

had at that Time a Service in View for those Corps, whilst the Business of collecting Cattle should be carrying on upon the Island. I was obliged by contrary Winds to relinquish my Designs.

On our Arrival off the Harbour, the Inhabitants sent Persons on Board to ask my Intentions with respect to them, to whom a Requisition was made of the Arms of the Militia, the Public Money, 300 Oxen, and 10,000 Sheep. They promised each of these Articles should be delivered without Delay. I afterwards found it necessary to send small Detachments into the Island, and detain the deputed Inhabitants for a Time, in order to accelerate their Compliance with the Demand.

The 12th I was able to embark on Board the Vessels, which arrived that Day from Rhode Island, 6000 Sheep, and 130 Oxen.

The 13th and 14th were employed in embarking Cattle and Sheep on Board our own Fleet; in destroying some Salt-Works; in burning or taking in the Inlets what Vessels and Boats could be found, and in receiving the Arms of the Militia. I here again refer your Excellency to Returns.

On the 15th the Fleet left Martha's Vineyard; and, after sustaining, the next Day, a very severe Gale of Wind, arrived the 17th at Whitestone, without any material Damage.

I hold myself much obliged to the commanding Officers of Corps, and to the Troops in general, for the Alacrity with which every Service was performed.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

CHARLES GREY, M. G.

Return of Killed, Wounded and Missing, of the Detachment under the Command of Major-General Grey.

1st Battalion Light Infantry. 1 wounded, 3 missing.
1st Battalion of Grenadiers. 1 killed; 1 wounded; 3 missing.
33d Regiment. 1 missing.
42d Regiment. 1 wounded; 8 missing.
46th Regiment. 1 missing.
64th Regiment. 1 wounded.
Total. 1 killed. 4 wounded. 16 missing.

The Enemy's Loss, which came to our Knowledge, was an Officer and 3 Men killed by the advanced Parties of Light Infantry, who, on receiving a Fire from the Inclosures, rushed on with their Bayonets. Sixteen were brought Prisoners from Bedford, to exchange for that Number missing from the Troops.

(Signed) CHARLES GREY, M. G.

Return of Vessels and Stores destroyed on Accusnet River, the 5th of September, 1778.

8 Sail of large Vessels from 200 to 300 Tons, most of them Prizes.
6 Armed Vessels carrying from 10 to 16 Guns.
A Number of Sloops and Schooners of inferior Size, amounting in all to 70, besides Whale-Boats and others: Amongst the Prizes were Three taken by Count d'Estaing's Fleet.
26 Store-houses at Bedford, several at M'Pherson's Wharf, Crans Mills and Fair Haven: These were filled with very great Quantities of Rum, Sugar, Melasses, Coffee, Tobacco, Cotton, Tea, Medicines, Gunpowder, Sailcloth, Cordage, &c.
Two large Rope-walks.

At Falmouth in the Vineyard Sound, the 10th of September 1778.

2 Sloops and a Schooner taken by the Gallies,
1 loaded with Staves.
1 Sloop burnt.

In Old Town Harbour, Martha's Vineyard,

1 Brig of 150 Tons Burthen, burnt by the Scorpion.
1 Schooner of 70 Tons Burthen, burnt by ditto.
23 Whale Boats taken or destroyed.
A Quantity of Plank taken.

At Holmes's Hole, Martha's Vineyard.

4 Vessels, with several Boats, taken or destroyed.
A Salt Work destroyed, and a considerable Quantity of Salt taken.

Arms taken at Martha's Vineyard.

388 Stand, with Bayonets, Pouches, &c. some Powder, and a Quantity of Lead, as by Artillery Return.

At the Battery near Fair Haven, and on Clark's Point.

13 Pieces of Iron Ordnance destroyed, the Magazine blown up, and the Platforms, &c. and Barracks for 200 Men, burnt.

£ 1000 Sterling in Paper, the Amount of a Tax collected by Authority of the Congress, was received at Martha's Vineyard from the Collector.

Cattle and Sheep taken from Martha's Vineyard.

300 Oxen. 10,000 Sheep.

(Signed) CHARLES GREY, M. G.

Return of Ammunition, Arms and Accoutrements, &c. which were brought in by the Militia on the Island of Martha's Vineyard, agreeable to Major-General Grey's Order, received at Holmes's Cove, September 12, 13, and 14, 1778.

Tisbury. 132 Firelocks; 16 Bayonets; 44 Cartridge Boxes or Pouches; 11 Swords or Hangers; 22 Powder Horns.

Chilmark. 2 Halberts; 127 Firelocks; 20 Bayonets; 30 Cartridge Boxes or Pouches; 12 Swords or Hangers; 40 Powder Horns; 2 Pistols; 1 Drum.

Old Town. 129 Firelocks; 13 Bayonets; 3 Cartridge Boxes or Pouches; 2 Swords or Hangers; 9 Powder Horns, 2 Pistols.

Total. 2 Halberts; 388 Firelocks; 49 Bayonets; 77 Cartridge Boxes or Pouches; 25 Swords or Hangers; 71 Powder Horns; 4 Pistols; 1 Drum.

N. B. 1 Barrel, 1 Half Barrel, and 1 Quarter Barrel of Powder; a great Number of Lead Shot or Balls of different Sizes in Bags and Boxes; and a great many Flints.

(Signed) DAVID SCOTT, Captain
Royal Reg. of Artillery.

Admiralty Office, October 27, 1778.

THE Dispatches from Vice-Admiral Lord Viscount Howe, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in North America, to Mr. Stephens, of which the following are Extracts, were brought to this Office on Sunday last by Lieutenant Grove, of His Majesty's Ship the Apollo, which Ship left New York the 17th of last Month, and arrived at Plymouth the 22d Instant.

Eagle, off Sandy Hook, August 17, 1778.

IN Consequence of the Determination signified in my Letter of the 31st past; and the Intelligence I had subsequently received, that the French Squadron was separated into different Detachments, stationed off of the Entrance of the Middle Channel, and in the Narraganset and Sebago Passages, for the Attack of Rhode Island, I attempted sailing from Sandy Hook the 2d Instant, with the Ships of War and attendant Vessels named in the annexed List, to profit by any Opportunity which might offer for taking Advantage of the Enemy in that divided Situation, and for the Relief, in that Case, of the Garrison at Newport; but the Wind veering back to the Southward, and not afterwards corresponding sooner with the rising of the Tide upon the Bar, my Departure was necessarily postponed until the Morning of the 6th; and I anchored the Squadron off of Point Judith the Evening of the 9th.

The Toulon Squadron had passed the Batteries at the Entrance of the Harbour the preceding Day, and was mostly placed close over to the Conanicut Shore, in the middle Channel from Race Island Northward towards Dyers and Prudence Islands.

Being thereby enabled to communicate immediately with the Garrison, I was informed by Captain

Brisbane