

ceeding with his Majesty's Ships the Superbe, Launceston, and Mermaid, to join our Fleet at Canfo; or if they should be sent from thence, to meet them off Louisburg, to assist the Expedition against that Place. The Cheerfulness and Zeal with which Mr. Warren undertakes this Service, and the great Confidence he has for the Success of it, and the Prosperity of these Provinces so much depending thereon (which you will find by my Letter, a Copy whereof I shall lay before you), greatly recommends him to our Respect and Affections.

Hitherto the Divine Providence seems to have favoured our Enterprise in a remarkable Manner, which we ought thankfully to observe and acknowledge, and thereby be encouraged to place our chief Confidence in the same Divine Goodness and Mercy for granting us an happy Event of it.

Soon after my receiving his Majesty's Orders concerning the Garrisoning of Fort Dummer (which I then communicated to you), I sent a Copy thereof to Governor Wentworth, with my Desire, that he would let me know as soon as may be the Resolution of the Governor of New-Hampshire on that Point: In Answer to which I have lately received a Letter from him, reporting that he should lay the Affair before the Assembly of that Province, at their next Session (which was to have been in the Beginning of this Month), and was in hopes they would comply with his Majesty's Commands in that Behalf. — Since our Meeting, I have heard nothing from Governor Wentworth on that Subject. And as it still seems uncertain whether that Government will be at the Charge of supporting a Garrison at Fort Dummer, or not, and the Time you have limited for the Continuance of the Pay of that Garrison there will expire Tomorrow, I must desire you would lengthen it to some further Time, till we can have a final Answer from New Hampshire.

W. SHIRLEY.

Agreeable to Orders from the Hon. Commodore Warren, which came last Monday, Capt. Durell, in the Eltham, of 40 Guns, sailed from Piscataqua on Tuesday, in order to join with us and our Fleet on the present Expedition. And we hear that Capt. Gayton, in his Majesty's Ship Bien Aime, has Orders to the same Purport.

Last Friday Morning the Transport Vessels, with the Confluent Forces on board, designed for Cape Breton, were spoken off Nantucket, standing their proper Course.

Last Saturday arrived at Piscataqua a Sloop taken by Captain Fletcher, in a Brigantine in the Service of the Government, on the 17 of March past, about 15 Leagues to the Eastward of Cape Breton. She came from Martinico, and has on board 100 Hogsheads of Rum, 20 Hogsheads of Molasses, some Casks of Sugar, Cocoa, and Indigo, some Bales of dry Goods, &c. The Master of this Sloop informed Capt. Fletcher, that 4 Ships, under Convoy of the Brig. taken from Capt. Loring last Year, were to sail from Martinico to Louisburg 4 Days after him.

By the same Vessel his Excellency received Letters from General Pepper, dated at Canfo the 10th Instant, informing that all the Troops raised in this Province, and that of New-Hampshire, were arrived safe at Canfo; except those on board a few Transports, who were in at Winter Harbour, and daily expected. That the Men were in good Health and high Spirits, and that upon the Arrival of the rest of the Troops, he design'd for Chapeaugo-Bay, with the first fair Wind.

Capt. Donahew had the good Fortune, in his Passage to Canfo, to take 3 of the Cape-Sable Indians; who informed him, that Monsieur Duviviere had ordered all the Indians in the French Interest, to be ready at Menis by the last of May, when he would be back from France, with two or three Gallies, to attack Annapolis Royal.

We don't find by any Letters taken in this Prize, that the French at Martinique had any Account or Intelligence of this

Expedition: Nor do we learn from the Indians, that they at Cape Breton had the least Knowledge of it.

We hear, that last Friday, the General Assembly here ordered 50 l. New Tenor, to be laid out in live Stock, and sent as a Present to Commodore Warren with all possible Speed, as a Token of their Respect for that worthy Commander.

Wednesday arrived Capt. Gould, in 26 Days from New Providence; in whom came Capt. Inches, who was taken the last Fall in his Passage from London, and got afterwards to St. Kitts; from whence he again sailed in a Sloop bound to this Place; but on the 8th of January was taken by a French Ship bound from Bourdeaux to Cape Francois, who carried them in to that Port, where they were kept Prisoners seven Weeks, and then were put on board their own Vessel, fitted out by the French with a Cargo for Louganne, which they designed first to dispose of there, and then as a Flag of Truce to proceed to Jamaica; but before they reach'd Louganne, she was re-taken by one Capt. Walker, and carried into Providence. He also informs us, that Capt. Dennis of Rhode-Island, having taken a Dutch Sloop off Barcolonga-Keys, with dry Goods on board to the Value of 3000 Pieces of Eight, bound for Hispaniola, he put some of his Men on board, in order to carry her to Providence; but soon after, she sprung a Leak, and they were obliged to put into Cape Francois to save their Lives; where the French took Possession of Vessel and Cargo, and sent the Men to Prison.

NEW-YORK, April 29.

Extract of a Letter from Capt. Bayard, of the Privateer Brigantine Hister, in Consort with the Sloops Polly, and Dolphin, all of this Place, dated at New-Providence, March 22, 1745.

The 21st of February we took a Sloop bound from Carthagera to Coracoa, which we have brought in here; her Cargo is Hides, and 38000 Pieces of Eight; but we are in hopes of finding more: She is much shatter'd, otherwise we had sent her directly home. We have Intelligence from some French Prisoners, that Monsieur Croloque is designing for our Coasts with 7 Sail of Privateers, in order to intercept us and our Merchantmen: but as we must soon be homeward bound, we intend, in Company with some others, to scour those Coasts; and if we should have the good Luck to meet with them, hope to give them a warm Reception.

By a Letter from Stata, by the Way of Boston, we are informed, that Capt. Kierstede, in the Privateer Ship Prince Charles, of this Place, has lately taken two valuable Prizes.

From Boston we have the following Extract of a Letter, dated at Jamaica, February 2, 1744-5.

The Negroes here had conspired to destroy all the Whites, and had very near accomplished their Design, for they were to put it in Execution the Day after it was discovered; which was as follows. One of the chief Conspirators Wives told her Mistress, that she and her Master were to be murdered on the Morrow, as they went such a Road, and then the neighbouring Planters were to be killed; and so they were to proceed to the Town, and set it on fire, first at one End of it, and then at the other; and as the People ran in Confusion to the same, they were to be stabb'd and destroy'd. This no doubt would have occasioned a great deal of Blood-shed, tho' they had not accomplished their Design. The Gentlewoman being much affrighted hereat, writes a Letter to her Husband, then in Town, to acquaint him with the Affair; but being at Cards when he receiv'd the Letter, put it into his Pocket, and thought no more of it till the next Day: The poor Lady being very uneasy in her Mind, and afraid to go out or stay at home, writes to Sir Simon Clark, a Neighbour, to acquaint him with it as soon as he saw it; he being of the Council, took Horse, and went to the Governor, where a private Council was held, and the