

MARYLAND GAZETTE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1777.

Annapolis, May 11, 1777. The subscriber, having the management of the TANNERY...

Annapolis, June 3, 1777. ROBERT GAOL last night, the following prisoners...

THOMAS BYRNE, committed on suspicion of being about five feet eight inches high...

ROBERT JEM, under sentence of death, about nine inches high, between fifty and sixty years of age...

STEPHEN WILLIAMS, committed for want of his good behavior, about 30 years of age...

St. Mary's county, July 4, 1777. LEN out of the subscriber's pasture, on Wednesday the 18th of June last...

Calvert county, June 13, 1777. N away, the first of last month, a negro named WILL, of a yellow complexion...

CHARLES county, July 23, 1777. HERAS ELISABETH, the wife of the subscriber, for seventeen months past...

July 22, 1777. PERTED from my company, about five weeks ago, a certain JOHN BROWN, born in England...

Prince-George's county, July 23, 1777. WILLIAM WATERS takes this method to get rid of those whose accounts have been...

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L O N D O N .

It is with the most profound respect that the undersigned envoy extraordinary and plenipotentiary of their high mightinesses...

At their high mightinesses, fire, set the greatest value on your majesty's friendship, they wish to do every thing in their power as far as is consistent with the dignity and honour of the states...

It is entirely from the motive of shewing your majesty every possible attention, and to prove that their high mightinesses wish to neglect nothing that may conduce to the investigation of the truth of facts...

The underwritten is ordered to acquaint your majesty of this resolution, and to declare that their high mightinesses make no difficulty to disavow, in the most express terms, every act or mark of honour that may have been given by their officers and persons in their service...

London, April 10, 1777. THE king, having taken cognizance of the memorial which you addressed to his majesty the 26th of last month, in consequence of the orders that you had received from their high mightinesses...

HALIFAX, July 12. This day arrived his majesty's ship Rainbow, Sir George Collier, having brought into this harbour the Hancock frigate, commanded by Mr. Manley...

Following are the particulars relative to the meeting of the rebel squadron:

On Sunday the 5th July, at half past 4 in the afternoon (Cape Sable then bearing N. E. about 12 or 13 leagues) we discovered three sail from the mast head, which we immediately gave chase to...

A little after 6 a.m. another sail was discovered standing towards the rebel ships; she crossed us on the contrary tack, at about 4 miles distance...

About 10 in the morning the enemy's ships went away lasking; and three-quarters of an hour afterwards we were surprised to see several shot exchanged between the sternmost of them, and the stranger who had last joined...

We were just putting about after two ships when we observed this, which made us stand on something longer before we tacked, hoping to get her within reach of our guns...

The ship we had fired upon outailed us fast; and soon after our tacking, kept away lasking; whilst the other frigate standing as we did, kept her wind...

It was about 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Monday the 7th of July, that we tacked after Mr. Manley, who seemed at first rather to outtail the Rainbow...

We immediately took possession of her, and sent part of the prisoners on board the Rainbow. She proved to be the Hancock, of 34 guns, 25 pounders, and had upwards of 300 men on board...

large frigate, is quite new off the stocks, and though from her foulness, and their mismanagement we came up with her, yet we are informed she is one of the fastest sailing ships ever built.

The prisoners informed us, that the ship the Flora was in chase of was his majesty's ship the Fox of 28 guns, which Manley had lately taken on the banks of Newfoundland...

After exchanging the prisoners we found it necessary from their number, being almost as many as our own ship's company, to return to this port.

We hear the prize sloop which the rebel fleet set fire to when chased by the Rainbow, was called the Britannia, and loaded with coals from Louisbourg for Halifax, Hinckman, master.

The taking of Manley will be of the utmost consequence to the rebels, he being the chief executive officer of their navy, in whom the congress placed all their confidence...

A gentleman from Providence informs us, that last Saturday a party of 50 men, under the command of capt. Martin (who was one of the number that lately surprised and took general Prefost and his aids, upon Rhode-Island) landed upon Providence Island...

By a gentleman who arrived in town yesterday, and who left our northern army last Friday, we learn, that they have dismantled Fort Edward and retired to West-creek, where they are determined to make a stand.

Wednesday last capt. Fife, in the Massachusetts, belonging to this state, arrived in a safe port, with a valuable cargo, in 42 days from Nantz in France.

Thursday last arrived safe in port, a prize sloop, bound from Halifax for New-York laden with dry goods, duck and cordage; as did also a prize schooner, laden with fish, blubber and oil, bound from Newfoundland for the West-Indies.

Reports will, doubtless, be equally various and uncertain; it must therefore be agreeable to be ascertained of our affairs in this department, I have not time to be very particular, so you must accept of a general account.

The enemy had collected great strength upon the lake, viz. Three 20 gun ships, the Thunder, mounting 18 brass 25 pounders, two 12 inch mortars, several howitz and cohorns, besides schooners, sloops, gun-boats, &c.

Their strength by land far exceeded our expectations, and three times our numbers, so that, for want of men, we could not prevent their cutting off our passage to Lake George, by which means having possessed themselves of heights, from which, together with two batteries they had built on the east side of Lake Champlain, and their shipping, they would have inviolated the French lines and made Ticonderoga too hot a place to live in; we must have fled to Mount Independence, the consequence of that would have been their running by us with their shipping, and cutting off our communication by way of Skeneborough, no water carriage would have been left; they were cutting a road to intercept our communication by land from Mount Independence to Castletown, and on the Grants; this they would have effected soon, and we must have been starved into a compliance with their own terms.

In these deplorable circumstances (for they are not imaginary) the general's attention was turned to save the army, which could be done no otherwise than by a precipitate retreat. Certain accounts were received the 5th inst. that they were to open upon us the next day; orders were issued in the evening for every man to pack up what he could carry, and wait further orders; the tents struck, and such stores as might be, were put on board our vessels and boats about 3 o'clock in the morning of the 6th, the body of the army set off for Castletown, to march round to Skeneborough, there to meet those who came up by water (about 300 with the invalids) but the enemy pursued both ways; we had reached Keeneborough about a few minutes when they attacked us, and having heavier metal, obliged us to leave our vessels, stores and baggage, some in flames, others to their possession, and push for Fort Anne (15 miles) which we reached, some that night; others the next day; the 9th regiment of queen's dragoons were landed up a bay 8 W. from Skeneborough to intercept our retreat to Fort Anne, but were not soon enough to answer his end. A party of ours (100 men) were sent out scouting in the morning, soon met with, attacked and drove