

MARYLAND GAZETTE,

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THURSDAY, December 14, 1758.

LONDON, September 23.

Extract of a Letter from an Officer in the late Expedition to the Coast of France.

DEAR SIR,

THE Day after my last we set sail from St. Helen's, and continued beating down the Channel till the 3d of September, when we joined the Fleet, who were making directly for the French Coast, which we were then in Sight of; and we all anchored the same Evening in St. Lunaire Bay, on the Coast of Britany, about five Miles Westward of St. Maloes.

4th. Most Part of the Day was employed in Landing the Troops, which was done with the Loss of only 8 Men that were drowned. There did not a Frenchman appear on the Shore, nor did we meet with the least Obstruction, but marched directly to an Eminence, about half a Mile from the Water-Side, and encamped. At Night I was sent on the Picquet Guard, which are a Body of 50 Men, with Officers, posted about half a Mile from the Camp, to prevent a sudden Surprize, who are kept under Arms all Night. We shot several of the Enemy, and took others Prisoners, who were endeavouring to discover our Situation and Numbers. It was not known to every Body that St. Maloes was the Place intended to be attacked.

5th. The Commodore came on Shore with the Prince: They accompanied the General to a Village three Miles from St. Maloes, to reconnoitre the Place; they were greatly annoyed by the Enemy's Cannon, and one Shot fell within a Yard and a Half of the Prince. In the Evening Sir William Boothby returned to Camp; he was sent with a Detachment of 300 Grenadiers to burn all the Shipping that lay about a Mile outside of St. Maloes Harbour, which he executed with great Bravery to the Number of 13.

6th. Nothing material: The whole Day spent in Councils of War; wherein the Commodore assured the General, that it was impossible for him to give him any Assistance in the Bombardment of the Town, without hazarding the Loss of all the Men of War; owing, it seems, to the dangerous Situation of the Harbour, it being an entire Chain of Rocks: In Consequence of which, it was unanimously resolved not to attack St. Maloes. The Commodore further assured the General, that it was not safe to embark the Troops at the same Place they landed, which brought us under a Necessity of marching 18 Miles farther, to a proper Place of Embarkation.

7th. Early in the Morning the whole Army began their March: We were frequently obstructed by small Parties of the Enemy, who fired at us thro' Woods, killed 10 of our Men, and wounded 2 Officers. At Six in the Evening halted, and encamped half a Mile distant from a Village called St. Briac, near which lay a River that we were to cross the next Day. The Enemy endeavoured to disturb us this Night, by frequently alarming our Camp, and appearing in Parties drawn up in Order of Battle, on the other Side of the River; but did no Damage.

8th. The whole Army crossed the River, each Person wading it to his Middle, without Distinction: In our Passage the Enemy fired pretty briskly at us, on which the General sent a Friar to acquaint them, that if they did not desist, he would reduce all the Villages we passed thro' to Ashes: The Friar did not return with an Answer: Accordingly Orders were given to set Fire to every Place we passed thro': We lost this Day 10 Men, and 1 Officer; and 2 Officers wounded: This Evening we encamped pretty soon, and lay our Straw all Night very quiet.

9th. Began our March: About 11 our advanced Guard were attacked by five Companies of

French Regulars, but they stood but one Fire, 200 of them were killed and wounded; all the Rest fled: At Two we passed thro' a City called Matillon; without the least Molestation, and encamped about half a Mile distant from it; we lost this Day 30 Men, 11 were taken Prisoners; one of whom made his Escape, and brought an Account that his Comrades were put to Death in a barbarous Manner. At Ten at Night our Picquet Guards took a French Dragoon Prisoner, from whom a Confession of the Strength of the Enemy was extorted, on Pain of being immediately put to Death: He informed that twelve Regiments of Foot, and five Regiments of Horse, with 10 Pieces of Cannon and 2 Mortars, were encamped within 3 Miles of us, and that they were determined to give us Battle the next Morning: Our General did not think it prudent to wait for the Enemy, as their Strength was greatly superior to ours, and gave Orders for us to lie under Arms all Night, and as soon as we could see, to make the best of our Way to the Water Side, where the Shipping would be ready to receive us.—However, the French were before us, for at One we could hear their Drums beat to Arms, at which Time there came some Deserters to us, who informed us that the Design of the Enemy was to get between us and the Water Side, and by that Means cut off our Retreat, which they certainly would have done, had not the bringing of their Cannon up the very bad Roads, taken up most of the Morning; At Day-light we set off, and made a brisk March towards the Water Side. At this Time the French were at our Heels, and by the Time we were getting to the Boats their whole Army appeared, and a terrible Cannonading ensued, while their Infantry were marching with all possible Speed, to bring their Fire to reach us. In the mean Time we doubled our Diligence in getting to the Boats, in which several were killed and wounded. The Guards and Grenadiers were ordered to line the Beach to cover our Retreat, and prevent the Slaughter we must have hazarded; and, from a naked Retreat, without any Cannon, must have expected. By the Time we were in the Boats, the whole French Infantry, and what Men the Boats could not carry, (besides the Guards and Grenadiers) were engaged. A terrible Fire continued on both Sides for Two Hours and a Half; when at Length the English Guards gave Way, the Grenadiers soon followed, and as there was no Retreat in an Enemy's Country, they most of them plunged themselves into the Water, and endeavoured to swim to the Ships. Several were killed in the Water; and those that could not swim, were drowned. At One the Firing ceased, and the French proclaimed a Victory in the Field, and immediately sung Te Deum.

Our Loss in this Action is 700 Men, and 45 Officers, killed and wounded; 15 of the Officers were killed on the Spot, among whom are General Drury, Colonels Griffin and Wilkinson, and Sir John Armitage, who was a Volunteer. Several of those who were wounded have had their Limbs cut off, and are thought to be in a bad Way.—General Drury was killed in the Water, endeavouring to make his Escape. Sir William Boothby, who had the second Command in the Grenadiers, swam near 2 Miles to the Ships, in all his Cloaths; as did a Captain of our Regiment. In the Beginning of this Action the French refused to give Quarter, which put the Conquerors to the terrible Necessity of taking to the Water;—However, when they found the Day to be theirs, they spared several Persons, and have now in their Custody several Persons of Distinction; namely, Lord Frederick Cavendish, &c.

The 10th and 11th at Anchor, sent a Flag of Truce ashore, and had Leave to bury our Dead. The 12th, set sail, and were obliged to put in here [Plymouth] on Account of the contrary Winds.

The French Troops were as follow:
Le Duc D'AIGUILLION, Commander in Chief.
Lieutenant-General Marquis D'AUBIGNÉ.
Major-Generals. M. De Brock, and M. De La Tour D'Auvergne.

Regiments of Infantry from Brest.	Men.
Bourbun, - - - - - 2 Battalions, - -	1400
Royale Vaillrau, - - - - - 2	1400
Royale Ettrangers, - - - - - 2	1400
Briffac, - - - - - 1	700
Brice, - - - - - 1	700
Brest, - - - - - 1	700
Penthievre, - - - - - 1	700
Mauveret's Dragoons, of two Squadrons, -	336
Militia, Guards de Cote, and armed Peasants,	5000
With 8 Cannon, and 8 Mortars.	

Mauveret's Dragoons, the Militia, Guards de Cote, and armed Peasants, joined the other Troops the Day before the Attack.

From the LONDON GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY.
WHITEHALL, September 18.

LATE on Saturday Night last an Express arrived with the following Letters from the Right Honourable Lord HOWE, and Lieutenant-General BLIGH, to the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary PITT, dated on board the Essex, off St. Cas Bay, on the Coast of Britany, in France:
Essex, off St. Cas Bay, Sept. 12, 1758.
S I R,

IN my Letter of the 7th, I had the Honour of informing you of the Movement of the Fleet from St. Lunaire to this Bay.

The Reimbarkation having commenced, at the Lieutenant-General's Request, upon his Arrival with the Troops on this Shore Yesterday in the Morning, the former Corps were taken off without any considerable Interruption from the Enemy; but, in their Attack upon our Rear-Guard, the Captains Rowley, Maplesden, Paiston, and Elphinstone, (commanding under Capt. Duff the different Divisions of the flat Boats) waiting to embark with the Grenadiers, were made Prisoners. My own Observation of the very resolute Behaviour of those Captains, and of Capt. Duff, being confirmed by the Report of the Land-Officers concerned in that Service, I cannot omit this Notice of it. The other Particulars of our Loss, respecting the Officers and Men belonging to the Ships of War, is added in the List annexed.

Judging the Anchorage on this Part of the Coast to be no wise proper for the Fleet to remain at this Season of the Year, till the further Supplies provided could be taken on board, if sent for, and the Troops put again into a proper State of Service, I am therefore preparing, with the Lieutenant-General's Consent, to return for that Purpose to any such Port as I may be first able most conveniently to gain in England. I am, &c.

HOWE.
List of the Sea Officers and Men, killed, wounded, &c. at the Reimbarkation of the Troops from the Bay of St. Cas, on the 11th Day of Sept. 1758.

Ships Names.	Officers killed, wounded, or Prisoners.	Seamen.
Essex,		1
Rochester,	Mr. Somerville, 2d Lieutenant, killed.	1
	— Midshipman, wounded.	7
Portland,	Capt. Maplesden, taken.	11
	Mr. Lindlay, Midshipman, wounded.	—
Montague,	Captain Rowley, slightly wounded, and taken.	2
Jason,	Capt. Paiston, taken.	1
Salamander,	Capt. Elphinstone, taken.	—
Speedwell,		—
		Total 8

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County, on Chester River, for the Grant
th Kent and Queen-Anne's, being about
in Duck-Creek on Delaware, 8 Miles
George-Town, 10 Miles above Chester:
7 Miles from the Head of the River.
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paled Garden, and about 18 Acres of
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H. CALLISTER.

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Value.	is	Amount.
of 100 £.	are	100 £.
of 75	are	150
of 50	are	200
of 25	are	200
of 15	are	180
of 10	are	200
of 5	are	150
of 2	are	230
of 1:2:6	are	1125
Drawn, not otherwise a Prize 6		
Drawn, Ditto,		4

Amounting to 2565
Sum raised £. 435 for above Use.

Tickets at 15/6 each, make 3000 £.
Uses to which the above Sum of 435 £.
to be applied, tending to the Public Good
of the Community, as well without as
within the City; the best Expedient that could be
found for raising that Sum, being
the Advantage of the Adventurers
being Two Blanks and a Half to a Prize,
(reduction on the whole not 15 per Cent.)
are need be said for its Recommendation:
It is not doubted but the Tickets will
be sold, as near One Thousand of them
engaged.

Tickets are dispos'd of, the Drawing
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as many of the Adventurers as shall
be present to attend.

Managers, viz. Messieurs John Brich,
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William Roberts, Laurelet Jacques,
Jonat Green, Henry Woodward,
John Clapham, and Bennett Chew,
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disposal of their Trust.

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Manner as State Lotteries in England,
to be had of any of the Managers.
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