

out all their troops from Amboy, &c. supposed to be
 about 1000, and posted themselves on Punk-hill: They
 brought artillery and a number of waggons, as if to
 storage, though there was none left in that neighbour-
 hood worth notice. General Maxwell, with the troops
 under his command, was on a rising ground to the
 northward, in plain view, though at a good distance.
 The enemy were too well situated to be attacked: He
 sent a party to the left to amuse them
 sign was to the right, on the
 town: He sent a strong party
 lines, if they had any, and
 of them, that he might fall,
 performed by part of col. Por-
 vania militia, and part of col
 Col. Cook, of the Pennsylvania
 from Matuching to come down
 keep along the heights till he
 half a mile lower down, be-
 Woodbridge, the two parties
 advanced party of the enemy.
 Martin and lieutenant col. Lindl
 them; they all behaved well,
 they were supported from the
 directly marched that way. T
 reinforcement; but on another
 sent on the left to cut them o
 the party gave way in great con-
 their main body, and all went
 pursued them, and took a
 waggon close in their rear, a
 plain ground. Bonamtown lay
 and a plain open ground tow-
 far. They left four dead on
 three prisoners. By the quant
 in fells and waggons, it is sup-
 killed and twice that number w
 also mentions that, by a soldier
 instant, he learns that gen. Ho
 during the engagement, till he f
 best of their way home, and then
 for him to go. That the enemy
 out that day was to secure the ge
 Amboy, and that he is since gon
 soldier further says, they talk no
 ris-town. Gen. Maxwell adds,
 from prisoners, deserters, and
 wounded and missing of the ene
 23d of February, was upwards of
 By a gentleman from Bedford,
 Blackburn had arrived there, who
 party of Indians had attacked a
 ans, at or near Keatucky, wher
 engagement ensued, in which,
 and 70 Virginians were left dead
 The privateer brig General M
 returning from a cruise, was un-
 norance of the pilot, ran ashore
 the vessel is lost, but the guns
 seventeen of the crew perished
 weather.

ANNAPOLI

On Friday last, between the
 o'clock, his excellency the
 Esq; governor of the state of M
 at the Stadt-houfe, in the presen
 people, who expressed the hig
 occasion.

The procession began at the
 ceeded in the following order,

- High She.
- The Hon. the Presider
- Senator
- GOVERNOR
- Council
- Serjeant at Arms w
- The Hon. the Speaker of th
- Delegat
- Mayor of the city a
- Alderm
- Common C
- Military Of
- Gentlemen St
- Citizen

Silence being commanded, t
 claimed the governor.

On the signal from three
 the soldiery, who were paradi
 houfe, thirteen cannon were f
 The procession then returne

- High She
- His EXCELLENCY the
- The Cou
- The Hon. the Preside
- Senato
- The Serjeant at Ar
- The Hon. the Speaker of t
- Deleg
- Mayor and Recor
- Alderm
- Common C
- Military C
- Gentlemen, S
- Citizen

And repaired to the coffee-h
 ment was provided, the field
 strangers then in town being

- After dinner the following
1. Perpetual union and fi
 of America.
 2. The freedom and inde
 States.
 3. Prosperity to Marylan
 4. The Congress.
 5. General Washington
 6. The American navy.
 7. The arts and sciences.
 8. Agriculture.
 9. Trade and navigation.
 10. The friends of liberty throughout the world.

11. The memory of the brave patriots who have
 fallen in the cause of America.

12. General Lee and our other friends in captivity.
13. Wisdom and unanimity in the councils of Ame-
 rica, and undaunted courage in her forces to execute
 her measures.

The whole concluded with an elegant ball in the
 evening.

service, and the appraisement or the balance, after such deduc-
 tion, shall be immediately paid by the officer to the master or
 owner of such apprentice or servant, and discounted out of the
 bounty and wages of such recruit; but if the time of servitude of
 such enlisted servant or apprentice should be valued at less than
 his freedom dues, such justice may order the difference to be paid
 by the master to such servant or apprentice, and on refusal may,
 by warrant to any constable, levy the same on his person, goods
 or chattels; and such recruiting officer, on application to him by
 the owner or master of any apprentice or servant, shall immedi-
 ately repair to the next justice of peace to ascertain and value the
 time of servitude of such servant or apprentice; and if such officer
 shall neglect or refuse to go before such justice, on such applica-
 tion, he shall forfeit and pay to such owner or master ten
 pounds, current money, to be recovered before any justice of the
 peace, and to be levied on the offender's person, goods or chat-
 tels, or such officer shall be subject to an action for damages, at
 the election of the party grieved.

And be it enacted, That the governor, on the recommendation
 of the general assembly, shall appoint a proper and discreet per-
 son in every hundred of each county of this state, who shall re-
 pair to, and require, eve y house-keeper within his hundred, ex-
 cept tavern-keepers, to deliver in an account of all the blankets,
 the property of the said house-keeper, over and above the num-
 ber commonly used by the family in the winter season, and shall
 deliver to the collector one half of the said overplus: And if the
 said collector shall suspect a concealment by any house-keeper,
 then the said collector shall tender and administer to the said
 house-keeper the following oath or affirmation, viz. "I, A. B.
 do swear or affirm, that I will deliver in, to the best of my know-
 ledge, a just and true account of the number of blankets belong-
 ing to me, over and above the number commonly used by my
 family in the winter season," and the said house-keeper shall de-
 liver to the said collector one half of such overplus: And the
 said collector shall deliver to every house-keeper, or his assigns, a
 certificate of the number and value of the blankets, so as afore-
 said received by him; which value shall be ascertained either by
 agreement, or by the appraisement, on oath, of an indifferent
 person, to be administered by the collector, and be paid by either
 of the treasurers of this state, who shall transmit, with all con-
 venient speed, to the governor and the council, fair and exact lists
 of the number of blankets, and from and by whom collected; and
 the collectors on the Eastern Shore shall, without loss of
 time, convey to and deposit the blankets collected on that shore
 in Chester-Town; and the collectors on the Western Shore shall,
 without loss of time, convey to and deposit the blankets collected
 on that shore in the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-Town; and
 the governor and the council shall appoint proper persons to re-
 ceive them, and may order the blankets to such other places and
 under the care of such persons as they may think proper, to be
 delivered out on the order of the governor and council: And if
 any such house-keeper shall refuse to render such account of
 blankets upon oath or affirmation, as aforesaid, or shall refuse to
 deliver such proportion of the overplus, as aforesaid, such house-
 keeper shall forfeit the sum of twenty pounds current money, to be
 recovered in the county court of the county where such house-
 keeper resides, for the use of the state, by indictment, or action
 of debt; and the said collector, to whom such refusal shall be
 made, is hereby required to give information of such refusal to
 the grand jury of the succeeding county court.

And be it enacted, That the collectors shall receive five per-
 cent. on the value of the blankets by them respectively collected,
 and shall be allowed their reasonable charges for conveying them
 as aforesaid, to be paid by the treasurer of their respective shire.

And be it enacted, That every person appointed collector as
 aforesaid shall, before he enters on the execution of his said of-
 fice, take the following oath before some justice of the peace:
 "I, A. B. do swear, that I will impartially, faithfully, and dili-
 gently, discharge the several duties of collector, according to an
 act, entitled, An Act to promote the recruiting service."

And be it enacted, That if any collector appointed for any
 hundred shall die or refuse to act, the governor with the advice of
 the council may appoint a collector for such hundred; and every
 person appointed a collector, if he acts as such, shall, on oath or
 affirmation, if required, and under the same penalty above im-
 posed on a house-keeper, deliver to some collector in his county
 one half of his overplus of blankets, over and beyond what are
 commonly used by his family in the winter season; and the value
 thereof shall be ascertained, certificates given, and the money
 paid as before in this act is directed.

FISH-KILL, March 27.

Our post at Peck's-Kill, since the removal of the militia of the
 eastern states, has been, in a manner, in a defenceless situation,
 there being only part of two regiments stationed there, under the
 command of general M'Dougal, amounting to about 250 men.
 The enemy, having received intelligence of this, formed an ex-
 pedition thither, with a view to take or destroy the stores belong-
 ing to the continent that were deposited there. Accordingly on
 Sunday last they appeared, with a frigate, four transports, and
 several other small vessels, in the bay, and landed about 1000
 men, with several pieces of cannon. General M'Dougal, not
 thinking it prudent to hazard a battle with such an unequal

their way that may be more suitable to them, which
 will be of infinite service at this time to their very
 humble servant,
 THOMAS NORMAN.

SIXTEEN DOLLARS REWARD.

Annapolis, March 17, 1777.
 DESERTED from co. Thomas Price's regiment
 of Maryland forces, MICHAEL KELLY, an
 Irishman, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches
 high, fair complexion, pitted with the small-pox, has
 short black hair, and is a thick well set fellow. He
 broke goal at Alexandria, where he had been admitt-

force, and not having seasonable advice of the enemy's mo-
 ment, was under the necessity of destroying the stores, to pre-
 vent their falling into their hands, and retired about two miles
 pass in the highlands, carrying with him his baggage and ar-
 tillery stores; his advanced guard being stationed at
 house in the valley. The enemy the same day took possession
 the village, and remained close in their quarters until the
 day in the afternoon; when a party of them, consisting of
 200 men, possessed themselves of a height a little south of
 land's. The general having received a reinforcement from
 Gansevoort's regiment of about 80 men, under the command
 lieutenant colonel Willett, permitted them to attempt to dis-
 possess the enemy from that eminence. Col. Willett having dis-
 cordingly made the necessary disposition, advanced with his
 party with the greatest firmness and resolution, and made the
 attack. The enemy instantly fled with the greatest precipita-
 leaving three men dead on the field, and the whole body
 struck, betook themselves to their shipping, embarking under
 ver of the night; and by the last accounts they had sailed
 the river. Before they embarked, they gave out that they in-
 tended to stop at Tarry Town, in their way down, and attempt-
 to destroy our magazine of forage at Wright's-Mills. Upon
 evacuating the place, general M'Dougal took possession of his
 mer quarters, and detached a party of men to watch their
 motions. The enemy on this occasion have been exceedingly
 appointed, as they have not been able to carry off any of
 stores left behind by our men, and no other flock than some
 sheep, and 8 or 10 head of cattle, with which they were
 by our good friends the Tories. Never did troops exhibit more
 firmness and resolution than our little army did on this occa-
 sion. Notwithstanding the disparity in numbers was great, and
 measure absolutely necessary, it was with the utmost reli-
 they retired to the pass. As usual, these heroes of Britain
 burnt some houses, plundered the inhabitants of Britain
 could conveniently take with them, frightened the women
 children, and raised the spirits of their Tory brethren in the
 quarter, but which, alas, as is always the case, when unatta-
 elated, are now again proportionably depressed.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.

Extract of a letter from Quibble-Town, March 25.
 "Yesterday a party of about sixty men from Hampton, under
 major Ritney, of col. Stricker's battalion, fell in with a party
 the enemy near one of their out-posts, where a smart engage-
 ment began. Major Ritney's party being much inferior to the
 enemy (who were continually reinforced) he was obliged to re-
 treat, which he did in such good order as not to lose a man,
 though the enemy were three times his number. He was re-
 sently reinforced by lieutenant col. Hollingsworth, with a de-
 tachment from col. Rumsfey's battalion of Maryland militia, and
 Virginia volunteers, who, after a smart skirmish, caused the en-
 my to give way, and drove them into their breast-works, leav-
 behind them several hats, knapsacks, blankets, and one black
 handkerchief.

In this skirmish they must have lost some men, as they were
 carrying them off in the time of action, which happened within
 half a mile of their breast-works. We had two rifles broke, but
 not a man hurt, in this skirmish, an evident proof that Provin-
 shields the just and brave, for we forced them from an ad-
 vantageous wood, where they were posted behind trees, and our
 entirely exposed in an open field. The troops that were engaged
 with ours were British, and not Hessians—Our whole party
 not exceed one hundred and thirty, and the enemy not less than
 three hundred men."

Yesterday James Moleworth, a traitor and a spy, was
 executed on the commons near this city. It appears by sundry
 evidence and his own confession, that he had been sent from New
 York to procure pilots for conducting the British fleet up the
 river Delaware to this city. In a few days the public may ex-
 pect more particulars on this subject.

Extract from a general order, issued March 27, 1777.
 "The general, having directed that all surgeons, who
 the superintendency of military hospitals, should send all soldiers
 whom they discharge, under the care of proper officers, to
 their respective regiments, making report to the commanding
 officer of each regiment of the number of men, so discharged,
 belonging to his corps; desires that the commanding officer, in the
 department nearest any hospital from which they are to be dis-
 missed, will, upon application of the surgeon thereof, furnish
 officer, or officers, for the occasion, proportioned to the number
 of men to be committed to his or their care."

It is desired that the above may be inserted in the different
 papers on this continent.

April 3. By an express from the eastward we are informed,
 a vessel is just arrived from France with 12,000 stand of arms,
 besides a large quantity of powder and cloaths. The last
 from Paris by this vessel are in February. We are assured
 by this time France and Spain have each a fleet at sea of
 ships of the line; that the peace of Europe was suspended on
 the very web of a spider, which the most trifling incident must
 and the storm was gathering round the head of our enemy
 as the most zealous friend of America could wish.

By the above vessel we learn further, that Arthur Lee, Esq;

N. B. Good grass for mares at 6/6 per week; the
 money to be paid for the use of the horse at the
 time of covering. No mares lost out of the pasture
 will be accounted for.