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Admiralty-Office, September 13, 1778.

CAPTAIN Venture, of the Hannah Armed Vessel, arrived this Day with Dispatches from the Lord Viscount Howe, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in North America, to Mr. Stephens; of which the following are Extracts.

Eagle, at Sandy Hook, July 18, 1778.

THE Enemy continue in the same Situation as mentioned in my Letter of the 11th Instant. The Position they have taken has enabled them to intercept about Nine or Ten mostly small Trading Vessels bound to this Port; together with the York Armed Sloop, and One of the Bomb Tenders of the Squadron.

I understand that the Packet, which sailed from England in May, has been taken by an Armed Brig mounting 14 Guns, and carried into New London.

Eagle, Sandy Hook, July 26, 1778.

BY this Opportunity you will receive the farther Reports of my Proceedings, sent subsequent to the 6th Instant, (the Date of my first Letter) by the Grantham Packet, and a later Conveyance.

I have now to add, That on the 22d in the Morning the Enemy weighed and stood from before this Port to the Southward, with the Wind to the Eastward, followed by the Advice Boats which I had stationed without them. They were left, on the 23d in the Morning, in the Latitude of the Delaware, and about Thirty Leagues from the Land, steering by the Wind at East, on the Larboard Tack.

The Weather having been very favorable the last Three Days for prosecuting an Attempt to force the Entrance of this Port, and the Toulon Squadron not appearing on this Part of the Coast, I conclude the French Commander has desisted from the Purpose he is reported to have declared, to that Effect.

On the 25th Instant, the Dispatch, sent for Halifax the 10th, returned with Letters from Captain Fielding of the 19th.

Captain Fielding, on the most laudable Motives, ordered away the Centurion and Raisonable from that Station, to strengthen the Squadron here, as soon as he heard of the Appearance of the Enemy on this Coast: The two Ships are not yet arrived; but from the last observed Position of the French Squadron, and Easterly Winds since prevailing, I flatter myself they will escape to the Northward of the Enemy, and may be daily expected at the Hook.

The Renown, which had been appointed to conduct the West India Convoy, came in here from Antigua, the same Evening, with the Dispatch.

Eagle, Sandy Hook, July 31, 1778.

NO Opportunity for sending off the dispatches you will receive herewith having earlier offered, I am enabled, in Addition thereto, to acquaint you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the Raisonable joined me here the 28th, and the Centurion, with the Cornwall, Yesterday.

Captain Edwards parted Company from the Squadron with Vice-Admiral Byron in a sudden and hard Gust of Wind the 3d Instant, in Latitude 48° 53′, and Longitude 31° 16′.

No Intelligence having been since received of the Vice-Admiral, I am preparing to put immediately to Sea, with the Force collected at this Port, in Quest of the French Squadron, supposed, when last seen on the 28th, to be steering for Rhode Island.

Admiralty Office, September 15, 1778.

ADmiral Young, who is arrived from the Leeward Islands, in his Letter to Mr. Stephens, dated at Spithead the 12th Instant, incloses a List of Ships which have been made Prizes or destroyed by His Majesty's Ships on that Station, since those published in the Gazette of the 11th of July: Copy of which List is as follows:

By the PORTLAND. *Putnam*, Christopher Whipple Commander, 84 Tons, 70 Men, belonging to Rhode Island

By the SEAFORD. *La Seine*, E. H. Morain Commander, 300 Tons, 37 Men, belonging to France, going with Arms, &c. to America.

By the BEAVER. *Oliver Cromwell*, Herman Courter Master, 220 Tons, 135 Men, a Congress Ship of War.

By the SEAFORD. *Jenny*, George Ralls Commander, 25 Tons, 15 Men, belonging to Virginia.

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