and hopes for the Company of his old Friends, who may depend on good Liqueurs, Victuals, Beds, and Provender for their Horses, and very good Usage, from, Their humble Servant,

THOMAS WILLIAMSON.