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MARYLAND GAZETTE.

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Y, MARCH 15, 1781.

LONDON, November 22.

tollowing basis of a treaty of peace is sid to be received by the last two sails from Madrid, and believed to be authentic:

In the name, &c.—In order to prevent the further defoliation of war, and to stop the effusion of more christian blood, we the belligerent evers of Great-Britain, France, Spain, the thirteen United States of Northmerica, being by our plenipotentiaries embled at Madrid, have and do hereby to the following articles of paciree to the following articles of paci-

Art. I. That all hostilities cease in Eu-Art. I. That all hostilities cease in Eu-ope on the 15th day of January next, at all captures made in Europe after int day shall be restored; and in like sinner, such as are taken in the Ame-ica or African seas after the 15th day sharch, and in Asia after the 15th day shuy. Art. II. That Great-Britain shall with-nwher armies and sees, and ever

hat her armies and fleets, and ever re-cance all right and title of fovereignty ar the thirteen United States of Northmenthe thirteen United States of North-America, from Georgia to New-Hamp-lire, both inclusive, and doth and will be ever acknowledge them in full so-erignty, thirteen united and confede-ment free and independent sovereign bits.

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Art. III. Great-Britain to reftore to mace Pondicherry, and whatever the is conquered from her in Affa, as also be island of Lucia, in the West-Indies, as the give up the island of Cape Breton, with the isle of St. Pierre' and Miquelon, neither with a right to cure fish on the ogether with a right to cure fish on the cast of New-Foundland.

Art. IV. Spain to withdraw her troops, and evacuate West-Florida, but to remain in possession of New-Orleans; and Great-Britain to withdraw her forces from Nicaragua, and every other part of the French and Spanish territories which they may have conquered in the course of this war.

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mithe islands of the Grenades, the Gre-adines, Dominico, St. Vincent's, and all heir dependencies, in the state as when

Art. VI. France, Spain, and the thirtim United States, to guarantee all Cabida, together with East and West-Florida, for ever to Great-Britain.

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Art, VII. It is also agreed by the high metracking powers, that none of them fall have any retrospect to the desolation sade by the war, or have any claim extended for damages suffered in the courfer wit; but on the contrary, they engage blive in amity as good friends and allies, and that their respective ports shall be yen to each other for mutual support and affishance in time of need, agreeable to the law of nations. b the law of nations.

FISH-KILL, February 22.

By a gentleman from Westchester, we are informed; that on Westchester, we are informed; that on Westchester, we are informed; that on Westchester, of De lancey's corps, commanded by major suggestord, consisting of about 250 foot, and 50 horse, came out as far as North-Casle, where they burnt lieutenant Carpenter's, and Squire Lynch's two houses and barne; Mr. Benjamin Clap's house and barne; Mr. Benjamin Clap's house and barne, and some others, eight in all; plandered the inhabitants of every thing they could carry off, and what they could not carry off they wantonly destroyed. The next day a party of horse came out, and continued their destructive work;

they carried off ten prisoners, two of PHILADELPHIA, March 5.

them negroes.

We hear from Connecticut, that a number of tories have lately been com-mitted to prison there, for enlisting fol-diers for their friends in New-York; their orders were figned with their own

hand writing. We learn that the crew of the Culloden, the British ship of war lately cast away on Long-Island, were all saved; thirty-eight made off, being disaffected to their cause; the remainder were em-ployed in taking care of the sails, rigging, &c.

NEW-YORK, February 22.

Yesterday the fignal was displayed on Staten-Island for a fleet, not exceeding five fail, being seen in the offing, but we have not learned what they are nor from

have not learned what they are nor from whence they came.

On Tuesday arrived here his majesty's ship Halifax, commanded by J. H. Bowers, Esq; from Charles town, with the November mail, brought there by the Antelope packet, from Falmouth, and dispatches from the royal army in South-Carolina. She left Charles-town on the 5th instant, and on the 7th retook a schooner from Halifax bound for Charlestown. Iaden with slour, fish, &c., which town, laden with flour, fifth, &c. which had been captured by the privateer Ariel, from Philadelphia. On Sunday the 12th, the fell in with a line of battle thip, which, by not aniwering the fignals made by capt. Bowers, was known to be an enemy. The weather being hazy, the Halifax was within gun shot before the strength of the within gun shot before the strength of the enemy was discovered; capt. Bowers having the weather gage, threw the reefs out of his top-sails, set his top gallantsails, and kept close by the wind; the enemy was near an hour in getting her top-gallant-sails set, which, when done, made her gain sast on the Halisax. Capt. Bowers no sooner discovered the advantage, than he set his steering-sails, and bore away, keeping the wind a-bast the beam; the pursuing vessel was nearly an hour in getting her steering-sails set, as she was her top-gallant-sails; however, she had greatly the advantage in point of sailing, and at sun-set was withing swiel shot, but the wind being westward, and thot, but the wind being westward, and clearing up in that quarter, drove the fog to the eastward, and rendered three-fourths of the horizon dark, which enabled capt. Bowers to rig out his steering-fails to leeward, without being observed, and by shifting his tacks, suddenly gain-

On the aoth ult. a rebel party, confifting of thirty, made an attempt to destroy the stores at Monck's-corner, thirty miles from Charles-town, South-Carolina. By advices from Barbados we learn,

ed so much as totally run the enemy out

that the British fleet under the command of Sir George Bridges Rodney, confisted of 36 ships of the line, and that the army was no less than 10,000 effective men, and that the French was equal in number of thips to that of the British.

CHATHAM, February 28.

Lift of British ships in Gardiner's-bay. Europe 64. Bedford 74, dismasted. London 90. Royal Oak 74. Robust 74. Prudent 64. Adamant 50. Guadaloupe frigate. Fair American 64, missing. An embarkation, of about 1500 men, is taking place at New-York, taid to be destined for Virginia.

On Friday night last, Cornelius Hetsfield, with his banditti, came over to Elizabethtown and made prisoners cast. Craig. of

Extrast of a letter from Rhode-Island; dated February 25, 1781.

The l'Eville, a 64 gun ship belonging to the French squadron, was sent with two frigates, upon a particular expedi-tion, into Chelapeake bay; having finish-ed the business she was sent upon, and remained ten days in Hampton road, remained ten days in Hampton road, where the took nine or ten British vessels, the sailed to rejoin her fleet, and upon her passage sell in with the Romulus, a British 44, pierced for 50, which the took, and brought safe into this port last night, with 500 prisoners. M. de Tilly, the captain of the l'Eville, is the same officer who diftinguished himself by his behaviour in the beginning of this war: he then commanded a frigate of 28 guns, and being out upon a cruile, he met an English frigate of 36 guns, returning from the East Indies, and which, ignorant of the war, was not prepared for action. He hailed the Englishman, asked him if he knew the two nations were at any allowed him a quarter of an any allowed him a quarter of an war, and allowed him a quarter of an hour to prepare himself, saying he would take no advantage. The English captain accordingly made himself ready to fight, but after some broadsides was obliged to firsh.

The circumstances of the Romulus being taken are not yet arrived; but it is proper to observe, that having struck proper to observe, that having struck without sighting, the acquisition is much more valuable towards encreasing the force of the French squadron. This circumstance, however, may not in any respect be construed against the captain and crew of the vessel, as the accounts we have received relate that the small-pox prevailed on board the Romulus.

February 28, 1781.

"The report of the day is, and I have it from good authority, that Cornwallis is retreating; general Greene strong and after him; baron Steuben ordered to march into the lower parts of North-Carolina, to cut off his retreat. Our milities rolina, to cut off his retreat. Our militia is to meet the French fleet at York, where it is said nine sail have arrived, and to assist and co-operate with them. The tea captains, especially those acquainted with the navigation of the bay and rivers, are called for, and captain C——— is parti-

larly named.

"The back country people have and are turning out with good spirit. It is the prevailing opinion with us, that Cornwallis cannot make good his retreat, and that Arnold will be kept in."

Extrast of a letter from Richmond, in Firaginia, dated February 26, 1781.

1 I gave you information in my last, that general Greene had crosted the Dan at Boyd's ferry, and that Cornwallis had arrived at the opposite thore: Large re-inforcements of militia having embodied inforcements of militia having embodied both in front and rear of the enemy; he is retreating, with as much rapidity as he advanced. His rotte is towards Hillf-borough. General Greene croffed the Dan the arit in pursuit of him. I have the pleasure to inform you, that the spirit of opposition among the people was as universal and ardent, as could have been wished. The British at Portsmouth lie close in their lines. Our force has been moved down close to their lines."

Extrast of a letter from gineral Marian to general Greene, dated Santes January 31, 1781.

" On the a9th instant I sent over the town and made prisoners capt. Craig, of Santee river two parties of horse, consist-the state regiment, and sour inhabitants. ing of 30 each, one under the command