

On Sunday last arrived here Capt. Hill, in a letter of Marque Ship from Falmouth and Madeira; who, in his Passage, made 4 Prizes, and sent them into the former Port: One of them was a St. Domingo Ship, and another a Dutchman, laden with Masts, &c. for some French 74 Gun Ships.

Such a military Spirit at present prevails in this Town, that several Parties of Gentlemen now associate and meet two or three Times a Week, to be instructed, by experienced Persons, in all the Parts of military Discipline. An Example worthy of Imitation throughout the Province, wherever it is practicable, and, we hear, it will soon be set on Foot in several Hunting Clubs in the Country.

It has been observed, that the Prussian Exercise excels all others, in the Quickness of their Loading, and well levelling their Muskets, to which is principally ascribed the great Success of the Prussian Armies, who generally make two or three sure Fires while they receive one from their Enemies. A great and singular Advantage! and which We (who are not likely always to be exempt from Attacks) should assiduously labour to attain, as our Slowness in loading, and ill-levelling our Pieces, have been remarked as some of our present greatest Defects.

We hear, that the Inhabitants of St. Helena Island have petitioned to his Excellency, for a sufficient Number of Cannon, &c. to erect a good Fort there; offering and engaging to build and defend it themselves.

Last Sunday arrived here from Providence, Capt. Thomas Brown, late Master of the Schooner Hazard of this Port, who was taken on the 23d of June last, by 3 French Men of War, and carried into Cape-François, where he was immediately put into Goal, and confined 7 Months, till a Flag of Truce arrived from Bermuda, which brought him, with 8 other Masters, away: Captain Brown says, that all English Prisoners were put together, without Distinction, into the same Rooms with Negroes, Felons, &c. at the Cape, and very cruelly treated. Another Flag of Truce, sent from Providence to Port au Paix, was also returned with 21 Prisoners, amongst which were 9 Masters of Vessels, who all underwent the same Treatment there as those at the Cape.

The Prince of Wales, Capt. Fell (which failed hence in October last) in her Passage for Bristol, was taken by a French Privateer and ransomed.

The Garland Man of War, commanded by Capt. Arbuthnot, on the 8th Instant, carried into Providence, a Spanish Ship, which she took of Hispaniola, called N. S. del Rosario v San Francisco Xavier, from Marseilles, bound for St. Domingo, with a valuable Cargo of Dry Goods, and French Property.

Captain Sweeting, in a Rhode-Island Privateer, called the Black-Snake, also carried in there, on the 9th, a Dutch Snow called the Vrow Cornelia, Jan Smit Master, from St. Eustatia for St. Domingo, with a French Cargo.

The following Lines were sent us some Days ago, when a Report prevailed of an intended Invasion, and could not then be inserted for Want of Room; but as such a Report is again revived, perhaps they may not be unreasonable or unacceptable now.

O H! why is British Virtue at a Stand?
Arm Britons, arm, and guard your threaten'd Land.

Arm for your Country, 'tis a glorious Cause;
Arm for your Safety, and defend your Laws;
Arm for Religion, and protect your State;
Arm for your Right, against impending Fate;
Nor let insulting France your Lands invade,
Ruin your Settlements, nor spoil your Trade:
If you are *Husbands*, let your tender Wives
Inspire you nobly, to defend their Lives;
Oh! are you *Fathers*, let Parental Love
Your Souls to high Heroic Actions move;
If you are *Brave*, let Honour be your Aim,
And enter boldly in the Lists of Fame;
If you are *Patriots*, on your Country think,
Nor let it by your Inattention sink:
Be arm'd, stand firm, trust GOD for the Success,
Use you the Means, he'll your Endeavours bless:
Let Glory burn in every British Soul,
Each Individual strive to save the Whole:
United thus, should France invade your Land,
Be ready to receive them, *Sword in Hand*:
The *Brave* die once, and Honour seals his Breath;
The *Coward* many Times—before his Death.

B O S T O N , March 7.
Wednesday last sailed on a Cruize against his Majesty's Enemies, the Privateer Ship Hertford, Capt. Lewis, of 30 Guns, and near 200 Men.

We hear from Providence, in the Colony of Rhode-Island, that on the 27th of February past, St. Hopkins, in a Privateer-Brig, belonging to that Town, arrived there with a French Prize lately taken in the West-Indies: Her Cargo consists of 160 Hogshheads of Sugar, 300 Barrels Coffee, and 40 Bales of Cotton, besides other valuable Goods.

By a Vessel from the West-Indies we hear, that the War in those Parts is chiefly carried on by Privateers; and that ours have taken so many of the French, that the rest are quite out of Countenance, few or none of them daring to stir Abroad.—We wish we could give a better Account of the Success of our Men of War, than we can with Truth do at present.

March 14. By a Person who left Charleston, in South Carolina, about 3 Weeks ago, we are told, that Capt. Ellery, in the Privateer now Boston, of this Town, was arrived there with a French Prize Ship of about 400 Tons, laden chiefly with Sugar, Indico, &c. bound from Martinico to France.

W I L L I A M S B U R G , February 11.

The Brig Fame, Captain John Patrick, from Bristol, of seven Carriage Guns, and 22 Men, was attacked on her Passage from Bristol for Barbados, within 15 Leagues of the Island, by a Privateer of 6 Carriage and ten Swivel Guns, and after an engagement of two Hours and a Half, the Privateer was obliged to put her Guns in the Hold, and bear away for Martinico. The Morning after, within a League of the Island, she was attacked by another Privateer of eight Carriage and twelve Swivel Guns, and 80 Men, that had been out two Days out of Martinico: They were engaged an Hour and an Half, great Part of the Time within Pistol Shot, when the Privateer bore away for St. Vincent, and after some little Repair went to Martinico. Captain Brown, of Norfolk, was a Prisoner on Board the Privateer that first engaged the Fame, and came in a Flag of Truce from Martinico to Barbados, while Capt. Patrick was there: He says, That only two Men were wounded in the first Privateer, but a good Deal of Damage was done to the Vessel and Rigging; and that in the Second the Captain had his Eye shot out, the second Captain was shot in the Shoulder, the Lieutenant lost one of his Hands, seven Men were killed, and many more wounded.

Neither Captain Patrick nor any of his People received the least Damage, which was owing to the fighting their Guns and managing their Vessel between Decks. The Vessel received much Damage in her Sails and Rigging from the Mullet Balls which the Privateer's Men pour'd into her like Showers of hail.

March 4. The Everton, Capt. Thomas Kelly, in six Weeks from Liverpool, is arrived in York River: In his Passage, he had the good Fortune to take a French Snow, called the Fox, Captain Davie Commander, belonging to Bourdeaux, laden with Sugar, Cotton, Indico, &c. and sent her into England.

At a Court of Admiralty held last Tuesday, the French Snow sent in here by Capt. Cruikshanks, and the Czar of Muscovy, retaken by him, were both condemned.

N E W - Y O R K , March 14.

Yesterday arrived here a French Prize Ship, of near 300 Tons Burthen, called La Fidelle, Monf. Augusta Minne, late Master, but came in under the Command of Capt. Matthews:—She was bound from Rochelle, in Old France, to St. Domingo, mounting 12 four Pounders, carried a Letter of Marque, had 30 Mariners, besides 12 English Prisoners, and 138 French Soldiers on board; and was taken on the 6th of February last, off Hispaniola, by the Privateer Brig Prince of Orange, Capt. Dixon, of this Port, in Company with the Privateer Brig Defiance, Capt. Fones, of Rhode-Island, and Sloop Peggy Privateer, Capt. Clofs, of St. Kitts. She fought the Privateers three Glasses, and is chiefly loaded with Bale Goods. The French Soldiers they put on board a Spanish Sloop which they had brought to the Day before, bound to Porto Prince.

Captain Matthews informs us, that two Days after they took the foregoing Prize, being the 8th of February, the same Privateers fell in with a large French Ship and Sloop, bound from Bourdeaux to St. Domingo, both which they took: That on the 10th, in the Morning, they took another large French Ship, also bound from Bourdeaux to St. Domingo: That the Prince of Orange and Defiance were left in Chace of two other French Ships, whom they were in no Doubt of taking: That in the Turk Island Passage, in a

strong North Wind, he parted from the other Prizes. And, that the Spanish Sloop, on board which they put the Soldiers a few Days before, was brought to at different Times by the Wesel, Squirrel, and Blakeney Sloops of War of this Port, all well on board each Vessel.

In the Bay of Biscay, the Dunkirk Man of War, of 60 Guns, took a French Ship bound to America, which she ordered to Guernsey, but was retaken by the first abovementioned Prize La Fidelle, just entering that Isle; and thus she came by her twelve English Prisoners, ordering her Prize to proceed to the West-Indies.

Yesterday the Ship Earl of Halifax Packet, Captain Morris, failed from hence, with the Mail for Falmouth; in whom was sent Passenger Baron Diekau, the French General that was taken by Sir William Johnson, at the late Battle at Lake-George.

March 21. Tuesday Evening last returned here from a Cruize of three Months and 20 Days, the Privateer Brig Prince of Orange, Captain Dixon, of this Port, and brought in with him, a French Letter of Marque Snow, of 6 Carriage Guns, and 41 Men, called the Princess-Jane, Monsieur Andriate, Commander, which he took on the 10th of February last, after an Engagement of 5 Glasses, on her Voyage from Bourdeaux for Cape-François. William M'Clean and Stillwell Wilcox were killed on board Capt. Dixon, and ten others wounded. The Cargo of the Snow consists of some Bale-Goods, Flour, Claret, &c.

The French Captain informed Captain Dixon, the Merchants in France were resolved, that for the future, their Vessels should sail by threes and fours, and not in large Fleets as formerly, imagining they will with the greater Facility, escape the Vigilance of the English Men of War and Privateers.

Besides the above Snow, Capt. Dixon, in the Course of his Cruize, took, in Company with Capt. Fones, of Rhode-Island, a Schooner, loaded mostly with Dry Goods, which is arrived at Charles-Town, South-Carolina; a Ship from Bourdeaux, ordered for Jamaica; a Sloop from the same Port, sent to Rhode-Island; and the Ship from Rochelle, as mentioned in our last.

Extract of a Letter from South-Carolina, dated March 2, 1757.

"This serves to inform you, that by a Vessel arrived here Yesterday, we learn, That 12 or 14 Northern Privateers are cruising not far from Cape-François, for Fourteen Sail of Ships, which were to sail from thence the 15th ult. under Cover of a Guineaman of 22 Guns. That Capt. Thompson, of his Majesty's Sloop Jamaica, sent in two Days ago, a Rhode-Island Sloop, which he seized the 13th ult. near Cape-Nichola, on Suspicion of her having on board military Stores for the French, being cleared for the Musquito Shore, in Ballast, yet having on board a great Quantity of Gunpowder, Muskets, &c. &c. The Captain's Name is Benjamin Church; the Vessel the Charming Betty.—Capt. Thompson was left in Chace of a Ship, a Snow, and a Brigantine.—This Day arrived the Argo, from Philadelphia."

Capt. Phœnix arrived here on Thursday last, in 8 Days from Georgia, and informs, That their new Governor, Henry Ellis, Esq; was safe arrived in his Government: That he had been very affectionately addressed by all Denominations of People; and that his Predecessor, Mr. Reynolds, was about embarking for England:—That the Creeks and Cherokees have lately had some small Bickerings together, from the artful Insinuations of the French Emisaries; but were likely soon to be brought to an amicable Accommodation by Means of Governor Ellis, who had already made large Presents to both the Tribes: And that a Privateer of ten Carriage Guns, fitted out of Georgia, had failed on a Cruize a few Days before he left that Port.

Capt. Phœnix read a Paragraph in an English Paper (brought there from Port-Royal, in South-Carolina), to the following Effect: That "the Duke of Richmond was soon to embark with 5000 Men, and were destined for some Place to the Southward of Charles-Town, in South-Carolina."

P H I L A D E L P H I A , March 17.

Friday last Captain Gibbon arrived here from South-Carolina, with whom came Passenger Captain Dorington, of Boston, who was taken in a Brigantine of that Place, by a French Letter of Marque Snow, and carried to Cape-François.

We hear from Shamokin, that two of our Men were lately shot by a Party of Indians near the

Fort; and that a Detachment was sent immediately out after them; but could not come up with them.

March 24. Yesterday his Honour the Governor went to the Council Chamber, in the State-House, and gave his Assent to the Bill for granting to his Majesty the Sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS, as presented to him some Time since by the House.

We have Advice from Harris's Ferry, that about 120 Indians had come down there, on their Way to Easton, in order to hold a Conference with this Government.

A N N A P O L I S , March 31.

Tuesday last his Excellency our Governor returned Home from the Northward; with whom came to Town, on their Way to their respective Governments, his Excellency Governor DOBBS of North-Carolina, and his Honour Governor DUNWIDDIE of Virginia; and sundry other Gentlemen. Next Morning the two Southern Governors went down the Bay.

The General Assembly of this Province, which was to have met here last Monday, did not meet; many of the Members not having had the Small-Pox, of which the Town is not yet quite clear: And Yesterday his Excellency the Governor, in Council, was pleased to issue his Proclamation, for Proroguing the same to Tuesday next, the Fifth of April, to meet him then at Baltimore-Town in Baltimore County.

We have lately had very great Rains, which have done much Damage in many Parts of the Country; and Sunday last the Mill-Dam belonging to Mr. Belt, near Upper-Marlborough, broke down.

By the last Accounts from Barbados, we hear, that Corn sold there the Middle of February for Three Shillings and a Penny Half-penny.

In a Letter brought by the last Packet from London, a Gentleman writes, "Admiral Byng is Condemned, after a long Trial, and sentenced to be Shot; but it is said was recommended to his Majesty for Mercy."

CUSTOM-HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, Enter'd, Sloop Betsey, James Barnes, from New-York; Ship Betsey, Nicholas Andrew, from Bristol.

WHEREAS the Subscriber, by an Advertisement bearing Date May 24th, 1756, and published in the Maryland Gazette for several Weeks successively, gave Notice to such as were indebted to him by Bond or otherwise, to discharge the same immediately, or secure the Payment of their Debts in a short Time. And whereas several have neglected to do either: This is to give Notice, that he hath appointed Mr. Richard Croxall, at the Baltimore Iron-Works, his Attorney, who has positive Directions to put all Bonds and Balances due to the Subscriber, in Suit, next August, unless the Parties concern'd (who have not yet settled with the Subscriber) before that Time, give good Security to the said Mr. Croxall, that they will discharge their several Debts to the Subscriber at or before the 1st Day of August, 1758; the Subscriber intending to go to England by the first Ship, and to return next Spring: He will then sell all his Estate both Real and Personal, and will be ready to treat with any Persons inclinable to Purchase.
CHARLES CARROLL.

OTHELLO is in the Hands of John Pearson, at Col. TASKER's in Prince-George's County, and will Cover MARES this Season at Four Guineas a Leap and Trial.

THE Subscriber being now in the Custody of the Sheriff of Anne-Arundel County, under several Executions, at the Suit of sundry Gentlemen his Creditors, he purposes therefore to give up, upon Oath, his Effects of every Kind, to and for the Use of his several Creditors. All he desires is, that only one Bed may be allowed him, and his Release; and if his several Creditors likes this Proposal, he requests they will, as soon as possible, signify their Approbation by a few Lines: Otherwise he intends to apply to the next General Assembly, that an Act may pass for the Releasement of his Body out of Prison.
JOHN BROWN.

TH E R E is at the Plantation of Robert Crute, in Baltimore County, near the Lower Ferry on Susquehanna, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Mare, branded on the near Buttock I I about 12 and 1/2 Hands high, and about 5 Years old.

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