

could clear his ship, and put her into some sort of Order. But the favourable Opportunity was lost, and we could not get sight of her again.

Thus by the unaccountable bad behaviour of the Lark, both her company, and the Warwick's have lost immense Riches, as it is highly probable the Enemy was loaden with Treasure from the West-Indies, as well as the Merit and Glory of doing great service to their Country; for had not the Lark left the Warwick in the beginning of the Action, or had she join'd her any Time when she was engag'd, the Enemy must certainly have fallen into our Hands. However, Capt. Erskine and Company it is hoped, will reap the Honour due to their Valour and good Conduct; and what will be the Fate of the Commander of the Lark, when the Matter comes to be enquired into, we must leave to the Judgment of his Superiors.

NEW YORK, August 30.

Extract of a Letter from Col. Johnson, to his Excellency George Clinton, Esq; our Governor, dated Albany August 19. 1747.

May it please your Excellency,

I Am just honoured with yours at Albany, where I am now come down to acquaint you. Roberts and Marshal, and desire their assistance: The Affair is this, one of my Parties of Indians return'd from Crown Point last Sunday, where they could see very few French, and but about 40 Indians round the Fort. having built or Logg six little Houses for that Purpose, which is all that has been done there yet. There were seven of the Party went to Lake Sacrament, where they lay two Days in sight of the Enemy, whom they compute to be between five and six hundred Men, encamped upon an Island, from whence they daily send large Parties among us, who seldom fail of doing us Mischief; and if not prevented, will, I fear, ere long bring an abundance of our People, burn and destroy all the Grain, Houe, &c. which will entirely ruin the People; to prevent which, I am determin'd (with the general Approbation of all the Indians) to march against them, with about 300 Indians and as many Christians, most of whom are Volunteers: If I can have the Opportunity of meeting them, I doubt not giving your Excellency a good Account of them; for the People are all in high spirits, and the Indians quite eager for Action. In case we should meet with no success, it will nevertheless satisfy the Indians (being chiefly their desire) it will also terrify the Enemy much, to find such a Number of Men in quest of them. Another advantage, which we may derive from this, is, giving the six Nations a better Opinion of us than they hitherto had, and will undoubtedly encourage them to join us against —, should any such Thing be set on foot. There are a great many Senecas, Outawawes, &c. now at my House, twenty of whom are to go with me; which I reckon a fine Thing: They bring me very agreeable News from the foreign Indians, who have sent six large Belts or Wampum to the six Nations, desiring the Liberty to destroy — The six Nations have now sent for them, to their Assistance: I shall let your Excellency know the whole Affair as soon as they have done speaking, which my coming down now prevented, until I return. I hope your Excellency will not let the Indians be neglected or slighted upon any Account, as they are now so ready to serve us; should we go on with any Thing, it would vastly encourage them. I shall set out in about four days upon this Service, and expect to return in twelve Days at most, then shall acquaint your Excellency of my success, &c.

Happy 'tis for all his Majesty's subjects on this Continent, particularly for those of this Province, and more particularly still for those in the City of Albany, that so great a change appears in our Indian affairs: Then they were averie even to engage in a war with the French, now they not only have engaged, to the very great Loss of the French, and some of their greatest Warriors have bled for our sakes; but there is now the best Reason to believe 300 of them, and as many Christian Volunteers are gone with Col. Johnson, to drive from our Frontiers, the French Parties now sculking there, of whom they have all the Intelligence to be wish'd for: And happy it is for Albany likewise, to be secured by the new Levies encamped within a Mile of it, in good Order, and impatient to be led where an Enemy may be met with; and batteries all ready within their camp. Let us therefore be no more amused with present Dangers, but rationally turn our Thoughts to future Security.

'Tis said there are about 100 English Prisoners still remaining in divers Parts of Canada, and 10 were left sick at Quebec.

We hear that the French Militia at Quebec usually muster'd on the Lord's Day, and generally mustered between 3 and 4 Hundred Men; but that the last Muster they had, Numbers came out of the Country and join'd them; and then they march'd in View of the English Prisoners, by several of whom they were counted as they pass'd by, and amounted in all to about 700 Men.

ANNAPOLIS.

Last Wednesday his Excellency our Governor, in Council, was pleas'd to issue his Proclamation, proroguing the General Assembly of this Province, which stood prorogued to the first Tuesday in October, until the first of March next.

Capt. Twynhose in the Ship *Hamilton*, is arriv'd in *South-River*, from *London*. He left *Portsmouth* the 20th of July, but we cannot learn that he has brought any Papers, or any material News. Capt. Tiffen, for *Philadelphia*, and this Place, was to sail a few Days after him.

We hear that two Persons, one named *George Holbrook*, and the other an ancient Woman named *Hambleton*, were try'd at *Culvert County* Assizes, for felonious Facts by them committed, and by their Country found Guilty, but the Court not being advis'd of their Judgment; it is therefore refer'd to the Provincial Court.

Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered, Sloop *Humming Bird*, John West, from *Virginia*, Ship *Britannia*, George Samms, from *Barnstable*, Snow St. Andrew, Thomas Johniton, from *Glasgow*, Ship *Hamilton*, John Twynhose, from *London*,

ADVERTISEMENTS.

JUST IMPORTED from *Glasgow*, by James Johnson, in the *Snow St. Andrew*, and (in 14 Days from this Date will be) to be Sold at his Store in *Annapolis*, by the underscriber,

A LARGE Cargo of European Goods, consisting of Cotton, Oznabrigs, Blanketts, Rugs, Kerseys, Broad Cloths, English and Scotch Half-thicks, Check Linnens of a 1 Coats, Irish Linnens, striped Hollands, Bed Ticking, Tartans, Blanketing, Yarn Stockings, Worsted and Cotton Caps, Leather Breeches, Linen Handkerchiefs, Men and Womens Worsted and Thread Stockings, Men and Womens Shoes and Pumps, Negroes Falls and Brogues. Gun-Powder and Shot, Nails, broad and narrow Hoes, all sorts of Axes, Ironmongery, Stationary, Cutlery, &c. &c. &c. Call co's, Romalls, and sundry sorts of *India*, and other Goods, too tedious to be mentioned.

ROBERT SWAN.

N. B. All Persons Indebted to the said *James Johnson*, as well before as since his Departure from *Maryland*, are once more desired to settle and pay off their respective Balances. And any Person having a quantity of Shippable Tobacco on hand, for present Sale, may have either Goods or Money for it, by treating with

ROBERT SWAN.

WILLIAM HAYES, Chair-maker from *Philadelphia*, now lives in *Annapolis*, and hereby gives notice, That he will furnish any Gentlemen, or others, with all sorts of Rush-bottom Chairs, made in the best and neatest manner and at the most reasonable Rates.

WILLIAM HAYES.

NOTICE is hereby given, that *Richard Lewis*, Sadler, who formerly kept his Shop near the Church in the City of *Annapolis*, now keeps his Shop just by the Gate-House, and furnishes any Gentlemen with all sorts of Sadler's Work, done in the neatest and best manner.

THE said *Lewis* has several Shoemakers, very good Workmen, where all Persons may be supply'd with all sorts of Shoes and Boots, made in the the best and neatest manner.

NOTICE is hereby given, That *Thomas King*, Shoemaker, who formerly kept his Shop at the Gate-House in the City of *Annapolis*, now keeps his Shop at the Old Prison, where all Persons may be supply'd with all sorts of Shoes and Boots, made in the best and neatest manner.

THE said *King* has a Sadler, a very good Workman from *London*; who furnishes any Gentlemen with all sorts of Sadler's Work, done in the neatest and best manner, at reasonable Rates.

NICHOLAS