

Ten of the above Ships are to cruise between Halifax and the River St. Lawrence; the Sutherland and Porcupine to cruise between Halifax and Boston, and three Ships of the Line are to be employed in guarding the Coast between New-York and Philadelphia; which we make no Doubt, in due Time, will give a good Account of the French 64 Gun Ship and Frigate, which Admiral Coates informed the Merchants of Jamaica, he had certain Advice were ready to fall to the Cruisers of Philadelphia. There arrived some Transports with the Fleet, but Capt. Deane cannot be positive with respect to the Number.

Capt. Deane also advises, that a Sloop was dispatched from Halifax, about 14 Days ago, for the River St. Lawrence, in order to inspect into the State of it, and if at her Return, there was no Ice, the Fleet was to proceed immediately up the River.

In Captain Deane came Passenger, the most unfortunate Richard Baron, late Commander of the Sloop Dolphin, bound from Teneriff to New-York, who in a hard Gale of Wind, on his Passage, lost his Sails and Rigging; after which, he was 25 Days in the State of it, and if at her Return, there was no Ice, the Fleet was to proceed immediately up the River.

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to go over; and a Consul General, who is coming from England, in the Room of the late Consul, who put himself to death in this Country.

Colonel Skinner, Chief Engineer, arrived here a few Days ago, but it is not yet known the Occasion of his coming here; so suddenly; as we are in great Amity with our Neighbour the Spaniards.

Admiral Broderick is here with eight Sail of the Line. The Privateers here, brought into this Port above 30 Sail of the Enemy's Ships, mostly Neutral, with French Goods.

Yesterday arrived here from a successful Cruise, the Privateer Snow Dreadnought, Capt. Taylor, he informs, that on the first of April last was brought in there by a small Privateer, of one Carriage and six Swift Guns, a large Dutch French Ship of above 400 Tons Burthen, richly laden with Sugar, Coffee, &c. taken coming out of Port-au-Prince, in the Bite of Leoganne.

Since our last upwards of 40 Sail of Transports arrived from England, being those that came out with Commodore Holmes. The Commodore, in the Somerset, with the Terrible, proceeded for Halifax, as soon as the above Vessels got safe into Sandy Hook; and we hear, that notwithstanding the Fleet was so often separated by hard Gale of Wind, only three Vessels are missing, two of which are supposed to be taken, and the other was run down in the Night, but the Crew was taken up, and all put on board the Admiral's Ship.

Colonel Frazer's Highlanders are now all embarked, and most of the Vessels that have them on board, as well as others with Artillery, &c. are fell down to the Watering-Place, and some to the Hook; so that we have Reason to believe, the whole Fleet will fall this Week: They are to be conveyed by the Diana, Lizard, Trent, and Seahorse Frigates; and the Nightingale & Scarborough, of 20 Guns each.

Yesterday embarked on board Sloops for Albany, the XLIIId, or Royal Highland Regiment, who was quartered in this City all the Winter Season.

By a Gentleman who left Albany last Thursday at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, we are informed, that his Excellency General AMHERST arrived there that Day at Eleven, and was received by the Principal Gentlemen of that City, and the Officers of the Army there. Also, that some of the Transports with the Rhode-Island Forces, arrived there just as he came away: And that great Expedition was used in transporting Provisions, and other Necessaries, for the Use of the Army, to Fort Edward, &c.

Some of the Transports ordered to carry the 47th Regiment to Halifax, are arrived at Perth-Amboy from Philadelphia; and they are embarking, or embarked, for that Purpose.

The Regiment lately Forbes's, embarked last Week from Elizabeth-Town Point, for Albany.

The Highland Regiment of Col. Montgomery, are following as fast as possible, having passed through New-Brunswick on Wednesday and Thursday last, in their Way to Elizabeth-Town Point.

PHILADELPHIA, May 3.

By Captain Elliot, from Halifax, there is Advice, that a Frigate had arrived there in 25 Days Passage from England; and that the News by her was, That a large Fleet was going up the Mediterranean, and another to the Baltic; that there was a Talk of a Dutch War; and that it was thought Spain would declare for England.

Extract of a Letter from Fort Ligonier, April 17, 1759.

It is a Thousand to One but this Letter is intercepted by the Enemy, as the Road is Way-laid from Pittsburg to Bedford. Lieutenant Campbell, with 25 Men, and 20 Bullocks, was attacked about 15 Miles from Pittsburg, when he lost ten of his Men; but he prudently retreated to a Breastwork, which he had made on our former March, and which the Enemy, after reconnoitering, did not think proper to attempt. He sent off, in the Night, an Express, to Colonel Mercer, who ordered Captain Clayton, with 50 Men, to reinforce the Guard, by which the Remainder of the Party, and the Bullocks, got safe up.

Extract of a Letter from New-York, dated April 30, wrote by a Gentleman just arrived there, in 6 Weeks from Lisbon.

The Trident Man of War, bound to North-America, put into Lisbon four Days before we sailed; she had lost her Mainmast. Three Transports came in with her, one of which was quite disabled, and the other two in almost as bad a Condition. Three of the Transports were taken, one of which was carried into Vigo. We had several Reports that the King of Spain was dead; but the last Accounts were, that he was recovered.

May 10. In a Letter, by Captain Donnell, from Captain M'Pheron, of the Britannia Privateer, of this Port, to his Owners, he informs them as follows, viz. That by the Papers of the small Vessel he had taken from St. Vincent to Martinico, he learnt they were in great Distress for Want of Powder, in the Port of Barvale, two Letters mentioning, that they had but six Cartouches of Powder for the Guns at the Port, and that there was a very large Sloop, richly laden, lying there; upon which he determined to pay them a Visit, and arrived off the Port the Eighth of March. That on his Arrival before the Place, he immediately sent his first Lieutenant on Shore in his Boat, as a Flag of Truce, to let the Governor know that he had intercepted his Letters in such a Vessel, by which he knew the Difficulties they laboured under; but that if they would deliver up the above mentioned Sloop, and 3 Salt more, which then lay there, he would not hurt the Inhabitants; and if they would not comply, he would come in, and beat down their Town; but received for Answer, that they would defend the Vessels to the last Extremity. That upon this he got both his Boats a-head, and got out the Ship's Oars; and, at the same Time, as it was calm, he handed all his Sails, to save them from the Fire of the Enemy. That soon after they began to play upon him from their Fort, which mounted only two French six Pounders; and from 3 Trenches, one of which was very dangerous, being higher than his Top-gallant-mast-head; as also from behind Houses, Rocks, and Trees: That he supposed they had about 600 Men under Small-arms, French, Indians and Negroes; but he bore their Fire, till he came within a good Pistol shot of their Fort, and there anchored with a spring upon his Cable, and it being then about Noon, by Two o'Clock he silenced their Battery: That he then sent his Boat on shore again, to let them know that he saw the Advantage he had got, but that if they would come upon Terms with him, they might save the Town: That they took the Opportunity, while his Boat was on shore, and remounted their Cannon, and sent off an Answer much the same

as before: That upon this the Action was renewed, which continued very smartly on both Sides till Dark, when the Fire ceased, he finding that they had received a Supply of Powder, and that it was impossible to cut the Vessels out, as they were made fast from their Mast-Heads, and sundry other Places, to the Trenches, so went out to Sea, when a few shot were exchanged; That during the Engagement a great many of the French fell, Half their Town was destroyed, and the Vessels received a good Deal of Damage: That the Britannia had two Men killed, viz. John Johnston, and William Jones; Henry Ireland had his left Arm shot off; Samuel Budy was shot through the Thigh; John Burrell shot through the Hand; and Thomas Jackman, William Cockburn, Daniel Simpson, Andrew Slumbian, and William Renshaw wounded; but all like to do well; and that his Officers behaved most gallantly. The ship suffered a good Deal in her Hull and Rigging.—Captain Wallace of the Earl of Loudoun of New-York, was in fight when he took the sloop, and carried her into St. Christophers.

The French Fleet, lately arrived at Martinico, brought Warlike Stores with them, but no Troops.

Extract of a Letter from Antigua, April 24, 1759.

Captain Donnell sails under Colour of the Amazon, who, we suppose, is going to inform Admiral Saunders where Bonaparte is, and the Situation of Matters here. We are now in great Expectations that Guadaloupe and Grandterre will be ours very shortly, and are every Day anxiously looking out for Capt. Tyrrell, with a Reinforcement sufficient to enable us to push for Martinico. Bonaparte's Situation there seems to be critical indeed; he is afraid to go away, and afraid to stay. He was certainly intended for Canada; how he came this Way Heaven knows; but it was little less than a Miracle that saved our London Fleet from falling into his Hands, as well as Commodore Keppel. Should Mr. Moore have some Reinforcement, and Bonaparte stay where he is, we should be as much certainly fall, which will be a noble Stroke indeed.

Since our last we have received certain Advice, that the Road betwixt Pittsburg and Fort Bedford is not Way-laid by the Enemy; and that Lieutenant Campbell's Loss is not so great as was represented.

From Fort Ligonier there is Advice, that two Men, who were lately taken by the Enemy, with three more, near that Place, had inside their Escapes, and come in. They report that Venango is a complete Stockaded Fort, without any Ditch; and that there were about 600 French, and 80 Indians, in it.

ANNAPOLIS, May 17.

The following Observations, relating to the COMET, were handed to us by a Gentleman in the Country, who had no Celestial Globe, nor any Kind of Instrument, except a Sea Quadrant:

April 4th. A Comet appears in the Morning to the Eastward, in about 26 deg. Aquarius, Declination about 10 deg. South.

April 6th. The apparent Motion in the Heavens is slow, South Westerly.

11th. The apparent Motion swifter, South Westerly.

16th. The apparent Motion increases, and is yet South Westerly.

29th. The Comet now appears in the Evening, to the Southward, in Virgo.

May 1st. The apparent Motion in the Heavens is, North Westerly.

4th. The apparent Motion, continues North Westerly.

6th. The apparent Motion, continues North Westerly.

9th. The Comet now appears in Virgo about 5 1/2 deg. Declination about 7 deg. South.

From the above, I draw the following Conclusions:

First, That this Comet moves in a Curve Line; for if it had moved in a straight Line, it must have continued its Course to the Southward, and would soon have been below the South Part of our Horizon. I therefore think it moves in an Orbit.

Secondly, That this Comet had not past its Perihelion the 4th Day of April; but that it arrived there between the 16th and 29th of April: For, if it had past it's Perihelion the 15th of March, as was imagined, it's Motion in it's Orbit must have been in Consequantia, viz. Easterly, according to the Order of the Signs; and it would have continued it's Course Southwardly, and soon have had too much South Declination to have been seen here.

Thirdly, The Course of this Comet in it's Orbit, is in Antecedentia, or Westerly, contrary to the Order of the Signs, and that it came to it's Perihelion, between the Orbit of the Earth and that of Mars, and will go off to the Northward of the Equinox, viz. with North Declination.

By a Gentleman, who left Philadelphia on Monday last, we are informed, that several Vessels had arrived there from Antigua; and brought an Account, that by a Man of War arrived there in 23 Days, they had Advice, that Captain Tyrrell was arrived in England, and met with a most gracious Reception. It is said he was to sail with 8, some say 14, Men of War, as a Reinforcement for Guadaloupe; and that 40 Sail of Dutch Transports had sail'd for Martinico, under Convoy of 4 Dutch and 2 French Men of War; which Commodore Moore had Orders to cruise for and intercept.

And from an Antigua Paper, he copied the following:

St. JOHN'S (in ANTIGUA), April 18.

By our last Letters from Guadaloupe we are informed, that General Clavering was in Possession of Petitbourg. The Enemy had handsomely disputed the Pass of Annetille with Six Pieces of Cannon, in the strongest Situation possible. In gaining this Pass, we had 12 Men killed and about 40 wounded: The Enemy had 25 Men killed, and a great Number wounded, and about 60 were made Prisoners. After halting the Men about 4 Hours to refresh them, General Clavering marched on towards Petitbourg; but as he found the Enemy strongly entrenched, at the only Pass of the River Trinity, he collected, during the Night, a Number of Canoes, and passed the River; and divided his Men into three different Bodies, with a Design to make three different Attacks at the same Time: The Enemy were so terrified that they abandoned their immense Works, without scarcely firing a Shot.—The Behaviour of our Men deserves the highest Commendation. We have taken 16 Pieces of Cannon; and it is hoped, that we shall soon hear of the Success of another important Enterprize.

Yesterday arrived here the Brig Deborah, Capt. Thomas Canby, from Montserrat, which Place he left the 21st of April, when they had no certain Account of Guadaloupe being surrendered; but Grandterre was every Day expected to surrender.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of Mr. John Anderson, late of this City, Cabinet-maker, deceased, are desired forthwith to come and pay off their Accounts: And all those who have any legal Demands on the said Estate, are desired to come and receive the same, from MARY ANDERSON, Administratrix.

To be Sold by the said Mary Anderson, a Set of Cabinet-maker's TOOLS; also a Quantity of choice well-seasoned MAHOAGNY and WALNUT PLANK.

Piscataway, May 14, 1759.

WHEREAS the Small-Pox is now very rife in Bladenburg, and in all Probability will be a great Detriment to Trade in that Town, on Account of the Danger that People would be under in coming there to dispose of their Tobaccos, or deal with the Factors for Goods. In order to prevent any Danger from that Distemper, and to make it more satisfactory for those that have Tobaccos to lay out, the Subscriber hereby gives Public Notice, that the Store belonging to Edward Trafford, Esq; and Sons, of Liverpool, and at present under the Management of Mr. Richard Whittle, is now removed from Bladenburg to Mr. Magness's House, opposite the Widow Crampin's, at the Eastern Branch Ferry; at which Place all Persons that are pleased to favour Mr. Whittle with their Custom, may assure themselves of having the best Market Price allowed them for their Tobaccos, and have Goods upon the most reasonable Terms for Cash. Those Persons that are obliged to cross the Ferry, and deal in the said Store, shall be at no Expence in paying Ferriage. A very valuable Assortment of Goods is daily expected; after the Arrival of which, he makes no Doubt but Mr. Whittle will have it in his Power to render all his Customers great Satisfaction.

GEORGE BOWDON.

THERE is at the Plantation of Richard Craggs, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a Bright Bay-Mare, with a Star in her Forehead, branded on one of her Shoulders with an H, and on one of her Thighs with something like C; paces slow, and has many Saddle Spots. The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of Melvock Baker, at the Diamond Ridge, in Baltimore County, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Mare, branded on the near Shoulder with S, and on the near Buttock with something like H, and appears to be young. The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

To be SOLD by PUBLIC VENDUE, On Monday the 11th of June next, at the House of the Subscriber, near South River Church, for Ready Money only.

PART of a Tract of Land called Bechtels, containing 180 Acres, belonging to the Estate of Samuel Chambers, deceased. And, A Parcel of Cattle. SAMUEL WATKINS.