

During the above Engagement, the Commander of a French Privateer Snow (who had been beating up for Volunteers at Coracoa, and had shipped near an Hundred stout Fellows, Dutch free Negroes included) applied to the Governor for Leave to go out against the English Privateer, which, with some Difficulty, having obtained, a Number of new Volunteers immediately jumped on board. The Frenchman with all Expedition sailed out, whom Grignon perceiving, lent his Prize away, and (though he had but fifty Hands left) waited for this formidable Antagonist, who coming up close, endeavoured several Times to board him, but in vain. Grignon's Sloop sailing round the Frenchman with great Ease, and pouring in a Broadside and Volley of small Arms each Time. They then (at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon) came to close Engagement, and continued till Dusk, when they lay by to rest. The Fire in a little Time was renewed on both Sides with great Bravery, and continued until Twelve at Night, when they parted by Consent, and Grignon pursued his Voyage. During the Engagement Wagers of a Thousand Milled Dollars to an Hundred were laid against Grignon. The Frenchman returned next Day to careen, being greatly damaged, and having a Number of Men miserably wounded and burnt, but would not own any killed, tho' many of the Volunteers were missing.

#### BOSTON, May 7.

Tuesday last Captain Freeman arrived here from Oporto in 6 Weeks, by whom we learn, That just before he sailed, they had received Advice of the Death of the King of Spain; and it was generally believed to be true by the Consul and the English Factory there.—They also had an Account, That the Packet from England to Lisbon in her Passage fell in with a Ship in great Distress, which proved to be a Frenchman, homeward bound, from the West Indies, supposed to be worth 20,000l. Sterling: The Frenchman willingly submitted to be taken by the Packet, who carried her into Lisbon.—That the Jesuits who were confined to their Convent, on Suspicion of their being concerned in the late Conspiracy, to take away the Life of the King of Portugal, were sentenced to perpetual Banishment.

Saturday last Capt. Mason arrived at Marblehead from Louisburg, which he left the Tuesday before, and informs, that Admiral Saunders, with 12 Sail of the Line, and 28 Transports, were arrived there, and that a 50 Gun Ship, three Fire Ships, three 20 Gun Ships, and 12 Transports, were arrived at Halifax: Capt. Mason also informs, that the Transports arrived at Louisburg had Troops on board, but that those which arrived at Halifax were empty; and that he had brought Dispatches for his Excellency General Amherst.

#### CAMBRIDGE, May 2.

The Comet which appeared in the Beginning of April, passed its descending Node, and continued its Route southward, as we expected: It was then coming almost directly towards the Earth, and by its near Approach, its apparent Motion was very much accelerated; and thus in a short Time it ran so far to the southward, as not to rise above our Horizon. I saw it on the 19th, pretty far to the South, and low, being near the Middle of Aquarius, with about 13 Degrees South Lat. The two next Mornings very cloudy, and on the 22d, I could not find it. While it was invisible in these northern Latitudes, it passed thro' the southern Constellations, to above 30 Degrees South Lat. according to my Computation; and all this Time was to be seen in the southern Countries, where it must have appeared larger than it had done to us. It was nearest the Earth on the 25th, and pursuing its Course, after it had passed by the Earth, it again rose above our Horizon; and on the 29th in the Evening, at Half an Hour after 8, it was very plain, being near the Meridian, and about 15 Degrees high. It was not so bright as before, but appeared bigger, and its Tail longer and broader;—occasioned by its being nearer the Earth; for it was much farther from the Sun: It was a little South of that Part of Hydra, which is under Crater; just in the End of Virgo, with about 36 Degrees South Lat. So that in the 10 Days when we could not see it, it had passed thro' four Signs and a Half, viz. Half of Aquarius, and the Whole of Capricorn, Sagittarius, Scorpio, and Libra. Its Course is N. W. But as it is departing now from the Earth as well as from the Sun, its Motion will become slower continually, and it will grow smaller and dimmer till it disappears.

It may probably be thought a Difficulty by some, that this Comet should be all this While pursuing the same Course; tho' at first it moved southward, and then northward; but the Difficulty will vanish upon reflecting, that Northward and Southward are

relative Terms, and are used with Reference to Poles.—While the Comet was going nearer the south Pole, it moved southward; but after it had passed its nearest Distance therefrom, its continuing to move in the same Direction, carried it farther from that Pole. Now to move farther from the South Pole, is to move northward. J. W.

#### WILLIAMSBURG, May 21.

The *Everton*, Capt. Thomas Kelly, arrived from Liverpool in York River, and has brought in with him a Dutchman, laden with French Sugars, Indico, &c.

#### NEW YORK, May 14.

Fifty Morning last arrived here, a large French Prize Sloop, taken the 16th of March last, about five Leagues from Coracoa, by the Privateers *True Briton*, and *Duke of Marlborough*, the Captains *Masterfon*, and *Fenton*, both of this Port. She carried a Letter of Marque, is called the *Enterprize*, of 124 Tons Burthen, was from Martinico, bound to Coracoa, mounted 12 Guns, and had 56 Men, and engaged Captain *Masterfon* two Hours, the *Duke of Marlborough* not being able to get up to his Assistance: The Frenchman had several Men killed, and the *True Briton* some few wounded, Her Cargo consists of 121 Hogheads, 30 Tierces, and 13 Barrels, of Sugar; 13 Bales of Cotton; 30 Hogheads, and 300 Bags of Coffee; together with 83 Bags of Cocoa; consequently esteemed a rich Prize.

Monday last the following Transports sailed for Halifax, under Convoy of the *Trent* Frigate, &c. viz. *Prince of Wales*, *Brotherly Love*, *Bernard the 2d*, *Fell*, *George*, *Hero*, *Hopewell* 3d, *John and Jane*, *Ranger*, *Edin and Mary*, *Fortunate Industry*, and *Mary* 5th.

The *Diana* Frigate, Capt. *Schomberg*, sailed for Louisburg since our last, as Convoy to the following Transports with Troops on board, viz. *Fortitude*, *Laurell*, *Harwood*, *Antelope*, *Blacket* and *Kitty*.

The following are Provision Vessels, which are to fall under Convoy, viz. *King Frederick*, *Bernard*, *James* and *Mary*, *Unanimity*, *Venus*, *Crown*, *Mary*, *Elizabeth* and *Anne*, *Richard*, *Hannah*, and *Venus* 2d.

Besides which, Nine Transports are gone to Boston from hence, Five to Rhode Island, and Seven to Casto Bay; thence to join the Fleet at Louisburg with all possible Dispatch, after taking Troops on board at each of the Places. Several are left behind here to refit; as is his Majesty's Ship *Sea Horse*.

On Saturday last embarked for Albany, Brigadier General *Erideaux*.

Major *Morris* embarked on board the *Diana* Frigate for Louisburg.

Lord *John Murray*'s Regiment of Highlanders, whose Winter Quarters have been in this City, embarked for Albany on Wednesday last. And,

The last Division of General *Amherst*'s Army (Regulars) are expected to pass this City To-day for Albany; they embarked at Elizabeth Town Point.

#### Extract of a Letter from Albany, dated May 7.

There lately appeared a Party of French and Indians at *Bor. Stanwick*; *John Tiebout*, with a small Party of Rangers, rushed out, but being too few in Comparison to the Enemy, were obliged to return back to the Fort with all Speed, and all got in safe except *John Tiebout* and another, who were killed: *Tiebout* was not scalped, but soon after brought back, and was properly interred.

Letters from Albany, per Yesterday's Post, inform us, that one of our Men was a few Days past, scalped near one of the Forts between Albany and Fort Edward.

With Regard to the 40 Sail of Dutchmen under Convoy of 4 Dutch and 2 French Men of War, mentioned under the Philadelphia Head, a Report prevails in New York, That the Advice Vessel arrived at Barbados, had Orders for Commodore *Moore* to keep a strict Look out for the Fleet of Dutchmen, and do his utmost to frustrate their Attempts from getting into French Ports, by attacking them wherever he met them.

#### PHILADELPHIA, May 17.

By a Gentleman from Barbados we have the following Extract of a Letter from *Grandterre*, dated April 14, 1759.

Every Thing now wears a more pleasing Aspect than before; the General is beloved; the sick Men recover fast; the Well are always kept in Action; and Encouragement given for good Behaviour, neither are they so much fatigued as formerly, and therefore do not fall into Diseases, nor the Recovered relapse.—The first Thing that was done after General *Barrington* took the Command, and came here, was the taking and destroy-

ing *St. Anne's*, where was a Battery of 7 Guns; they burnt down the Town, and Houses and Works near it; they did the same at *St. Francois*, where was a small Battery, and then returned. While this was doing, 400 Men were sent under Command of a Lieutenant Colonel to *Gothee*, where was a one Gun Battery, about a Miles above *Fort Louis*. They got ashore, drove the Enemy from their Trenches, took the Battery, and two small Pieces of Cannon more; then they marched back to *Fort Louis*, and as they returned, they came upon a Masked Battery of three Guns, which the French had, with immense Labour, erected, without our perceiving it, and so situated, that it would have destroyed most of our Troops in Camp, at least it would have done much Mischief.—But the fortunate Part was, that we came upon it, just as they were unmasking it; the Guns were all primed, loaded with Langrel, and pointed down at the Head Quarters, and would have soon begun to play. Three Men only were lost in this Attack.

The 12th, a Scheme was laid, and put in Execution with 1700 Men, under Command of General *Clavering*, to attack the Village of *Petit-Bourg*, on *Guadaloupe* Side; they sailed in the Night, with the *Woolwich*, and began the Attack in the Morning; but the *Woolwich* not being able to get near enough the Battery, the Soldiers attacked the Enemy in their Trenches, carried them, took the Battery, with six Pieces of Cannon, and about 60 Prisoners; many of them Principal People: We had 12 Men killed, and 40 wounded; they did not burn the Town, but it serves for Shelter to our Men; they are burning all the Sugar Works and Cane.—Yesterday they marched out to attack a very strong Post of the Enemy, with a River in Front, and finding they could not ford it, they surprized a great Number of Canoes, and passed the River in the Face of the Enemy, who gave them a most heavy Fire from their Cannon and small Arms.—Our Troops, resolved on Victory, pushed on, drove them, and took ten Pieces of Cannon, and did not lose any Men. We are now in Possession of a large Tract of Ground, on that Part of *Guadaloupe*, next *Grandterre*, and this Day they are in March to attack a Place called *Breemeau*, where they has another very strong Place, when that is taken, they will have but one or two more Holds; and he generally believed they must surrender. General *Barrington* is laid up with the Gout, but this does not prevent him from forming his Scheme; and he has the Satisfaction to see the Goodness of his Officers and Men carry them all into Success.—The Fort at *Basseterre* has been molested by the Enemy, tho' nothing very material has happened there, except that our People sallied out, and took three Pieces of Cannon the Enemy had brought against the Port.

#### Extract of a Letter from Barbados, April 20, 1759.

By an Express which arrived here a few Days ago, in 23 Days from *Spithead*, there is an Account of sixty odd Sail of French Vessels, most of them Store Ships, having sailed for *St. Domingo* under Convoy of seven Dutch Men of War, three of which chased the Express: That the King of the Two Sicilies having requested of the Court of England to have an Admiral to accompany him in paying a Visit to the King of Spain before his Death, Admiral *Boscawen* was accordingly gone with him: That on the Death of his Spanish Majesty, it was expected War would be declared by Spain and *Sardinia* against the French; and a Dutch War was likewise much talked of: That the King of Prussia had shut up *Count Daun* in such a Manner, that he must either surrender, or fight his Way through: That Captain *Tyrel* was arrived in England, and was most graciously received by his Majesty, who was pleased to deposite his Hand; and as he was endeavouring to get his Right Hand (which was wounded) out of a sling, the King desired him to give him the other, as his Right Hand was hurt, by gallantly fighting in his Service, and for the Good of his Country.

Another Letter from Barbados mentions Capt. *Tyrel*'s coming immediately out again, with 13 or 14 Sail of Men of War, and 40 Transports. It is said the Express to Barbados, from England, came with Advice of four Dutch Men of War and two French Ones, being sailed with 40 Sail of Dutch Merchants for the French Islands.

#### A NEW APPORT OF May 20.

We hear from *Frederick Town*, That *Titus Wort*, (who kept a Store at *Fort Frederick*), and Three of his Associates, were lately all killed by the Enemy, near *Lojalbanon*.

This Afternoon his Excellency our Governor is expected Home from the Eastern Shore.

We hear that a *Vessel* from *Philadelphia*, after a short stay with the agreeable News of *Salvo* to his Majesty's Crown, MS. Copy is handed the Chief Articles of the

The Inhabitants are main perfectly Neuter the Peace, if the Island is, they are to enjoy rest of the British Islands in Possession of all the are to establish Garrison wherever we find it and Protection of our Produce of the Island in British Bottoms, and Commerce with any of to pay the same Duties as are paid to his British Majesty, and all by him. The Inhabitants and public Exercise of Customs, &c. And he is allowed to possess any House, chafe, Grant, or other St. JOHN'S (in the Schooner *Nathaniel* the last Commodore *Morley* Line, Two of Forty, and had Intelligence from of that *Monsieur Bempar* with 9 Sail of the Line, yachts, and had landed most of *Grandterre*, which by our Forces, they were with great Precipitation Men taken Prisoners, on who is now on board the after landing the Men, Island of *Grandterre*, *Desada*; but on Tuesday at 12 o'Clock at Night the Island of *Maigala* lights, which he judged as the Commodore intended Cruising Ships but, excused By a Vessel which came a Gentleman who amongst the French at the *Disorder*. We are in day the 2d, there were the led with French Roman on board two Transports, in order to *Basseterre*, in order to of These were such that were Allegiance to his Place, for the same Reason

THE Reverend Thomas (his Thanks to the v have thought proper to the LAWS of MARY'scriptions: And as the Ac from his Correspondents in favourable, he is now enabled that the Work will infallibly possible Expedition, and O ing the Paper and other M Accounts of his friendly other Counties shall be receive the Number of Copies will be kept open till the Gentlemen who have not avail themselves of it; as pies, after the Subscribers be told but at an advanced quest his Friends, who had the Trouble of receiving send Lists of the Number a veral Subscribers to the 15th Day of July next, that in general, or Disappointment happen for Want of timely

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