

which he had left Lord Cornwallis, I have prevailed upon him to be the Bearer of my Dispatches to your Lordship; and I beg Leave to refer you to him.

Admiralty-Office, November 6, 1781.

Extract of a Letter from Rear Admiral Graves, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in North America, to Mr. Stephens, dated on Board the London, at Sandy Hook, the 26th of September, 1781.

WHEN my last Dispatch was made up, and sent away by the Medea, I had not received the several Accounts from the Chesapeak, which shew, that the French Fleet arrived off Cape Henry the same Day that Rear-Admiral Sir Samuel Hood, with the Leeward Island Squadron, arrived off Sandy Hook. The Prudent, and several Frigates of the West India Squadron, with Dispatches for Rear-Admiral Sir Samuel Hood, joined the Fleet as it was returning to the Hook.

The Inclosed from Captain Bazely, of the Amphion, will shew the Effect of the Descent upon New London.

The last Letters from Captain Biggs, of the Amphitrite, in Boston Bay, dated the 10th of September, mention his having taken, in Company with the General Monk, Four Prizes; and of his having, on the 4th, fallen in with Two French Ships off Cape Ann, one a Ship of the Line, the other a large Frigate, and was chased by them. Captain Biggs likewise acquaints me, that the Magicienne French Frigate had been taken by the Chatham, Captain Douglas, on the 2d Instant, off Cape Ann, and carried away for Halifax. In the Action the French lost 60 Men killed and 40 wounded; in the Chatham, 1 killed, 1 wounded.

Upon my Return to Sandy Hook with the Fleet, on the 20th, I was agreeably surprized to find that Three of the Pegasus's Convoy of Victuallers had arrived at New York.

The Arrival of Rear-Admiral Digby, on the Evening of the 24th, in the Prince George, with the Canada and Lion, gave the greatest Satisfaction.

The whole Fleet are as busy as they can be: Every Exertion of mine, and of every other Officer in the Fleet, I may venture to affirm, will not be wanting.

Extract of Captain Bazely's Letter, dated Amphion, off New London, September 8, 1781.

IHAVE the Satisfaction to inform you, that I arrived off this Port at Two A. M. on the 6th Instant, at which Time an unfortunate Change of Wind took Place directly out of the Harbour, which prevented my anchoring till Half past Six. I then disposed of the Armed Vessels and Transports agreeable to Brigadier-General Arnold's Wishes, in order to effect a Covering and Landing of the Troops, which was completed by Nine o'Clock. The Armed Vessels and Boats I immediately afterwards ordered to be put in Preparation, under the Direction of Captain Shepherd of the Recovery, to proceed up the River, and act in Conjunction with the Army, at any Moment their Assistance was required, to aid in effecting the Destruction of the Port of New London, &c. agreeable to your Orders, which would have finally taken Place but for the Alarm-Guns, which were fired from the Forts at Day-Break; by this Means I was deprived of getting Hold of their Shipping at Anchor in the Stream, which, with most of those at the Wharfs, proceeded some Miles up the River, so far as to prevent, by any possible Means, my taking or destroying of them: Those remaining at the Wharfs were burned by the Army. The Ardour and determined Conduct shewn by the Troops in storming of the Forts deserve (in my Opinion) the highest Encomiums.

I am now proceeding, with all possible Dispatch, with the Armed Vessels and Transports, to New York: The Lurcher Armed Brig I have dispatched with General Arnold's Aid de Camp and Lieutenant

Bunce of the Amphion, who will present you the Letter, to whom I beg Leave to refer you for any further Particulars.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Digby, to Mr. Stephens, dated Prince George, off Sandy Hook, September 25, 1781.

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YOU will receive herewith a Journal of the Proceedings of the Ships under my Command since I left England, by which, I hope their Lordships will be convinced, that there has not been a Moment's Loss of Time in endeavouring to get here, though I find the Lively Brig, who sailed after us, has been here some considerable Time.—I am now waiting with the Canada and Lyon to get over New-York Bar, but am afraid the Wind will not serve us To-day. However, as we are extremely healthy, and shall want very little, I make no Doubt we shall be ready as soon as great Part of the Fleet. The Perseverance, who separated from us some Days ago, I find is here.

I should have deferred Writing till I had got in, but understand there is some Vessel going immediately to England, and I am unwilling to miss the Opportunity of acquainting their Lordships of my safe Arrival. I am, &c.

ROBERT DIGBY.

St. James's, November 6.

The King has been pleased to grant to Sir George Brydges Rodney, Baronet, and Knight of the Bath, the Offices or Places of Vice-Admiral of Great-Britain, and Lieutenant of the Admiralty thereof, and also of Lieutenant of the Navies and Seas of the Kingdom of Great-Britain, in the Room of the Right Honourable Edward Lord Hawke, deceased.

The King has also been pleased to grant to George Darby, Esq; the Offices or Places of Rear-Admiral of Great-Britain, and of the Admiralty thereof, and also of Rear-Admiral of the Navies and Seas of the Kingdom of Great-Britain, in the Room of the said Sir George Brydges Rodney.

St. James's, October 25, 1781.

WHEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, That on Thursday the 18th Day of the present Month of October, about Six o'Clock in the Evening, some Hay Stacks, the Property of Mr. Richard Ayrton, of Malton in the County of York, and standing in a Close, in his Occupation, at Welbourn in the same County, rented of the Earl of Carlisle, were wilfully and maliciously set on Fire by some Person or Persons unknown, and the Whole thereby entirely consumed:

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in the said Offences, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one or more of them (except the Person or Persons who did actually set Fire to the said Stacks, or either of them) who shall discover him, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

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And as a further Encouragement, the said Richard Ayrton doth hereby promise a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS to any Person (except as before excepted) who shall make such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid immediately upon the Conviction of any One or more of the Offenders.

R. Ayrton, Malton, Yorkshire.

And as a further Encouragement likewise, we do hereby, as Agents to the said Earl of Carlisle, promise a further Reward of FIFTY POUNDS to any Person (except as before excepted) who shall make such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid by us upon the Conviction of any One or more of the Offenders.

Gregg and Potts, Skinners-hall, Dowgate-hill, London.

Victualling-Office, November 5, 1781.

THE Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wednesday the 14th Instant, they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing,