

By the nearest computation that could be formed of the force of the combined fleets, they consisted of 61 sail of the line, 18 frigates, and in all, 205 were counted by glasses. They formed in two grand divisions, the one commanded by the French, and the other by the Spanish admiral.

BASSETTERRE, St. Christopher's, Oct. 18.

A brig which arrived last week at St. Eustatia from Corke, which place the left the 4th ult. brings the following interesting intelligence: That the united fleets of France and Spain, consisting of 60 sail and upwards, were off Start Point, on the coast of Sussex; that Sir Charles Hardy's fleet was then to the westward of Scilly; that it consisted only of 47 sail of the line and 20 frigates, in excellent order, well manned, and eager to come to an engagement, for which purpose they did all in their power to work to windward; but the wind being at east and the enemy plying close hauled to the southward, prevented them for five days. The vessel that brought the intelligence left the fleets in sight of each other, the French and Spanish fleets endeavouring to avoid an engagement.

A gentleman in Corke writes to his friend in St. Eustatia, that the fleets had been in sight of each other for some days; that should numbers get the better of British valour, that an invasion of that devoted island must be the consequence.

A late Martinique paper mentions, that a battle had been fought in the Channel between the united fleets of France and Spain and that of Great-Britain, which lasted eleven hours, and was the bloodiest that was ever fought at sea; that the French had three of their capital ships sunk, and the English two. Their fleet consisted of 52 sail of the line and 30 frigates, and ours of 47 sail of the line and 20 frigates.

A gentleman in town has received a letter from a correspondent in St. Eustatia, informing, that two vessels had arrived there on Thursday last from Amsterdam, the captains of whom say, that an engagement had been fought in the Bay between the English fleet and the united fleets of France and Spain; but they could give no particulars.

WILLIAMSBURG, Nov. 27.

Extra of a letter from colonel Clarke, dated Falls of Ohio, Oct. 9, 1779.

"By one of colonel David Rodgers's boats, just returned to this place, I have the mortifying account, that on the 4th instant, near the mouth of the Miami, a party of Indians was discovered ahead, crossing the Ohio. A proposal was made to land and attack them, which was generally agreed to, and colonel Rodgers, with 50 men, landed and began the onset. The first parties of the enemy they met with, retreated before them; but the Indians being soon strongly reinforced, our people were obliged to give way. The Indians pressed hard on our men in their retreat, and boarded two of our batteaus; the third having about a dozen of our soldiers aboard as a guard, a brave fellow among them refused to surrender her, and assuming the command, brought her off through a heavy fire from the shore. Our loss is colonel John Campbell of Yohogany, colonel Rodgers, and supposed between 30 and 40 of his best officers and men, besides a considerable amount of public and private property."

BOSTON, Nov. 11.

Monday last captain Adams arrived here, in 25 days from Martinico, by whom we have advice, that a fleet of 14 sail, under convoy, were arrived at that port from France, before he sailed, and it was said brought an account that there had been a general engagement between the united fleets of France and Spain, and the English squadron under admiral Hardy, which was long and bloody; and that the former were victorious, having taken two or three of their capital ships, and sunk one or two more, with the loss of one of the French ships, which sunk before she could be got into port; and that a great number of men were killed on both sides. This account was also received at Martinico, from Grenada and another island, before captain Adams sailed. It is said that the sea battle between the two fleets was fought on the fourth of September.

PROVIDENCE, November 13.

On Monday last the honourable major-general Gates departed from this place, on his way to join the grand army, when a number of the principal inhabitants of the town waited upon him as far as Patuxent, where, upon taking their leave, they presented him with the following address, viz.

SIR, Providence, Nov. 8, 1779.

IN behalf of the town of Providence, the place you have honoured with your headquarters, during your command in this department,

we beg leave to congratulate you on the splendid instances of success, attending your arms during the present war. Sublime must be the feelings of a breast, conscious of superior worth, in acquiring laurels amidst the severest toils of the military life. The unsought tribute of thousands, skilled in the arduous task, must give to self-approbation a charm that virtue will approve. To the historic page, founded on impartial truth, we leave the just encomiums due to your military character; but claim a right to esteem you as a friend to mankind, and guardian to the immunities of citizens. In this amiable point of view, we have fully experienced the goodness of your heart, and feel the warmest gratitude in that behalf. While the officers and soldiers have acknowledged you their father and friend, the bosom of the citizen has glowed with the tenderest emotions, convinced that your whole ambition is directed to the noblest ends of political society.

While we deeply regret the absence of so worthy a friend, we cannot but be happy in reflecting that you are called by the illustrious chief, to more important services than await you here. Permit us then to wish you every felicity that is attendant upon a great commander and virtuous citizen. That your name may continue to be revered by the brave and good, and that the acknowledgments of unbiased millions may perpetuate your merits, when you shall be summoned to move in a more exalted and celestial sphere, is the cordial prayer of, dear general, your most obedient and very humble servants.

To which the general replied,

"THAT he had ever been happy in his connection in the town of Providence in particular, and the state of Rhode-Island in general, and found himself under many obligations for the polite manner in which he had been treated by them; that as his great object was the public good, he hoped still to continue to deserve the approbation of all virtuous citizens.

The command in this department has devolved on brigadier-general Cornell.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.

Extra of a letter, dated Boston Nov. 18, 1779.

"Captain Harradan, (in the ship Pickering) after he left you, off Sandy-Hook fell in with a ship of 14 guns, 6 pounders, a brig of 10 guns, 4 and 3 pounders, and a loop of 8 guns, 4 pounders, all letters of marque, bound from New-York to Oporto for wines; they all engaged him, when after an action which lasted three glasses, he took all three. They fought him well: he had 8 men wounded, and he killed and wounded a number of the enemy. The Pickering has arrived safe with these three prizes."

The Pickering, in the former part of the same cruise, took the Pomona of 12 guns, which got safe into Salem; the brig Hope of 14 guns, and the Royal George cutter of 14 guns, which were sent into this port.

Dec. 1. At the Havre the count de Vaux, by order of his Most Christian Majesty, invested M. Toufard with the cross of St. Louis, and appointed him one of his aids. This young officer, being in the service of the United American States, lost one of his arms at the attack of Rhode-Island. The marquis la Fayette and most part of the nobility belonging to the army were present at this ceremony.

Extra of a letter from St. Eustatia, October 29.

"Yesterday a vessel arrived here from Holland, by which we have advice, that the Dutch are, by desire of the king of Prussia and other powers, to remain neuter: they have now in the Texel 38 ships of the line, the remainder of the Seven Provinces half that number, making in the whole 57 ships well manned. It is the general opinion here, that Holland, Denmark, Sweden, and other powers to the northward, will have 200 sail at sea by next spring to protect their own trade. You may depend on it there will be hot work in the European seas next spring."

ANNAPOLIS, December 10.

A LIST of continental agents, licensed by the Governor and Council to purchase in this state for the American army, in addition to the last.

- 1779. Oct. 12. Joseph Ford, assistant commissary of purchases for St. Mary's and Calvert counties.
- 21. Levin Spedding, deputy assistant commissary of purchases.
- Nicholas Goldborough, ditto.
- John Calle Harrisfort, ditto.
- George Dawson, ditto.
- Robert Walter, ditto.
- Aquila Brown, ditto.
- 23. James Martin, ditto.
- William Horley, ditto.
- Levin Handy, ditto.
- November. 19. William Wright, ditto, Queen Anne's county.

- Jacob Giles, jun. assistant commissary of purchases, Harford county.
- William Lyles, ditto, Prince-George's county.
- Benjamin Chalmers, deputy quarter-master-general of forage for Dorchester, Worcester, and Somerset counties.
- James Hindman, deputy assistant commissary of purchases for Talbot county.
- James Sullivan, ditto, Dorchester. Paid
- T. JOHN-ON, jun. cl. co.

In CONGRESS, Oct. 30, 1779.

RESOLVED, THAT the managers be directed to make sale of the tickets of the third class of the lottery of the United States without delay; that the drawing thereof commence the first day of March next, and be completed as soon as may be; and that the tickets then unsold be the property and at the risk of the said states.

Extra from the minutes, CHARLES THOMSON, Secy. Lottery-Office, November 2, 1779.

IN consequence of the above resolve the managers give this public notice, that on the first day of March next the drawing of the lottery will commence at the old city vendue store, and be continued from day to day with all possible expedition until finished. Such persons therefore as choose to become purchasers are to apply before said date, at the different offices throughout the United States.

The printers are requested to publish the above, and continue it, till the first of March next, the time of drawing.

FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS REWARD.

Baltimore county, December 10, 1779.

STOLEN and taken away from Middle-River, in Baltimore county, on Tuesday night last, the 7th instant, a small SCHOONER, the property of the subscriber. She has been lately repaired, her frame is mulberry, her bottom new planked, the cabin floor new, as are also the bulk-head and hatchway over the cabin; she has only two sails, a fore-sail and main-sail, which are about half worn and have some holes in them; her bow-sprit is on but she has no gibb, her boom is new, and had when stolen a small punt with her. The above robbery was committed by one Stephen Welsh, who also carried with him a thin faced spare woman, the wife of one Phillip heels, and a small boy of his own about nine years old. Whoever takes up the said schooner and sheets, and delivers them to the subscriber in Baltimore Town, shall receive the above reward, or one thousand dollars, with reasonable charges, for the schooner and her materials only.

1000 Dollars Wm. BARRETONSON.

THERE is at the plantation of Samuel Jacobs, living near the Governor's-Brigge, a red and white HEIFER, marked in the right ear with an upper and under slip, and in the left with an upper slip. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges. 1000 Dollars

ALMANACKS for the year of our Lord 1780, to be sold at the Printing-Office. 7

December 2, 1779.

FOR SALE, FOUR hundred and twenty acres of LAND, it being one undivided tenth part of that valuable tract of land called Salisbury Plains, containing 4200 acres, lying in Washington county, near Hagar's-Town, well known for its fertility of soil, abounds with timber and limestone; a good title will be given, having purchased of the contending parties. Any person inclinable to purchase may know the terms, by applying to the subscriber, now at Annapolis.

WILLIAM BAYLY, jun. N. B. I have a healthy young negro wench for sale. wa 2 X W. B.

ONE HUNDRED and SIXTY DOLLARS REWARD.

Annapolis, October 16, 1779. STRAYED or stolen from the subscriber, on Wednesday the 6th of October instant, a dark bay MAKE, four years old last spring, branded with an F and a B, one hind foot white, a small blaze down the face in the form of a half moon at the top, one of her fore hoofs split, fifteen hands high, shod all round, paces and trots. Whoever will bring the said mare home to the subscriber in Annapolis, or Thomas Jones, blacksmith in Baltimore, shall receive 100 dollars reward, if only strayed away, but if stolen 160 dollars for the mare and thief. JOHN TOWNSELY, Copper-smith.