

which I had collected from different Parts for the King's Service. With the rest of the Ships I returned to my Station close to St. John's Harbour. Next Morning Colonel Amherst landed with the Troops in the Head of the Bay, having only four Men wounded from a distant Bush-firing of the Enemy. He marched directly to Kitty Vitty, and made himself Master of that important Post in the Evening, without having a Man killed, and only two or three wounded. Every Thing, belonging to the Army, was carried from Torbay to Kitty Vitty in Shallops, escorted by Boats from the Squadron. And this Service was conducted with Diligence and Care, by Mr. Dugdale my First Lieutenant, Capt. Douglas having joined the Squadron again. The Enemy's Fleet was to have sailed the Morning I passed the Harbour with the Transports; and 300 Men only were to be left in St. John's for the Winter; but upon seeing us, they landed the Grenadiers again.

The 15th it blew strong from E. to E. S. E. with thick rainy Weather. In the Evening the Wind shifted to the Westward, light Breezes, and thick Fog. At Six next Morning, it being calm, with a great Swell, we saw from the Mast Head, but could bring them down no lower than half Way the Top-mast Shrouds, Four Sail, bearing S. S. E. distant seven Leagues: The Mouth of St. John's Harbour at the same Time bore W. four Leagues. We lost Sight of them about Seven, though very clear: And some Time after, a small Breeze springing up in the S. W. Quarter, I stood in towards Torbay, in order to cover the Shallops that might be going from thence to Kitty Vitty.

In the Afternoon I received a Note from Colonel Amherst, acquainting me that the French Fleet got out last Night. Thus after being blocked up in St. John's Harbour for three Weeks by a Squadron of equal Number, but smaller Ships, with fewer Guns and Men, did M. Ternay make his Escape in the Night, by a shameful Flight. I beg Leave to observe, that not a Man in the Squadron imagined the four Sail, when we saw them, were the Enemy; and the Pilots were of Opinion, that they must have had the Wind much stronger than with us, to overcome the Easterly Swell in the Harbour's Mouth. I sent the King George round Cape Race as far as Trepassy, to bring me Intelligence if the Enemy should steer towards Placentia; and I directed Captain Douglas of the Syrene to get the Transports moved from Torbay, as a very unsafe Road, to the Bay of Bulls.

A Bomb Battery was opened against the Fort. in the Night of the 17th, and next Day it capitulated, before any other Batteries had begun to play; and I herewith enclose a Copy of the Capitulation.

The Squadron got into the Harbour Yesterday Morning; and in the Evening I received their Lordships Order of the 3d of August, sent me by Captain Palliser of the Shrewsbury, who, with the Superb, Bedford, and Minerva, had just arrived on the Coast. I have directed Captain Palliser, with the other Ships, to come into the Harbour, as soon as a convenient Opportunity offers for so doing.

We have about eight hundred Prisoners, Grenadiers, Picquets, and some Marines, being a very fine Body of Men, and nearly equal in Number to the Regulars of our Army. I am now preparing Transports to carry them to Brest.

The Enemy did not intend to leave so great a Part of their Force here; their Grenadiers were ready for embarking, but M. de Ternay seemed determined at all Events to grasp an Opportunity, which, if once lost, might never be regained; therefore, in the utmost Confusion, he left behind his Grenadiers, Anchors, and turned his Boats adrift when they had towed him out. The Fog was so thick that Lieutenant Colonel Tullikin, who was posted on an Empigence in the narrowest Part of the Harbour's Mouth, could hear their Noise, but could not discern any of their Ships. The Fog even altered the Direction of Sound, which seemed to come from another Part of the Harbour, whilst they must have been directly under him.

There is a considerable Quantity of Provisions and other Goods at this Place, collected and tumbled promiscuously into different Storehouses by the Enemy. Many of the Irish Servants have also been robbing and plundering their Masters. To ascertain Property, in order to make Restitution as far as can be, and to restore Regularity to a Country, so long distracted by being in the Enemy's Possession, will be the particular Care of Governor Graves, who, in my Opinion, is well qualified for such an Office; and as he will stay here, he will be able, in a great Measure, to restore the Affairs of this Country.

Captain Douglas of the Syren has behaved with Spirit and Activity, and exerted every Talent of a good Officer during this Expedition; and (without adding any more Officer to the Corps) I am happy in the Opportunity of sending him to wait on their Lordships.

Hague, October 8. The Situation of the Armies in Hesse continues upon the same Footing along the Ohme and Lahne, the French having been constantly disappointed in their Attempts to open a Communication with Cassel.

The Fortress of Schweidnitz still holding out, the King of Prussia had taken the Command of the Siege in Person.

Upon General Haddick's taking That of the Austrians and Imperialists in Saxony, in the Room of Marshal Serbelloni, Prince Henry had been attacked in different Parts, but maintained his Ground. However, upon the Approach of a Body of Twenty Thousand of the Enemy's Troops, His Royal Highness quitted his Quarters at Pretschendorff, and established them on the 1st Instant at Freyberg.

October 12, 1762.

The Directors of the Laudable Society for the Benefit of Widows, give Notice, that a General Meeting of the said Society will be held on Wednesday the 27th Instant, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Queen's Arms Tavern in St. Paul's Church Yard, on special Affairs.

Michael Fisher, Secretary.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against William Clutton, of Horstedkeynes in the County of Suffex, Ironmaster, Merchant, Dealer and Chapman, (Copartner with James Norden) and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 4th of November next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, on the 5th of the same Month, at Nine in the Forenoon, and on the 23d of the same Month, at Three in the Afternoon, at the House of Henry Verrall, called the New Coffee-House in Lewes in the said County of Suffex, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same, but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Burtenshaw, Attorney in Lewes aforesaid.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Francis Blencow, of the Borough of Brackley in the County of Northampton, Ironmonger, Brazier and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 29th and 30th of October Instant, and on the 23d of November next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, on each of the said Days, at the House of John Cambden, called the Castle Inn in Birmingham in the County of Warwick, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. John Clay Hallen, Attorney, in Birmingham aforesaid.