

On Friday last died at Bath, after a short Indisposition, Henry Somerset Scudamore, Duke of Beaufort, Marquis and Earl Worcester, &c. He is succeeded in his Honours by his Brother, the Lord Noel Somerset.

The Lords of the Admiralty have ordered the Devonshire Man of War, lately rebuilt at Woolwich, to be launched on the 8th of March next.

Their Lordships have likewise ordered the Terror Bomb, lost in a Storm off Dungeness, the 10th of February, 1745, to be built with all Expedition.

On the 29th of this Day the Right Hon. James Cecil, Earl of Salisbury, was married to Miss Kicote of Canterbury.

From Charles Town in South Carolina, there is Advice, that a Swallow Snow of War has been lost on the Bahama Banks; but the Crew was saved.

From the same Place we hear, that the Prize taken by the Scarborough Man of War amounted to 20000*l.* Sterling, and that it is already spent in Punch Houses and Taverns.

BOSTON, May 10.

On Friday last the Schooner Montague, one of the Ordnance Tenders, arrived here Express from Annapolis Royal, and brought Advice, that Governor Maccarine had received Advice, that 600 French and Indians came in the Winter from Canada to Chignico, being the same that were seen passing on the Skirts of New-England, and arrived at Menis on the 19th of April last, part by Land, and part by Sea: That they had with them 12 Officers, an Engineer, and a Surgeon; and were come in Expectation to join the Forces which the French were sent with M. Duvivier from France and Louisburg; and that 20 Men of War were expected early on our Coasts, to prevent any Succours being sent to the Garrison: That upon Report of the Part of the New-England Fleet being seen off the Eastern Coast of Nova Scotia, their Thoughts at Menis were various; some thinking it to be the Biscery, others a Force going to take Possession of Canso. That since the News of the Canadians being arrived at Chignico, which the Garrison had received five Weeks ago, there had been a grand Expectation among all the Settlements in Nova Scotia, of a vigorous Attempt being made upon Annapolis-Royal; and that a secret Correspondence was discovered to have been carried on between the Inhabitants of Annapolis River, and those of the Bay; for which several of the former were imprisoned.

This Morning his Majesty's Ship Hector of 40 Guns, which came out from England with the Princess Mary, to assist in the Expedition against Cape Breton, arrived at Nantasket, with the Caracas Prize Ship taken in her Passage.

On the 20th of May the Princess Mary of 60 Guns sailed from Nantasket on Wednesday, to join our Fleet off Louisburg; as did yesterday the Hector of 40 Guns, for the same Station.

Last Friday Morning came to Town Mr. McGervy, the late Skipper of a Schooner belonging to Marblehead, who, about a Month ago, with another Schooner, was taken near the Isle ofables, by the French Ship that lately ran the Gantlope through our Fleet off Louisburg. She mounted 32 large Guns, and had 100 Men, including 60 Marines. She came out of Breit on the 10th of January with a Packet for the Governor of Louisburg, which the Captain had Orders to deliver at all Adventures. He had made two Attempts to get in, the last of which was on the 10th Instant; when being within 5 Miles of Louisburg, and hearing the Cannon firing, rightly judged the Town was besieged, and prudently stood away from that Coast. Two Days after, he took a Fishing-Schooner, which he gave to our People to carry them home, instead of their own Schooners which he had sunk. Monsieur gave great Encomiums on the Bravery of the Commander of the Rhode-Island Colony Sloop; as also he did on Capt. Rouse, who killed his chief Gunner by a Shot from one of his Chace-Guns.

The same Day Capt. Bennet arrived here in a Schooner from Chapparrouge-Bay, in Cape-Breton, with Dispatches for his Excellency the Governor. He also brought abundance of Letters from Officers in the Fleet and Army, from several of which we have extracted the following Intelligence.

Extrait of a Letter from on board the *Massachusetts*, off Louisburg, dated May 4.

The whole Fleet of Transports, consisting of upwards of 100 Sail, came down on the 30th ult. The chief of them entered Chapparrouge Bay, under the Guns of the Caesar, Boston Packet, Massachusetts, Capt. Sanders, and the Connecticut Colony Sloop. The French were no ways apprized of our intended Invasion, till they saw our whole Fleet of Transports coming. When they found we were coming to Land, they marched down about 200 Men to oppose us. We had but 100 landed, under Col. Germain, who did not stay to draw up in Form, but surrounded the French, and kept popping at them, kill'd 4 or 5, wounded several, and took a great many Prisoners, some of them Persons of Distinction; and the rest took to their Heels. Among the Wounded was Morepang, who narrowly escaped being taken, and is now in the Woods. This Day and the next, being May 1, all the Men were landed in high Spirits, and a great many Prisoners brought in every Day; and 'tis said, many Swiss and French daily desert and come over to us. In our Landing we had two Men wounded. — On Thursday, the 2d of May, we had the agreeable Sight of our English Colours flying in several Parts of the Grand Battery, which the French, after plugging up the Touch holes, and tawing off some of the Axle-trees of the Carriages, and throwing the Powder over the Walls, deserted the Night before with such Precipitation, that they left the Shot behind them; and a Serjeant of ours, with 17 Men, this Day took Possession of it; they found 20 French in it, whom they made Prisoners. — This Invasion of ours was so unexpected, that the Enemy left all their live Stock abroad, which our People are daily picking up. We have got all the Armourers in the Army and Fleet, to punch or drill the Plugs out of the Touch holes. They got 3 clear the first Day; and on the 3d Instant, and Part of the Night, the Island Battery and Royal Battery kept firing Guns and Bombs at the Grand Battery; but to no Effect. This Day they have got all the Guns cleared, and all the Mortars, Shells, and Guns, landed out of the Transports. — Capt. Thompson informs us, that the English Flag was flying at the Light-house. Our Men seem spirited with a flaming Zeal for the Reduction of the Place, and can hardly be kept from running into the very Mouths of their Cannon: Nay, some have gone cloie under the Town-Walls, and pick'd up several Men under the Muzzles of their Guns. — We hope to be Masters of the whole Place in a few Days: They have not above 6 or 700 Men, which is too small a Number for manning so many great Garrisons; and their deserting the Grand Battery sufficiently confirms their Want of Numbers. For they never would have quitted that Place, which has the Command of the other two Batteries, and the Sea-board, were they not driven to the greatest Streights and Difficulties: Besides the other Batteries cannot annoy the Grand Battery. Our Fleet took on the 30th ult. a Ship of 200 Tons, 14 Guns, and 27 Men, loaded chiefly with Provisions, having on board above 30 Tons of Bread, and a Quantity of Gunpowder. We are going after 2 Ships we hear of, so must conclude in Haste.

By other Letters we are informed,

That they found 42 Cannon in the Grand Battery, most of them 42 Pounders. — That our People are encamped about a Mile from the Town, and have erected a Fascine Battery of Cannon, which was ready to play on the Town; they have also erected a Battery of 3 Mortars, from whence Bombs are thrown into the Town with good Success. — That the French