

let did not lose one man, were charged with fixed bayonets, and drove. He farther informs, that between 3 and 400 Indians were killed, wounded, and left the besiegers after the engagement. That the militia with general Harknerr lost about 60 killed and wounded. That general St. Ledyard, who commands the enemy's force in that quarter, sent in a flag to demand the delivery of the fort, offering that the garrison should march out with their baggage, and not be molested by the savages. That if this was not complied with, he would not answer for the conduct of the Indians, if the garrison fell into their hands; and that they would certainly fall on the inhabitants. That general Burgoyne was in possession of Albany. That col. Gansevoort, after admiring on the barbarity and disgraceful conduct of the British officers, in forcing women and children to be butchered as they had done, informed the flag, that he was resolved to defend the fort to the last; that he would never give it up as long as there was a man left alive to defend it. That he was well supplied with provisions and ammunition.

Col. Gansevoort being informed that the militia were dispersed, expecting that the fort would soon fall, sent lieutenant Willet out to cheer up their spirits. That he found the militia of Tryon county collecting with great alacrity; and as general Arnold, with the troops under his command, will probably reach the German Flats on the 16th or 17th, I have great hopes that the siege will soon be raised.

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CHARLES THOMSON, Sec'y.
August 16. Last Sunday morning part of the continental army, amounting to about 10,000 men, with his excellency general Washington at their head, marched through this city, and immediately proceeded over the river Schuylkill, on their way, it is said, to the eastern shore of Maryland, where the enemy's first have lately been seen; and it is thought will make a descent upon that state; and yesterday morning general Nash's brigade of North Carolina forces, and col. Proctor's regiment of artillery, passed through this city, and we hear are to pursue the same route, in order to join our most illustrious general.

On the enemy's fleet appearing off Baltimore the disaffected inhabitants were all seized and sent under a strong guard to Frederick town.

FISH KILL, August 21.

Extract of a letter from Albany, Aug. 18. SINCE my last I have had the pleasure of seeing col. Willet; he nearly agrees with the account I gave you in my last of the engagement he had with the enemy. He however adds, that from all the accounts he could collect from the Indians and inhabitants near the fort, sir John Johnson fell in the engagement. The killed and wounded of the enemy in both engagements, from all that can be collected, exceeds 300. Those that were in general Herkemer's all agree that they killed and wounded that number; for they say that the Indians were more than half drunk, and threw themselves more openly than has ever been known, and the regulars marched on very boldly three deep, and our people, known to Indian wars, placed themselves immediately behind trees, and made great havoc among them, their cartridges being made up of three buck shot and a bullet. Some say they have seen three fall at a shot; however, the most moderate computation exceeds 300. The Indians got such such a severe drubbing that the greater part have left them, and are gone home."

NEW BERN, August 15.
THE vessel which lately sailed from this port, with a number of Tories on board, was taken soon after she left the bar, by capt. Weeks, in a privateer from Virginia, in consort with a letter of marque sloop, who have carried her off to the West Indies. She must prove a valuable prize, as the gentlemen on board her have large sums of money with them, and the vessel is loaded with 200 hhd. of tobacco.

WILLIAMSBURG, September 5.
Extract of a letter from major Forryth, and de camp to major general Stephen, dated Christina bridge, August 27, 1777.

YESTERDAY his Excellency, and most of the general officers, with a good many light horse, left Wilmington, in order to reconnoitre the country below this. We were down as far as the Head of Elk, where we found some people very busy in carrying off some publick stores. A large body of the enemy have landed opposite Cecil courthouse, some say 4 or 5000. They have done nothing yet. The militia turn out with great spirit, and patrol down about them. A sergeant deserted yesterday, but was sent off to Lancaster, by which means we did not see him. Whilst we were dining at sir Alexander's, at the Head of Elk, an express arrived from general Sullivan, with letters for his Excellency, of the 24th of August, informing that he had crossed over and beat up the enemy's quarters on Staten island, had taken two colonels, wounded two others mortally, and made prisoners about 160 privates, and that 3 or 400 more must have been wounded. He has destroyed a large quantity of hay, which they had collected, taken a considerable quantity of baggage and arms, and destroyed all their tents. After most of our men had re-crossed, the enemy plucked up spirit and fell upon the rear, of about 100, commanded by major Stewart, and another major, whose name I do not remember, and obliged them, with about 40 men, to surrender prisoners of war, but not before they had expended all their ammunition, and made the enemy give way. It was owing to the rascals who carried over the boats, and would not proceed above half way, that those brave men fell into the enemy's hands. Upon the whole, it is a glorious stroke, and an exceeding good answer to Peter Livius's letter.

Our good success to the Northward you no doubt have heard. We are informed 300 more are taken by the Blue Mountain boys; but this is uncertain.

Our army is now near Wilmington, and will soon be joined by general Sullivan. Our men in good spirits, and the militia turning out almost to a man, so that if Howe should attempt to take a walk into the country he will be apt to lose a leg or an arm. We only stop here to take breakfast, and then set off for Wilmington.

Extract of a letter from Philadelphia, August 26, 1777.

General Howe is landing his men near the Head of Elk, and general Washington is gone to stop his career with 12,000 continental troops; and the militia are called in, which in a few days more will make 12 or 15,000 more. And then! take care Howe!"

Extract of a letter from Philadelphia.
Lord Chatham has taken his seat in the House of Lords, and in a most elegant speech recommended an immediate reconciliation with America, which alone, he said, could save his sinking country; that they had no more prospect of reducing America than he should have of conquering Great Britain with his old crutch [holding it up to them] at the same time

that all the powers of Europe were ready to take advantage of their distracted, weak state."

Last Wednesday were brought to this city, guarded by a party of col. Harrison's artillery, a 2d lieutenant, one mate, two midshipmen, and ten sailors, belonging to the Solebay man of war, who were taken in Princess Anne county by a detachment from that regiment, stationed at Portsmouth, under capt. Ragdale. They were sent from their ship to destroy a small sloop, which drove ashore, and with them, by the high wind and tide, went to pieces.

Marriages.] JOHN THORNTON, esq; of Stafford county, to miss KITTIE YATES of Gloucester.

Deaths.] Mr. ALEXANDER WODROW, at Falmouth, in his 45th year, of an apopleckic fit. He was for many years reputable merchant in that place, and much esteemed by his numerous acquaintance for his many good qualities.

In CONGRESS, August 6, 1777.

THE committee of treasury report, that they have conferred with the MANAGERS of the STATES LOTTERY, and find that a considerable number of tickets remain unsold in the hands of the managers, as well as of their agents in the several states; that from the present state of the lottery, and the uncertainty of the enemy's intentions, the committee recommend the drawing to be postponed till the 6th day of November next; and that a farther quantity of tickets be transmitted to the several states, and that it be recommended to their respective executive powers to give all the assistance they can to expedite the sales thereof.

Resolved, that Congress concur with this report, and direct the board of treasury to cause the same to be carried into effect.

Copy from the journals.

WILLIAM C. HOUSTON, dep. sec.
In consequence of the above resolve, tickets will continue to be sold by the respective gentlemen in this state who have hitherto afforded their assistance in the disposal of them, also by Mr. John Carter at his store in Williamsburg.

GEO. WEBB.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

At a meeting of the Visitors and Governors of William & Mary College, held on Friday the 29th of August, 1777,

It appearing, from the report of the committee appointed to examine the College funds, that great losses have been sustained for many years from the lowliness of board hitherto paid by the students and scholars, and that such losses are likely to be greatly increased hereafter by the enormous advance in the prices of provisions, and other necessaries,

Ordered, that the board of students and scholars be increased to 261, per annum, to be paid half yearly in advance, and to commence on the 25th day of September next; and that a copy of this order be published three weeks successively in the Virginia Gazettes.

Extract from the minutes.

JACOB BRUCE, clerk.

LOST from Hanover courthouse, on the 5th of June, a large dark bay horse 4 feet 11 inches high, appears to be very old, paces well, has a lump near the size of an egg on the middle of his back, but not fore, and branded on the near buttock P. He had on a saddle, with a great coat tied behind, and a pair of striped Virginia cloth wrappers. Whoever gives me intelligence where I may find the said horse, saddle, &c. shall have 20s. reward, or 30s. if brought home, and if stolen 5l. on conviction of the thief.

EDWARD SMITH.