

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

T H U R S D A Y, F E B R U A R Y 8, 1781.

P A R I S, Aug. 29.

Recd of a letter from the Sieur de Tillard, lieutenant of his majesty's frigates, embarked on board the king's frigate la Nymphé, commanded by the chevalier du Romaine, captain of his majesty's ships of the line, to Monsr. de Sartine, minister and secretary of state for the marine department, dated Falmouth, the 27th of August.

On the 10th instant, at half after four o'clock in the afternoon, being in the west south west about four leagues distant from Ouelb, we perceived a sail to the windward, which appeared to be in chase of us, and we soon after found her to be an English frigate. The chevalier du Romaine immediately made all necessary preparations for action, and backing his main sail, he bid to, to wait for her. At a quarter before six we began to cannonade each other, being so near that their yards reached ours, which continued until a quarter past six, when we had the misfortune to lose our brave captain, who had received four musket-balls at different places. Soon after, the two frigates joined each other; the sieur Penandref de Kerantret, ensign of the ship, gave orders to board the English frigate, and in consequence thereof made all our people abandon the battery. At half an hour after six o'clock, the sieur de Kerantret was killed on board the English frigate; and at the same time the sieur du Coue, ensign of the ship, fell, and was crushed between the two frigates.

Being then on the fore-castle of the English frigate, I received a blow with a buckshot on the head, and a pistol shot in the shoulder, which threw me backward, but luckily I fell upon a gun. I immediately repaired upon the fore-castle of our frigate, and endeavoured to rally our people, when I received another ball, which totally deprived me of all my senses. The sieur de la Fond, an auxiliary officer, received a musket ball through his breast, and another shot took off his thumb, on the fore-castle; the wounds of this brave officer are very dangerous, and the surgeons despair of his life. The sieur Courlon de la Villeholio, another auxiliary officer, received a blow with a pike on his thigh, which threw him between the two ships; and previous to that he had received a cut with a sword over the hand. The sieur Dudrefey, garde of the marines, received a musket ball thro' his knee. I cannot believe it is possible to show more courage, and to act with greater composure and presence of mind, amidst all dangers, than all these officers have done.

The fire took twice in our frigate, and once it blew up one of our cartridge boxes.

When I recovered my senses, and as soon as the sieur de la Villeholio and I had our wounds dressed, we desired to be carried upon deck again; but on our arrival there, we found to our great mortification, that the English had taken possession of the king's frigate.

We had 35 men killed and 70 wounded; among the latter is also the sieur de Riamond, a volunteer. I am extremely sorry, that neither time nor my state of health will permit me to give you a more circumstantial account of this unfortunate affair.

Captain Williams, who commands the English frigate the Flora, which took us, has landed us here yesterday, being the 16th instant.

The English frigate the Flora, mounts 44 guns, viz. 29 eighteen pounders in her batteries, 14 nine pounders, and 4 howitzers upon her deck.

Our frigate, la Nymphé, carried only 26 twelve pounders, and 6 six pounders; so that one of her broadsides sent only 174 pounds weight of iron, which makes a difference of 123 pounds weight in favour of the Flora.

L O N D O N, Oct. 10.

They write from Gibraltar, by way of Lisbon, that on the 12th of last month some violent shocks of an earthquake were felt on the west side of the coast of Morocco; Tangier has suffered greatly, 150 houses being damaged, and the ramparts shattered in different places.

This morning some dispatches were received from Gibraltar, by which we are informed, that on the 25th ult. six sail of men of war, which were under French colours, passed by that place for the streights.

F I S H - K I L L, Jan. 25.

We learn that general Parsons is just returned from a successful expedition to Moritina, where he surpris'd and took prisoners sixty or seventy Tories, and burnt a considerable number of huts. He also pass'd to Frog's neck, and destroy'd some stores there. He lost one subaltern, and the enemy had one man killed.

On Arnold's arrival in New-York, the sagacious great ones supposed, that upon paying particular attention to the villain, they would lessen his crimes in the eyes of the world, and introduce him to the notice of their circle, without which they foresaw he must sink into obscurity and contempt; he was accordingly, in appearance, caressed by all in power, and general Robinson's house fix'd upon for his home; whenever he chose to ride, the different aids in rotation attended him in his promenade; which gave rise to the following

A N E C D O T E.

One morning, when it was general Robinson's aid's tour, he remonstrated with the general against it, and shew'd evident marks of reluctance to go upon that piece of duty; the general desired to know the reasons, the aid honestly confessed, that "to be seen attending such a scoundrel through the streets, very much injured his feelings." To which old Jemmy, pulling up his breeches, replied, "hut! hut! man, and what think you of my feelings?"

C H A T H A M, Jan. 24.

Last week a detachment of Colonel Crow's regiment of militia went over to Staten-land and completely surpris'd a picket of the British light infantry. They killed three, brought off two prisoners, and fifteen muskets.

T R E N T O N, Jan. 24.

James Slover, Asher Bisset, and Daniel Melvin were last week, by the court of quarter sessions for the county of Middlesex, condemn'd by virtue of an act of this state against trading with the enemy, to serve on board some of the galleys, frigates or ships in the service of the United States, and were accordingly carried under guard to Philadelphia, to have the said sentence executed.

As government is determined to execute the said act with the utmost vigour, it is hoped those villainous enemies to their country who have hitherto carried on that infamous traffic may profit by the above example, lest another punishment enjoined by the said act soon overtake them, and they appear with one ear less than their neighbours.

A N N A P O L I S, Feb. 8.

On Friday last the general assembly of this state adjourn'd, the senate to the first Monday in August, and the house of delegates to the first day of May next, after having enacted the following laws:

An act for the adjournment and continuance of several of the county courts within this state.

An act for the adjournment and continuance of the general court of the western shore, and the several county courts therein mentioned.

An act to make valid the proceedings of the deputy sheriff of Worcester county after the death of the late sheriff.

An act to empower the present sheriff of Worcester county to collect the balance of the five pound tax and county rate not collected by the late sheriff.

An act for calling out of circulation the quota of this state of the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly under the old government and by the resolves of convention.

An act to enable the trustees for the poor of Frederick county to rent out the poor house and apply the rent towards the support of the poor of that county.

An act for the appointment of visitors for Queen-Anne county free school.

An act for the adjournment of Saint Mary's and Prince-George's county courts.

A supplement to the act for the relief of those who have and may suffer by the British army.

An act to enable the sheriffs of this state to take bail bonds in certain cases.

An act to extend the time and to enforce the collection of the taxes in several of the counties within this state, and for other purposes.

An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

An act for the relief of John Needles of Talbot county, and Richard Clarke of St. Mary's county, collectors of the tax.

An act to prohibit the exportation of Indian corn, wheat, wheat flour, and flesh provisions, by land, for a limited time.

An act for the relief of William Merrit late collector of the assessment in Kent county.

An act for the speedy conveyance of public letters and packets, and for other purposes.

An act to establish the allowance of witnesses and fees to constables.

An act to establish the allowance of justices and jurymen.

An act to revive actions and process in the court of appeals.

An act to encourage the importation and manufacturing of salt within this state.

An act to prevent frauds and abuses in the collection of public taxes, and to extend the time of payment of the tobacco tax.

An act for emitting bills of credit to the value of five thousand four hundred pounds sterling for the convenience of change, and issuing them in exchange for the bills of equal value now in circulation.

An act to continue an act for the regulation of officers fees, and for other purposes.

An act for the relief of certain non-jurors.

An act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one.

An act to authorise the county courts to impose an assessment to defray their county charges.

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