

Interception of a Letter intercepted going from Pondichery to

"You see an Account of the taking of Fort St. David. A particular Detail of it might then have been entered, but at present it is too old, and the Recital, which you must have heard from many different People, will not be tedious.

"I shall mention to you our unfortunate Expedition to Pondichery. It was interesting, but painful to the Writer. We laid Siege to Tanjour, and made a Breach, but were oblig'd to retire for Want of Provisions and Ammunition, leaving behind us nine Pieces of Cannon, eight of which were of 24 Pounds. The Army has suffered greatly from Hunger, Thirst, Watching, and Fatigue. We have lost near 200 Men, as well by Desertion as by Death. This Check is very detrimental to us, as well with regard to our Reputation, as the real Loss we suffered. Add to this the Destruction of our Fleet, which failed Yesterday to the Islands of Pondichery, having been roughly handled in a second Engagement on the 10th of August, in which we lost 550 Men.

"Poor French, what a Situation are we in! What Projects we thought ourselves capable of executing, and how greatly are we disappointed in the Hopes we conceived upon this Point. I pity our General. He must be extremely oblig'd, notwithstanding his extensive Genius, with a better Army or Fleet; his Troops very discontented, his Reputation declining; and the bad Season approaching, which will oblige us to submit at our own Expense, to form any Enterprize for procuring us our Provisions. What will become of us? I am not apprehensive of myself, but am sorry to see we do not shine.

"M. de Buffi is coming; let him make Haste; he will bring Men, and especially Money, without which we cannot subsist. The Country, being ruined, scarce affords us any Provisions. The Quantities consumed by the Fleet and Army, and the Desertion of the Inhabitants, has greatly raised the Price of all Kinds of Commodities.

"I forgot to tell you, that above 20 Officers, of different Regiments, have gone on board the Fleet, and that if M. Lally had given Permission to depart to whomever desired it, the greatest Part of them would have embarked, so greatly are these Gentlemen disgusted with the Service."

A Letter from a French Soldier of War, of 18th October 5.

"The 28th of last Month, Commodore Hervey (our Ship being in his Squadron) order'd the Barges to come on board the Ship in the Afternoon. At Night he went in the Morning with the Barge, with four or five Barges, I was in the Barge, and having row'd till near One in the Morning, we got to a Bay close to the French Fleet, in order to attack a little Yacht belonging to the French Admiral. As soon as Commodore Hervey, who led us, got Sight of the Yacht, under which the Yacht lay, the Yacht hail'd the Commodore's Boat, and fired; we immediately fired all our small Arms, and pulled on board as fast as possible. The Commodore himself and his People were first on board, and order'd the Yacht to surrender. We found them with Swords and Pistols in Hand; the French running under the Deck, begging for their Lives. Our People cut her Cable, and our Boats brought her out, in the midst of incessant Firing from the Yacht. We found ourselves in great Danger, nevertheless we row'd and pull'd on board all the Way. In the Morning we were met by the Rest of the Ships Boats. We got to our Ships not a little tired, nor a little pleas'd at a Conquest that might have been more dearly bought; but nothing could have been done here so mortifying to the French. All the wounded Prisoners were sent in a Flag of Truce. The Commodore, who received no Hurt, a Shot only passing through his Coat, has generously given up all his Share of the Prize and Head money to the People who went in the Barges with him; and we believe all the Captains of his Squadron will follow so worthy an Example."

A Letter by the last Dutch Mail has the following Paragraph: "I understand the French Court has made a Proposal to the Russian and Prussian Courts, desiring the Loan of ten or twelve Men of War from each, in order to facilitate the Invasion of Great-Britain, as the Defeat of M. de la Clue has entirely disconcerted their Measures. What answer they have receiv'd we know not."

On Friday last an Express arriv'd from the Court of Russia to the Russian Ambassador here; on which Account his Excellency went directly to Court, and said there some considerable Time; by which it is conjectur'd that a Subsidy Treaty between our Court and that of Russia, is pretty far advanced.

October 12. The Prussian Minister at this Court, has received Advice, that Prince Henry of Prussia has attacked a large Body of Austrians commanded by M. Villattes, and had entirely routed them. The Austrians left 2000 Dead on the Field of Battle, and Prince Henry took upwards of 2000 Prisoners, amongst whom is the Commander, M. de Villattes, besides six Pieces of Cannon. He was in full March towards Dresden when the Express came away.

It is said an Order was received on Sunday at Woolwich, for 60 Pieces of Cannon to be kept in Readiness to march at a Minute's Warning, with a sufficient Number of the Train of Artillery.

Some Letters from the East-Indies say, that the Harwick, Samson, had taken a very rich French Ship, from Pondichery, bound to the Isle of Bourbon.

October 13. It is reported, that when the Orders for embarking the French Troops at Havre-de-Grace were given out, the Soldiers of the 9th Regiment of France refused to go on board; alledging, that there were Instructions given to the Commanders of his Britannic Majesty's Ships of War, to fire upon, sink and destroy, all Ships and Boats having on board French Soldiers, bound to any Part of Great-Britain or Ireland, without regard to the Lives on board; and if in case such Transport Vessels or Boats should be numerous, to proceed from the disabling of one to the Destruction of another, and so to the whole.

An Ambassador Extraordinary is expected from Spain, as soon as the King is settled on his new Throne.

NEW-YORK, December 10.

Advices from above since our last are, that the 3 French Vessels taken and weigh'd by Commodore Loring, were brought under the Fort at Ticonderoga, where they, with the English Vessels, were secured, by being enclosed with large Picquets: That the English Garrison at Crown Point was about 2000 Men, all healthy and well stor'd with Provisions: That the Accounts from the Enemy were, that they were in great want of Provisions, and other Necessaries: And that Col. Haldiman is to command at Oswego, and General Gage at Albany, during the Winter.

PHILADELPHIA, December 20.

The Brig Carpenter, Captain Lamont, of this Port, bound to Jamaica, is taken and carried into Cape-Francois.

His Excellency GENERAL AMHERST is arriv'd at New-York.

ANNAPOLIS, December 27.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman who arriv'd at New-York the 10th Instant in the General-Wall Packet.

"The Packet left Falmouth the 18th of October. Our Passage has been long, and attended with bad Weather. There was no News of much Consequence when we left England. Admiral Hawke had, just before we sail'd, put into Plymouth, with five Ships of the Line, in order to clean them; but he was order'd to return immediately to his Station before Brest, as it was fear'd the French would take the Opportunity of his Absence to come out. It is the Opinion of the most thinking Part of the People in England, that the French will invade that Island; and that, if they have no Opportunity of coming out of Brest, they will risk a Battle with our Fleet, which is inferior in Force. Admiral Rodney was just arriv'd from his Station off Havre-de-Grace; but was likewise order'd to return to the Coast of France; to what Part, is not known.

"The last Mail from Holland, which arriv'd the 14th of October, brought no News, except the Situation of the Armies in Germany and Flanders. The Imperial Army commanded by the Prince de Deux Ponts continues in Possession of Dresden. Prince Henry's Head Quarters were the first of October at Meissen near Dresden, where he had the greatest Part of the Corps of his Army; That under General Finck had taken Post within a very little Distance of him. On the other Hand, it is said M. Daun's Army had march'd to Pirna, to be near at Hand to oppose the Prussians, in case they should formally undertake the Siege of Dresden.

"The King of Prussia was encamp'd the 30th of September at Neustadt near Glogau, having, by a rapid March, got the Start of the Russian Army, who thought to have surpriz'd the Place; but he was no sooner inform'd that the Russians had quitted their Camp of Guben, than his Majesty decamp'd with his Army from the Neighbourhood of Forste, and by Means of forced Marches, arriv'd the 30th of September at Neustadt, where he will be able effectually to cover Glogau, which the Enemies have a Design of laying Siege to.

"Marshal de Contades continues to have his Head Quarters at Gieffen near Frankfort, where lies the main Body of his Army. The Duke de Broglie, with his Reserve, still encamps near Witzlau. Prince Ferdinand's Army is encamp'd near Corrdorf. It is thought the French will give him Battle before they leave those Parts."

A Gentleman from the Northward informs us, that he read an Account in one of the Boston Papers, of a Vessel being lately seen at Sea, in the Latitude of 36, thus describ'd, "Frigate Built, about 200 Tons, Lion Head painted Yellow, a sharp Top-gallant Quarter-Deck, small Tafferell painted Yellow, Quarter and Stern painted Blue, large Trophies on her Stern and Gilt, full of Water, and no Body on board."

We hear from Baltimore, that the Boatswain of the Thetis, (who was to have been hang'd there on the 18th Instant, for the Murder of a Boy) has broke out of Goal and made his Escape.

Two Weeks ago a very large Fodder Houfe near Severn Ferry, with about 400 Bushels of Corn in it, belonging to John Brice, Esq; was burnt by the Carelessness of his Negroes.

Lately died at his Seat in St. Mary's County, William Deacor, Esq; Collector of his Majesty's Customs on Patowmack.

By the last Papers from the Northward, we learn, that Captain Cole, in a Brigantine belonging to this Province, is taken by the French, and carried into Martinico.

[We heartily greet our Readers with the Compliments of the Season.]

To be SOLD by the SUBSCRIBER,



THE SLOOP TRYALL, now lying in the Dock at Annapolis, being well fitted and a prime Sailer, with very good Accommodations for Passengers, having a neat Brick Fire-Place in the Cabbin, and will carry about 1200 Bushels of Grain, and has a Square-Sail, Flying-Jibb and Gaff Top-Sail, which are all new. Any Person inclining to purchase may know the Terms, by applying to ROBERT BRYCE.

THERE is in the Possession of Richard Talbot, at Elk-Ridge, taken up as a Stray, a likely young Sorrel Gelding near 14 Hands high, with a large Star in his Forehead, and a small white Spot on his near Side, shod before, paces fast, and brand'd on the near Shoulder imperfectly. The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Anne-Arundel County, December 16th, 1759.

NEAR the Head of South River, at his Dwelling-Plantation, the Subscriber proposeth to Teach Reading, Writing in the most usual Hands, and Arithmetic, Vulgar, Decimal, Instrumental, Algebraical, at Forty Shillings Current Money per Annum. Also, Geometry, Trigonometry, Plain and Spheric, with their several Applications in Surveying, Navigation, Astronomy, Gauging, Dialling, the Use of the Globes, and other Branches of the Mathematics, the Italian Method of Book-Keeping or Double Entry, at Three Pounds like Money per Annum, or by the Branch, as they shall agree. Likewise, he Teaches Latin as they can agree. And so far as some mean Aspersions have been cast on him by Persons belonging to the Family of the Shallowes or Wrongheads, he hereby satisfies the Public, and his Employers, that he is ready to undergo any Scrutiny or Examination about Teaching the above Sciences, by any Person or Persons concern'd; which he trusts will squash such mean Artifices, and prove to the Content of Their humble Servant, JOHN WILMOT.

Youth may Board within less than Half a Mile of said School with John Wilmot, junior.

To be SOLD by the Commissioners of the Paper Currency, at PUBLIC VENDUE, on Wednesday the 12th of March next, being the second Day of Anne-Arundel County Court, at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the House of William Reynolds, in the City of Annapolis, for Paper Currency.

THE following Tracts of LAND, lying in the County aforesaid, viz. Hazard, containing 60 Acres. Head's Hall, 100 Acres. Part of Ben's Luck, 25 Acres. And, Part of Freeborn's Progress, 130 Acres. Also, Three Lots of Land lying in the New-Town of the said City, with a Brick Houfe, with two Chimneys standing thereon, on the South-West Side of Scotts-Street, late the Estate of William Cumming, deceased.

THERE is at the Plantation of Mr. William Digges, near Piscataway, in Prince-George's County, taken up as a Stray, a light Bay Horse about 12 Hands high, brand'd on the near Buttock with something like a C. The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

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