

Prisoners, in Latitude 45, Longitude 12, 53, on the 19th ult. but retaken by his Majesty's Ship *Torbay* on the 28th. The Captain of the *Man of War* having taken all the Frenchmen but two out of her, put eight Englishmen on board to carry her into that Port. By some Means or other the Frenchmen, the second Night after they parted with the *Man of War*, broke into the Cabin, where the Master was sleeping, and killed him; they also wounded most of the Men, and confined them below in the Steerage for eight Hours. One of the Englishmen, by the Glimpse of Day light, finding Loop Holes in the after Bulk Head, luckily met with a Musket, knocked one of the Plugs out and shot one of the Frenchmen dead; the other immediately jumped over board, and got hold of the Rudder Ring: The Englishmen had the Humanity to spare his Life after they got him on board again, and have brought him in Prisoner here. A few Days after they fell in with the *Lyme Man of War*, who assisted them with three more Hands."

The Head of a Letter from Capt. William Cowan, late of the *Knowles Frigate*, to William Richardson, of Tower-Hill, dated from Bayonne Prison, January 8th.

"That he was taken on the 11th of November by the *le Rose Privateer* of 20 Guns and 260 Men, 250 Leagues West from the *Lizard*. He was in the *Privateer* from the 11th of November to the 2d of January, all which Time he had just Victuals enough to keep Soul and Body from separating; he eat, slept, and eased himself all in one Place. There are 40 Commanders of Ships in this Prison with me, one of which came in last Night from *Montserrat*, his Name is *Layons*, with a great Number of Passengers: They all met with the same Usage on board the *Privateers*. There were two other Captains taken by the same *Privateer*, one from *Liverpool*, bound to *Virginia*, the other from *Lisbon* to *Cork*. There are 30 Sail of *Privateers* out of this Place and *St. John de Luz*, which is 12 Miles to the Westward, and they cruize in 49, 40 Distance from the *Lizard*, from 150 Leagues to 200 West. As soon as they came within Sight of Land, they put us all in Irons, and one of my Brother Captains and myself, had our Wrists fawelled over our Irons; had we staid two Days longer we should have lost the Use of our Hands; and the People's Legs fawelled so, that they were not able to walk for some Days after they were ashore. We have a Bundle of Straw for two of us to lie on."

The *Minthead*, Capt. Thomas Forrest, of Bristol, bound from Antigua to London, is taken by the *Machault Privateer* of Granville, and sent into *Havre de Grace*. The *Machault* had nine Masters of other Prizes on board, taken by her, and sent into different Ports.

Copy of a Letter sent by *Seignior S. Domingo*, in a Flag of Truce from the Governor of *Meridith*, bearing Date September 14, 1756, directed to the Commander, or principal Officer, of the Bay of *Honduras*; the Purport of which is as follows, viz.

"That the said Governor had been informed, that the English had erected Fortifications, &c. on the Territories of his most Catholic Majesty, contrary to the Treaty between the Court of Spain and that of Great-Britain: And that he further understands, that the English were arming themselves in an hostile Manner, to make the Possessions they indulged them with their own: Therefore, unless you can shew any Right or Authority you have from the Court of Great-Britain, we order you to depart out of our Territories, and to destroy the Fortifications erected thereon; which if not complied with, we shall send Force to drive you out; and all Vessels, Logwood loaded, taken on our Coasts, shall be condemned as lawful Prizes." Given under my Hand and Seal of *Meridith*, this 14th of September, 1756.

Extract of a Letter from *Portsmouth*, dated Feb. 1. "Yesterday sailed out of the Harbour the *Colchester*, which is ordered to convoy the outward bound *Indiamen* to *St. Helena*."

The *Duke d'Acquitain*, a French Ship, from the East-Indies, is arrived at *Lisbon*; we hear she mounts 60 Guns, has 500 Tons of Coffee on board, and 500 Bales of Silk; also that she was off *Ushant*, but contrary Winds hindered her putting in there; upon which seeing two Ships that she took for English Cruizers, she bore away for *Lisbon*. Other Letters call her a *Man of War*, and say, she has the Cargoes of three French *Indiamen* on board.

On the 23d ult. arrived at *Falmouth* the *Concord*, a French Prize, from *St. Domingo*, laden with Sugar, Coffee and *Indico*, taken by the *Eagle Privateer* of Bristol.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has caused a Precept to be issued out to the Aldermen of each

Ward in this City, requiring them to give a Charge to the Church-Wardens and other Officers, within their respective Wards, to take Care that the Lord's Day may be kept in a more strict and religious Manner for the future, and that the Names of all Persons exercising their respective Trades or Occupations, as also the Names of all Vintners, Innkeepers, Alehouse-keepers, and Coffeehouse-keepers, who shall entertain Persons in their Houses on Sundays, otherwise than they are permitted by Law, may be returned to his Lordship or some other Justice of the Peace for this City, that they may be punished as Defaulters, according to the several Laws now subsisting.

We hear that it is proposed to raise three Millions by Annuities, at three and a half per Cent. and that those who subscribe 1000 l. will be intitled to Annuities of 50 l. per Annum during their Lives.

*Cork*, January 3. Last Week was married, in the County of *Tipperary*, Mr. Peter Hayton, Surveyor of *Thurles*, aged 93, to Miss Jane Davis, of *Killenaule*, aged 13, an agreeable young Lady, with a handsome Fortune.

*Baseterre*, in *St. Christophers*, March 23. On Wednesday last was carried into *Tortola*, a Ship bound from *Martinico* for *Bourdeaux*, and a Schooner, both laden with Sugar, Coffee, &c. and taken by the *Pinfold*, Capt. Edny.

And on Saturday was brought into this Road by Capt. Middleton, of his Majesty's Ship the *Blanford*, the *Victory*, a French Schooner Privateer, of ten Guns: As was also the *Snow-Lovely* Matty, Capt. Vance, bound for this Island from *South Carolina*, being re-taken.

[By Letters in Town, we learn that the above Privateer belonged to *Cape-Breton*, that she had cruized for some Months on the Coast of *America*; was bound for *Martinico*; and in all Probability is the same that took so many Vessels on these Coasts last Fall.]

B O S T O N, April 4. Last Tuesday arrived here Capt. Kennedy, in seven Weeks from *Lisbon*, who informs, that on the 15th of February last, off the Isle of *St. Mary*, he saw seven Sail of large Ships standing to the Westward, but at such a Distance that he could not tell of what Nation they were.

Extract of a Letter from *Barbados*, March 8. "About five Days ago, two Privateers brought into this Bay, a large French Ship, of about 600 Tons, 18 Guns, and 170 Men; she loaded at *Marseilles*, and was bound for *Martinico*; she stopped at *Teneriffe* to shift her French Sailors for Spanish Ones, and to get a Spanish Pass, but after strict Examination was condemned: She was loaded with Naval Stores and other valuable Goods, to the Amount, as they judged, of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds Sterling."

Last Tuesday Night was se'ennight, the House of Mr. Samuel Lethbridge, of *Wrentham*, was consumed by Fire, with the Furniture, Wearing Apparel, &c. and a considerable Quantity of English and West-India Goods. The Family saved their Lives by jumping naked out of the Windows.

W I L L I A M S B U R G, March 25. On Wednesday last a Party of *Cherokees* left this City, under the Command of Major Andrew Lewis, to meet a Party of their Brethren who are expected upon our Frontiers. And the same Day the *Catawbas*, under the Command of Lieutenant Williams, left this, to join our Forces at *Fort Cumberland*; being all of them very well pleased with their Reception here, and the Presents made them by the Honourable the President and Council of this Colony.

April 1. On Monday last Lieutenant Baker arrived here with 39 *Tuscaroras*, 13 *Nottoways*, 7 *Meherrins*, and two *Sapponys*, to whom his Honour the President, with some Gentlemen of the Council, gave an Audience the next Day, when those Indians expressed themselves very warmly in Behalf of their Brethren the English, seemed sensibly touched with the Cruelties and Barbarities committed by the French and their Indians on the Frontiers of this Colony, which they were now come with a full Resolution to avenge, or die in the Attempt. They are supplied with Blankets, &c. and are expected to set off this Day to join our Forces at *Fort Cumberland*.

N E W - Y O R K, April 11.

Part of a Letter from *Albany*, dated March 30, 1757. "We are credibly informed that two Armies equal in Number to *Monsieur Vaudreuil's*, set out from *Canada* at the same Time he did; one of which was destined to scour the *Mohawks River*, and meet *M. Vaudreuil* in *Albany*; but the Desti-

nation of the third was not known, though it was generally thought they intended to march Northward; and that the French in the late Action with the brave Captain Rogers, had not less than fifty Men killed and wounded.

Extract of another Letter from *Albany*, April 2, 1757.

"This Morning an Account was brought to Town, that a large Army of French and *Indians* were seen at a small Distance from the *German Flats*, but few here believe it. Sir William Johnson is still in *Readiness*, with 1500 of the *Militia*."

"Every Man in the French Army that came against *Fort William Henry*, was equipped in the following Manner, viz. With 2 Pair of *Indian Shoes*, 2 Pair of *Stockings*, 1 Pair of *Spatterdashes*, 1 Pair of *Breeches*, 2 *Jackets*, 1 large *Over Coat*, 2 *Shirts*, 2 *Caps*, 1 *Hat*, 1 Pair of *Mittens*, 1 *Tomahawk*, 2 *Pocket-Knives*, 1 *Scalping-Knife*, 1 *Steel and Flint*, every 2 Men an *Axe*, and every four a *Kettle and Oil-cloth* for a *Tent*, with one *Blanket* and a *Bearskin*, and 12 Days *Provisions* of *Pork and Bread*; all which they drew on *Hand-Sleighs*."

P. S. Three o'Clock in the Afternoon. Just now another Express came to Town from the *German Flats*; the Particulars I cannot learn; but it is reported the French were near by, and consisted of 2000 Men. The *Militia Drums* beat to Arms again."

On Tuesday last returned into this Port, from a six Months Cruize, the *Privateer Snow Cicero*, Capt. Ephraim Cooke, Commander. Some Particulars of her Cruize are as follow;—That on the 14th of October last she left *Sandy-Hook*, and on the 19th of November, to *Windward* of *Antigua*, they met with a French *Privateer Sloop* of 14 Carriage Guns, who engaged them for a considerable Time, but having the *Weather Gage*, and a clean white Bottom, she escaped the *Cicero*, altho' all Endeavours were used to fetch her up;—and that a Flag of Truce arrived at *St. Kitt's* from *Martinico* had brought Word, that in the Engagement the Sloop had her Captain wounded in two different Places, her Lieutenant and eleven Men killed, besides 30 wounded, out of 160 Hands she had on board, when Captain Cooke himself was but slightly wounded, and two of his Men. On the 20th, off *Pope's Head*, and within a League of the Shore, they were engaged by another French *Privateer Sloop* for an Hour and an Half, which they took, having killed and wounded 20 of their Men; she was called the *Le Flash*, Capt. Pierre Richard, of and from *Martinico*. That after they had landed their Prisoners at *Antigua*, they proceeded off *Martinico*, where they had not been long before they drove ashore two Vessels close in with *Port St. Pierre*, from whence immediately turned out five Sloops, whom Capt. Cooke thought were designed to engage him, when he made all the Sail he could towards them, which the Enemy perceiving soon tacked and went into Port. That their Vessel being then foul they went to *St. Kitt's*, where cleaning, they formed an Expedition against *St. Bartholomews*, and in Company with six other *Privateers* sailed the 7th of January to attack it, and the next Morning the Fleet engaged and drove the French from their Batteries, and reduced the Island, obliging the Inhabitants to keep neutral, and not to indulge the French *Privateers*. After this they went down and took Possession of the French Quarter of the Island *St. Martin*, and soon after returned hither.

Tuesday last a Man supposed to have carried Intelligence to the French, and passed for an *Indian Trader*, was committed to our Goal; and we are credibly inform'd there are some others who follow the same Business now on their Travels thro' different Parts of this and the neighbouring Government.

Extract of a Letter from on board the *Privateer Ship Hercules* at *St. Kitt's*, Samuel Bayard, Commander, dated March 1, 1757. "On the 22d of February, at Night, lying too, in the Latitude of *Antigua*, a French *Privateer Sloop* came along Side of us, and ordered us to strike our Colours; we told him we would directly; he first fir'd three Guns at us, and being on our *Weather-Quarter*, we resolved to give him our Broadside. Monsieur perceiving his Mistake made all the Sail he could from us: We gave Chace, and at Eight in the Morning the *Flying-Hercules* came along Side of her, when she struck. She belonged to *Martinico*, mounted 6 Carriage Guns, 12 Swivels, and had 69 Men, including 15 Slaves, William Annis, Commander; they hove their Guns overboard, whilst we were

Chace of them; she is *Bermuda* reckoned the best Sailer belonging to her by the Wind. We were in two Days after, where the *Cafe* we condemned our *Prize* should hire a Flag of Truce to go to *Martinico*. We stay'd but four Days, weigh'd Anchor, and where they immediately took our Hands, and will send them to the *Prize* of the Island. We shall have Slaves here, and expect to be in three Days, bound to *Leeward*. Wednesday last the Ship *Madeira*, and Schooner *St. Richard Thomas*, arrived here in *Madeira*: They brought in with them Snow of about 160 Tons, called *counter*, bound from *Port Louis*, which they took on the 23th ult. consists of 200 Hogheads of *Sugar* and *Coffee*, and is esteemed a *Prize*. The Crew of the *Snow* is superior to that of both the others of them not having a Gun on board, obliged to take her, lest they should themselves.

Next Day Captain *Pintard* arrived from *Madeira*, and informed that last Sunday, he was chased by a French Ship of 70 Tons, with a *Quarter Deck*, and black Sides, but got clear.

The same Day Captain *Delany* arrived from *Amboy*, where he arrived the 14th of October last the left *Sandy-Hook*, and on the 19th of November, to *Windward* of *Antigua*, they met with a French *Privateer Sloop* of 14 Carriage Guns, who engaged them for a considerable Time, but having the *Weather Gage*, and a clean white Bottom, she escaped the *Cicero*, altho' all Endeavours were used to fetch her up;—and that a Flag of Truce arrived at *St. Kitt's* from *Martinico* had brought Word, that in the Engagement the Sloop had her Captain wounded in two different Places, her Lieutenant and eleven Men killed, besides 30 wounded, out of 160 Hands she had on board, when Captain Cooke himself was but slightly wounded, and two of his Men. On the 20th, off *Pope's Head*, and within a League of the Shore, they were engaged by another French *Privateer Sloop* for an Hour and an Half, which they took, having killed and wounded 20 of their Men; she was called the *Le Flash*, Capt. Pierre Richard, of and from *Martinico*. That after they had landed their Prisoners at *Antigua*, they proceeded off *Martinico*, where they had not been long before they drove ashore two Vessels close in with *Port St. Pierre*, from whence immediately turned out five Sloops, whom Capt. Cooke thought were designed to engage him, when he made all the Sail he could towards them, which the Enemy perceiving soon tacked and went into Port. That their Vessel being then foul they went to *St. Kitt's*, where cleaning, they formed an Expedition against *St. Bartholomews*, and in Company with six other *Privateers* sailed the 7th of January to attack it, and the next Morning the Fleet engaged and drove the French from their Batteries, and reduced the Island, obliging the Inhabitants to keep neutral, and not to indulge the French *Privateers*. After this they went down and took Possession of the French Quarter of the Island *St. Martin*, and soon after returned hither.

The Day that Captain *Carmichael* arrived from *Amboy*, he was fir'd at several Times by a French Ship, under French Colours, off *Barnag*, but falling very fast got clear. The *Privateer* mentioned by him, is the *Sloop* mentioned by *Delany*. In less than 30 Hours after receiving Intelligence, a Sloop that had not a Gun on board, was thoroughly manned, and sailed on Saturday of *Monseur*.

A Prisoner brought in here in a Schooner before he left *St. Domingo*, were fitting out at *Cape-Francoise*, to cruize on our Coast, one a *Briar*, of 100 Pounds, one a *Schooner* of four Pounds, and a *Sloop* of ten 6 Pounds.

By Letters from *Barbados* (where we learn that the *Privateer Snow* Capt. Davis, of this Port, had taken into that Island, a French *Privateer Sloop*; and was gone upon a Cruize.)

All the Masters of Vessels that lately from the *West-Indies* are acquainted with the great Numbers of *Privateers* cruizing among the Islands; that a *French Vessel* can escape them; and that had the Misfortune to be taken, says, that he was informed that on his Way from *St. Kitt's* he counted no less than 36 *French Privateers*.

P H I L A D E L P H I A,

Extract of a Letter from *New-York*. "Lieutenant Baker, who was killed in *Rogers's* Affair some Time ago, is now a Prisoner with the French, and will recover of his Wounds. The French Prisoners say, killed at the Enemy on the Spot, of which they were 28 more died after their Wounds. Two French Prisoners were taken at *Fort William Henry* thus: One was taken by a *Wood Pile*, and the *Blaze* of the *Light*, that he was afraid of being set on fire if he attempted to run off; he fell near it, till the *Garrison* found him, and he was wounded, and could not move. The other was wounded, and could not move, and his Dead had been hooked in the Ice, thro' which they had to get out; among them is an *Indian* who had scalped themselves, either to prevent our People's making use of their Hair, or to prevent our People's making use of their Hair. The *Garrison* was very much assisted by the *Indians*. Officers were called together to