

the whole to retreat to the opposite Side, where Lieut. Stark and Ensign Brewer, with about 40 Men, had made a Stand.—The Enemy pursued us so close thro' the Valley that they took some Prisoners, and killed Capt. Spikeman and several of our Men, but were beaten back again from the Bush Fire of Lieut. Stark's Party, that covered and secured our Retreat.—They then sent out a flanking Party on our Right, which Lieut. Stark discovered, and called out to acquaint me of; upon which I ordered a Party under Serjeant Phillips, to head and prevent them, which he accordingly did, by having the first Fire, and killing several of them; the rest retreating to their main Body. The Enemy soon after made an Attempt to push up to us; but having the Advantage of the Ground, and good Shelter from Trees, we obliged them a second Time to retreat, as they could not stand our continual Fire upon them. They then sent out another Party to flank us, which I perceived, and sent Ensign Rogers with 12 Men, who repulsed and forced them back to their own Ground; and afterwards ordered the said Party into the Rear, to prevent any further Designs of this Kind from the Enemy: Then formed ourselves for the Battle; taking my Station on the Right, Ensign Brewer on the Left, and Lieut. Stark and Mr. Baker in the Center; the latter of which I desired to go into the Rear to assist Ensign Rogers; but he did not incline to leave his Post, and soon after was killed.—We continued a constant Fire on both Sides till Sun-set, the French often calling to us to accept Quarters, promising that we should be used with Humanity, and treated kindly; and at the same Time called me by my Name, and threaten'd us, that if we did not embrace their Offer, as soon as the Party joined them from the Fort, which they expected every Moment, they would cut us to Pieces; but we absolutely refused to receive their proffered Mercy; and I told them we had Men sufficient to repel any Force that could come against us; and that we should have it in our Power to cut them to Pieces, and scalp them.—About Sun-setting received a slanting Wound in my Hand, through my Wrist, which disabled me from loading my Gun, on which I sent a Man to the rest of my Officers desiring them not to be discouraged, but to maintain their Ground; which they did very gallantly, till Day-light ceased, when both Sides left off firing; upon which I consulted all my Officers, who unanimously were of Opinion, that it was most prudent to carry off the Wounded of our Party, and take the Advantage of the Night to return homeward, lest the Enemy should send out a fresh Party against us in the Morning: And as our Ammunition was almost expended, we were obliged to pursue this Resolution, and so travelled all Night. Two Days after, in the Evening, got into Fort William Henry, with 45 effective, and 9 wounded Men.—We imagined the Enemy consisted of 250 French and Indians, of which Number we suppose 40 were killed, besides the Prisoners we had taken, and that we wounded many of them.

A List of the Killed, Missing and Prisoners.

Capt. Robert Rogers's Company. Thomas Stinson, killed; Serjeant James Henry, and William Morrice, missing; Hugh Morrison, taken Prisoner.

Capt. Hobbs's Company. Serjeant Jonathan Howard, Tinner Cemp, John Edmonds, Thomas Farmer, and Emanuel La Portuga, killed.

Capt. Richard Rogers's Company. Joseph Stephens, killed; Benjamin Woodal, and David Rimbald, missing; and Ensign Page, taken Prisoner.

Capt. Spikeman's Company. Himself, Lieutenant Kennedy, Thomas Brown, Robert Avery, and Samuel Fisk, killed.

Voluntiers. Mr. Baker, of the 44th Regiment; and Mr. Gardner, in my Company, killed.

W O U N D E D.

Capt. Robert Rogers's Company. Captain Robert Rogers, in the Hand and Head; Samuel Martin, badly in the Belly and Hip; and Thomas Burnside, through the Hand.

Capt. Richard Rogers's Company. David Page, shot through his Side; Nathaniel Merrill, in the Forehead; and John Short, in the Head.

Capt. Hobbs's Company. Serjeant Ebenezer Perry, shot through his Shoulder.

Capt. Spikeman's Company. Serjeant Moore, slightly in the Arm; and John Catull, in the Mouth.

About a Fortnight ago arrived at Providence, in Rhode-Island Government, a French Prize Snow, taken by the Brig Providence, of that Place, commanded by Capt. Hopkins: Her Cargo consists of 22 Bales of sorted Goods, 70 Casks of Nails, 120 Chests of Wine, about 100 Casks ditto,

1 Hoghead of Beaver Hats, Bar-Iron, and a Variety of other valuable Articles.—She is about 140 Tons, was bound from France to Cape Francois.—The Captain of this Prize has been taken three Times this War.

By a Vessel arrived at Marblehead from Lisbon, we have Advice, that six Sail of Men of War of the Line, with a great Number of Transports, with Soldiers on board, had sailed from Breit for America.

Extract of a Letter from Lisbon, 24th Dec. 1756.

"We have lately had extreme bad Weather, which has not permitted any Arrivals from England, and the Bahia Fleet which came here in a violent Storm has suffer'd greatly; two of that Fleet were lost upon the Bar, and three more are missing; one of them that were lost had on board a Cargo of East-India Goods, which were taken out of a Portuguese Ship of War, that was condemned at Bahia, and is computed to be worth 2,000,000 Crusados, not the least Trifle was saved, but the Loss chiefly falls upon his Portuguese Majesty."

February 21. A few Days since arrived here Capt. John Sandford, late Master of a Brigantine belonging to this Town, from whom we have the following Account, viz. That on his Voyage to Europe in October last, he was taken by a French Privateer from Louisburg, of 8 Carriage and 10 Swivel Guns, and that he found on board the Privateer, Mr. Solomon Lane, and Company, of Cape-Ann, who had just before been taken on Bank Quero. Soon after, a Vessel from Virginia, bound to Hull, John M'Cloud, Master, fell into their Hands, as did Captain William Davis, in a Brigantine from Europe bound hither: And last of all they took Captain David Jefferies, in a Snow from Scotland bound hither; when finding they had more Prisoners than they knew what to do with, they took out of Capt. Jefferies all his Bale Goods, and what else they thought of Value, and gave the Vessel to 28 of their Prisoners, who soon after got safe into Bermuda; where they found Capt. Joseph Rous, in a Privateer Schooner from Halifax, with a very valuable French Prize, viz. a Ship of 250 Tons, bound from St. Domingo to France.

Extract of a Letter from Surinam, dated Dec. 22.

"Since I wrote you of the 18th Instant, a Ship is arrived here from Amsterdamb; the Master of which informs me, That on his Passage he fell in with five or six English Men of War, which had with them a French Man of War of 74 Guns, which they had taken."

We hear from Newport, in Rhode-Island, That Capt. Fones in a Privateer belonging to that Place, had taken a large French Sloop, 'tis said of near 100 Tons Burthen, and sent her into one of our West-India Islands; and that she is esteemed a valuable Prize.

The Commissioners in London, appointed for Sale of the French Prizes, taken before the Declaration of War, having sent Powers to proper Persons, to dispose of such Ships and Cargoes, as were carried into Gibraltar, Barbados, the Leeward Islands, Jamaica, and South-Carolina, by public Sale, have given Notice thereof; and that they expect such Sales will commence in the Months of January, February, and March next, that all Merchants inclining to become Purchasers, may have Time to give Orders to their Correspondents accordingly.

February 28. Captain Orne, who sailed from Salem on the First of December last, for the Leeward Islands, was taken off Bermuda by a French Xebec, from Martinico for Marseilles, and in their Passage for Europe met with a large Ship, which they took for an English Man of War, and accordingly stood for Madeira. While Capt. Orne was at Madeira, there came in a Privateer from England, which failed from thence the 28th of December last, the Captain of which reported, That on the First of January, towards Dusk, he saw a Fleet of Ships steering W. and by N. that he kept to Windward of them all Night, in order to make what they were in the Morning, and, to his Disappointment, found them to be French Men of War, full of Men, and notwithstanding he was chased by one of them for several Hours, he got clear: That afterwards they stood their former Course W. and by N. by which he imagined they were bound for Louisburg. Captain Orne, who gives this Account, arrived at Salem last Friday Evening.

Capt. Fones, in a Privateer Brig, belonging to Rhode-Island, arrived there on Friday last, with a fine large French Prize Snow, said to be very valuable, the Contents of which we have not yet learnt.

Since our last several Letters are come to Hand from the West-Indies, informing, that about the 17th of January an Embargo was laid in the English Islands, prohibiting the Exportation of Provisions without Bond, on Penalty of 1000 l. Sterling, and one Year's Imprisonment.

N E W - Y O R K, February 21.

By Capt. Hepburn, who arrived here on Monday last, in 8 Days, from Cape-Fear, in North-Carolina, we are informed, that he there saw a North-Carolina Gazette, wherein was an Account of Capt. Stoddard, in the Privateer Brig Pliny, of this Port, having taken and carried into Charles-Town, a Ship bound from St. Domingo for Old-France.

On Wednesday Morning last, between four and five of the Clock, a dreadful Fire was discovered in the House of Mr. Thomas Duncan, of this City, Merchant, which was attended with a melancholy and most fatal Catastrophe, for before the unhappy Family, lulled in profound Sleep and Security, could be alarmed, the Flame within the House became universal. Mr. Duncan himself escaped out of a Window, by the Assistance of a Ladder, as he fortunately lodged in the Front Part of the House, and his eldest Daughter, a young Lady of about 18, being with her Mother, and four Children, who were sick of the Small-Pox, in the Nursery, in the back Part of the House, and not having that Conveniency, had no other Chance of avoiding the devouring Fire, than by throwing herself out of a Window three Stories high, and was most miraculously received into the Arms of a Gentleman who had encouraged her to this dangerous, tho' only Expedient, and who was thus the generous Instrument of preserving her Life at the Risque of his own. The Nurse made the like Attempt, but did not survive three Minutes after she reached the Ground. Mrs. Duncan, tho' earnestly entreated, and assured of receiving the same kind Assistance which had saved her Daughter, was overcome by maternal Affection, and Tenderess for her Children, whom she could not bear to leave in that dreadful Situation, that she rejected all importunities, and in a few Moments, with them, expired in the Flames. The House, with many valuable Effects, was intirely destroyed; but by the Industry of the Inhabitants, who are deservedly celebrated for their Zeal and Dexterity, in extinguishing Fires, assisted by the Gentlemen of the Army, and the Soldiers now quartered here, it was prevented from extending farther.

Mrs. Duncan was a Lady as distinguished for her agreeable Person, as the Charms and Embellishments of her Mind: Besides an exemplary Piety and boundless Charity, she was eminently blessed with every Grace and Accomplishment requisite to form the best of WIVES, the best of MOTHERS, and the best of FRIENDS: No wonder then, that so many united Perfections rendered her as generally beloved and admired, as she was known; and justly adds to the heavy Affliction with which such an amazing and most affecting Scene must naturally inspire every Breast endued with the smallest Spark of Humanity or Compassion; but more peculiarly those who by their Relation and Friendships with her, were daily Witnesses of her unparalleled Merit and Excellence, and who by this deplorable Event, are deprived of Blessings as great as they are irremediable. The only Consolation left the distressed Friends of this truly valuable Lady, is a certain Assurance, that, like ELIJAH, he is triumphantly translated, with her innocent Babes, from a World of perpetual Inquietudes and Dangers, (from which this sad Calamity convinces us, that even the best and most deserving can plead no Exemption), to the transcendant Joys of Heaven, the only adequate Residence for such shining VIRTUE and such spotless INNOCENCE.

Captain Taylor from Coracoa, but last from Georgia, confirms the Account of Captain Stoddard's taking a St. Domingo Man, and carrying her into South-Carolina; and says she is reckoned worth 15,000 l. Sterling. Also, that Governor Ellis, for Georgia, was arrived at South-Carolina.

We have Advice by the Master of a Sloop that arrived here last Week from Providence, that one of the Privateers belonging to that Island, was returned from a Cruize, the Master whereof reported, that some Time before he had spoke with the Privateer Brig King George, Captain Arnold, of this Port, who informed him, that he had taken and sent to Jamaica, a Sloop with 200 Soldiers on board, bound from Hispaniola for Mississippi.

February 28. Captain Seymour, from Jamaica, acquaints us, That the Privateer Brig Hawk, of this

this Port, between Anavaf seized a Ship with 1109 Barrels carrying on an illicit Trade, maica; after which he bore where he carend his Vessel Sea, in order to finish his Samuel Duncomb, in a L belonging to this Port also Schooners, with about 90 board, which were safe a wife.

By Captain Roome, from South-Carolina, we learn, a large French Schooner was Privateer Brig Prince of O of this Port, which he took Hispaniola: Her Cargo is n esteemed a valuable Prize.

Extract of a Letter from Privateer, Captain Fen at Monta Christa, Jan.

"I embrace this Opportunity of our Welfare. Our Bar Cruize, and has brought us ed with 40 Bags of coffee, five Hogheads of Sugar, and which we now have safe Hopes we shall finish our C having good Intelligence th ing at the Cape, ready lo voy. A white Prisoner w large Fleet of Merchantmen Ships of the Line, are hou Francois from Old-France.

March 7. The Snow pper Heysham, Master, arriv last, from Dublin, but last Weeks, being blown off thi He informs us, That Capt. teer Ship Hercules, of this carried into that Island, a F of 6 Carriage and 6 Swivel out as a Tender, and was with her: That a French S with Soldiers on board, for taken by a Barbados Privat Barbados also: That his M prize, of 20 Guns, had lik mingo Man, valued at 25 that a Fleet of English Ship King's Stores, for the We safe arrived there, under C of War.

Extract of a Letter from a racoa, dated Fe

"Just now we have a She brings an Account, that th is taken, with two Men of one of 80."

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Friday last Capt. Chancell Days from Madeira, and in Cleveland, in the Gibraltar Gun Ship, came in there two ed, in eleven Days from Eng Passage he fell in with a 50 Salvert's Squadron, which h Hours. Capt. Cleveland to be a large East-India Man which brought on the Engag of his Men killed in the Actio ed, his Sails and Rigging in the Stern of his Ship much f ular Loss of the Frenchman but was thought to be very Ship much damaged, as the tar behaved extremely well.

Captain Cleveland broug Militia Bill in England had of Parliament, and wanted of which there was no Doubt Admiral Byng's Trial had co and that the Court had bee amining three Witnesses, b appeared very black on the A there was a Fleet of 55 Sai Spithead, ready to put to Battle Ships in the Bay of Bi mand of Admiral West: T mital Knowles, with 23 Sail ber of Transports, and eleven was designed for the North Norris, with four Sail of the the East-Indies: That Adm Capital Ships, and nine Tr for Jamaica: That 18, ou chantmen, that were under Squadron, had been carried