

58. 54. after a short Engagement of both at once, wherein the French had 3 Men killed: One of them is called the St. Peter, Monf. Lechavaye Hamon Commander, of about 300 Tons, mounts 10 Carriage Guns, and had 37 Men on board; the other is called the Society, Monf. Letton Commander, of about 260 Tons, mounts 8 Carriage Guns, and had 35 Men: Their Cargoes consist of about 500 Hhds. and some Barrels of Sugar, 200 Casks of Coffee, and some Cotton. The other Prize was a French Privateer Brig. called the Mars, Monf. Berneois Commander, belonging to Cape Francois, from whence she had been out 50 Days: She mounts 14 Carriage Guns, and had 157 Men on board; and was taken on Saturday the 4th Instant, about 6 Leagues from Sandy-Hook, after an Engagement of three Broadides, during which Time the Frenchman made four Attempts to board Capt. Burges, but was as often disappointed: At the 4th Broadside given her, she struck. Capt. Burges had 68 French Prisoners on board his Vessel all the Engagement, and but 74 Men of his own; nevertheless he lost not a Man, but on board the French Privateer were 11 killed outright, and 15 wounded, many of them mortally. This Privateer was concerted with the French Sloop and Spanish Brig that has done so much Mischief in Delaware Bay, and had taken four Sloops for her Part, three of which she sent to Cape Francois. — This Capt. Berneois was Captain of the Hermaphrodite Privateer, lately taken and sent in here by the Dragon of this Port, which is now fitting out here under the Command of Capt. Randal: He visited our Coasts this Time with a Purpose of Revenge, which Capt. Burges happily gave him the Pleasure of gratifying: There is great Reason to believe this is the same Perton called in the Carolina Papers Monf. Bernard, who cruelly murder'd Capt. Brown (mentioned in this Paper N<sup>o</sup>. 135) in a Ship then by him taken off the Capes of Virginia.

The Day before Capt. Burges took the two Ships he took a French Polacco, called Le Hierex, Monf. Borre Master, of near 200 Tons, had 28 Men and 2 Guns, which arrived here safe on Friday last: She was also from Martineco bound for France, laden with Sugar, Coffee and Cotton, from whom Capt. Burges getting Intelligence of the two Ships, sent the Polacco for this Port, and went in quest of them. The same Evening the Privateers the Ship Brave Hawk, and Sloop Phoenix, both of this Port, came up with the Prize, and said they saw her taken, therefore each of them put a Man on board her, in order to claim Part thereof.

Immediately upon Capt. Burges's Arrival here, the principal Merchants of this City set on Foot a Subscription for two Pieces of Plate, to be presented to him and his Lieutenant, as an Acknowledgement for the signal Service done in taking the above Privateer; which, 'tis apprehended, had he not done, several Vessels then going out, and others coming in (amongst which a rich Ship arrived on Wednesday from London) would have been in great Danger of falling into the Enemy's Hands; and we hear upwards of 1. 100 is already subscribed for that Purpose.

On Thursday last arrived here another French Polacco Prize, taken the 24th of May last, in Lat. 33, 30. Long. 57. by the Privateer Sloop Phenix, Capt. Martin Bicker Commander: She is called the St. Anne, of near 200 Tons Burthen, had 21 Men and 4 Guns; her Cargo consists of about 200 Hhds, and 150 Barrels of Sugar, with some Coffee, Cotton and Ginger, and was bound from Guadaloup for Bourdeaux. This Prize parted from Capt. Bicker in a Gale of Wind, on Friday the 3d Inst.

#### P H I L A D E L P H I A, June 2.

On Thursday last an express arrived from Ellingborough, in Salem county, to acquaint this government, that one George Procter had swam ashore there the night before, from a brig, then lying off in the river, and depofed before the magistrates, that she was a Spanish privateer from the Havannah, mounting 14 carriage guns, 6 and 4 pounders, with 160 men.

On Thursday evening arrived an express from Newcastle, with advice, that about 9 o'clock that morning, the said George Procter came there, and gave the same information; that within an hour after the brig. came up, and anchor'd before the town, with a spring on her cable, and seem'd to intend boarding a large Jamaica-man then lying in the road; but being fired at from the batteries, lately made there, and from the Jamaica ship, she weigh'd and tow'd away with the ebb, firing under Spanish colours, and giving three Huzzas, which were return'd. As she anchor'd but about two leagues below, and it was apprehended might return with the flood, a number of men from the town was put on board the ship for her defence, and the country being alarmed, came cheerfully in for the defence of the town. In the mean time the inhabitants removed their most valuable effects, &c.

On Friday we had advice that the privateer attempted to land some men at Ellingborough, but the country, for some miles round, having been alarmed the day before, and a number of people appearing under arms, ready to oppose them, the boats put back again, without accomplishing their design.

On Friday night arrived a number of English prisoners in a boat that had been given them by the privateer, who turn'd them adrift without sails or oars. Among them were William Crippen, master of the sloop Success, Andrew Haskell, master of the sloop Mary, and William Billings, master of the sloop Bargefs, all from Boston, bound to Maryland, who were chased into the Capes on the 22d inst. by the Clinton, and a schooner her consort; and running up to Reedy-Island, came to an anchor there, imagining themselves safe. But in the night the brig. abovemention'd sent her boats aboard them and took them all. Capt. Haskell had money on board, with a valuable cargo of rum, linnens, &c. Billings and another of the captains were wantonly and cruelly wounded by a mulatto, and are now here under cure. All the prisoners, to the number of 35, were stripped to the last degree, and very ill treated. By these prisoners, who were on board the privateer when she came to Newcastle, we learn, that the enemy were much surpris'd at being fired at from the town, which they did not expect, and that one of the shot falling within a yard of her bow, at another on her deck, they immediately weigh'd, and were order'd into the boat astern, to tow her down stern foremost, which was accordingly done, tho' the grapplings went out along side, and every thing prepared just before for boarding the Jamaica ship.

With these Boston sloops was taken the sloop Joseph and Mary of this place, capt. Ambler; then riding at Reedy-Island, outward bound: He and his men were stripped naked, and had nothing left on but a pair of breeches: Being brought on board the brigantine, he found her to be the St. Michael of war from the Havannah, commanded by capt. Vincent de Lopez, her crew consisting of some Spaniards, some re-engage English and Irish, many mulattoes, and some Negroes. Capt. Arche with 45 more English prisoners having a boat given them, was on shore a little above Morris Linton's high land, after the attempt at Newcastle, which town the enemy had in the morning threatened to burn down. Besides these sloops they had, as the prisoners inform us, taken a number of small craft, with which they infested both sides of the bay and river, so that nothing could pass them; and lancing in several places plundered the farmers, bringing of cloaths, bedding, linnen, pewter, &c. — Saturday evening we had advice that the inhabitants for six miles along the bay side had removed their families and their back into the country, and drove off their cattle.

On Sunday morning came to town Capt. White late of the Mary Schooner of this port; she was inward bound from Providence, with a very valuable cargo of sugar, indigo, &c. and was chased into the Capes by the Clinton and her consort on Thursday; being got into the river, and standing up with the flood on Friday she was boarded by a pilot boat with 30 hands arm'd with pistols and cutlasses, &c. manned out by the Spanish brig. then in fight and standing for her. Capt. White not being provided with any arms could make no resistance, but was obliged immediately to submit. All his people were stripp'd and carried aboard the privateer, where he inform'd that their boat had been within 5 miles of Philadelphia, and returned with intelligence that the main of war was torn down, and the Tremblour unrigg'd; and that they had a comfort cruising at the Capes with 150 men, and were determin'd to have the Jamaica-man before they left the coast. The first day they took a Bermudian sloop capt. Bley, inward bound; and another sloop; and soon after discharg'd the prisoners in a boat belonging to one of the sloops; with which they arriv'd here.

Sunday evening arrived a number of mariners, that had been prisoners on board the Clinton, who inform'd that the Rich, capt. Burk, bound from Philadelphia to London with a very valuable cargo, was taken by the said privateer on the 16th inst. past, about 25 leagues from the Capes; that on the 17th inst. took a sloop bound from Providence to Philadelphia, George Smith, master, laden with sugar and indigo; that on the 18th she took a Hermaphrodite vessel, capt. Hinsley, bound from Virginia to Bristol; that on the 25th she came to an anchor in Hoar-kill road, and they used all their endeavours to get a pilot to carry her up into the river, but in vain; and a sloop standing in for the road, she weigh'd and gave chase to her, but the sloop stood out again, and got clear: during the chase they saw a large brig, which stood toward them, and proved to be another French Privateer, commanded by capt. Berneois, with