

up a heavy Fire of Mufquetry upon us. Notwithstanding which the Fire of the Artillery, under the Direction of Captain Fage and Lieutenant Rogers, took such Place, that the Ships were soon obliged to strike their Colours, and the Militia drove from the opposite Shore. Want of Boats, and the Wind blowing hard, prevented our capturing many of the Seamen, who took to their Boats, and escaped on Shore; but not without first scuttling and setting Fire to some of their Ships, which could not be saved.

Two Ships, Three Brigantines, Five Sloops, and Two Schooners, loaded with Tobacco, Cordage, Flour, &c. &c. fell into our Hands.

Four Ships, Five Brigantines, and a Number of small Vessels, were sunk and burnt. On board the whole Fleet, (none of which escaped) were taken and destroyed about Two Thousand Hogheads of Tobacco, &c. &c. &c. and very fortunately we had not a Man killed or wounded this Day; but have Reason to believe the Enemy suffered considerably. About Five o'Clock P. M. we were joined by Major-General Phillips, with the Light Infantry.

28th. The Troops remained at Osborn's, waiting for Boats from the Fleet; Part of them were employed in securing the Prizes, and carrying them to Osborn's as a Place of Safety.

29th. The Boats having arrived, the Troops were put in Motion. Major-General Phillips marched with the main Body; at the same Time I proceeded up the River, with a Detachment in Boats, and met him between Cary's Mills and Warwick.

30th. The Troops marched to Manchester; and destroyed Twelve Hundred Hogheads of Tobacco. The Marquis de Fayette having arrived with his Army at Richmond, opposite to Manchester, the Day before, and being joined by the Militia drove from Petersburg and Williamsburg, they were Spectators of the Conflagration, without attempting to molest us. The same Evening we returned to Warwick, where we destroyed a Magazine of 500 Barrels of Flour, and Colonel Cary's fine Mills were destroyed in burning the Magazine of Flour. We also burnt several Warehouses, with One Hundred and Fifty Hogheads of Tobacco, a large Ship and a Brigantine afloat, and Three Vessels on the Stocks, a large Range of Public Rope-walks and Storehouses, and some Tan and Bark Houses full of Hides and Bark.

May 1st. Marched to Osborn's, and dispatched our Prizes and Boats down the River; and in the Evening marched to Bermuda Hundreds, opposite City Point.

May 2d. Embarked the Troops, &c. &c.

May 3d. Fell down the River to Westover.

May 4th. Proceeded down to Tappahannock.

5th and 6th. Part of the Fleet fell down to Hog Island.

7th. Major-General Phillips having received a Letter from Lord Cornwallis, Orders were given for the Fleet to return up the River again. We arrived at Brandon about Five o'Clock, and most of the Troops, Cavalry, &c. were landed this Evening, though it blew a Gale of Wind.

May 8th. Remained at Brandon. Major-General Phillips being very ill, and unable to travel on Horseback, a Post Chaise was procured for him.

May 9th. The Light Infantry, and Part of the Queen's Rangers, in Boats, were ordered, with the Formidable and Spitfire, to proceed to City Point, and land there. The Rest of the Army were put in Motion for Petersburg, where they arrived late in the Night, having marched near Thirty Miles this Day.

On our leaving Bermuda Hundred, and going down the River, the Marquis de Fayette with his Army moved towards Williamsburg, and by forced Marches had crossed the Chickahomany at Long Bridge, when our Fleet returned to Brandon, which retrograde Motion of ours occasioned him to return as rapidly by forced Marches to Osborn's, where he arrived the 8th, and was preparing to cross the River to Petersburg when we arrived there, which was so unexpected, that we surprised and took Two Majors, (one of them Aid de Camp to Baron Stubens's, the other to General Smallwood's); One Captain and Three Lieutenants of Dragoons; Two Lieutenants of Foot, a Commissary, and a Surgeon: Some of these Gentlemen arrived only two Hours before us, with an Intention of collecting the Boats for the Marquis to cross his Army.

On the 10th the Marquis made his Appearance on the opposite Side of the River with a strong Escort, and having staid some Time to reconnoitre our Army, returned to his Camp at Osborn's; and we are this Day informed he is marched to Richmond, where it is said Wayne with the Pennsylvania Line has arrived; this is however uncertain, but he is certainly expected there.

An Express passed through this Place the Day before our Arrival here, who left Halifax on the 7th, and informed, that the Advance of Lord Cornwallis's Army arrived there that Morning: This Report we have from several Quartets, and I am inclined to believe it is true.—Several Expresses have been sent to his Lordship, informing him of our being here ready to co-operate with his Lordship.—We are in anxious Expectation of having particular Intelligence from him every Minute.

As soon as it is reduced to a Certainty that Lord Cornwallis has crossed the Roanoke, and is on his March for this Place, the Army will advance one or two Days March from hence to meet his Lordship, and carry a Supply of Provisions for his Army.

A considerable Magazine of Flour and Bread has fallen into our Hands near this Place, and the Country abounds with Cattle.

Major-General Phillips is so weak and low, that it will be some considerable Time before he can go through the Fatigue of Business. In this critical Situation I am happy to have the Assistance of so many good and experienced Officers with me, commanding Corps. If joined by Lord Cornwallis, or the Reinforcement said to be coming from New-York, we shall be in Force to operate as we please in Virginia or Maryland.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

Signed, B. A R N O L D.

War-Office, June 23, 1781.

Independent Company of Foot, Lieutenant John Fraser, of 1st Foot, to be Captain.

Ditto, Serjeant Charles Ross, of 1st Foot, to be Ensign.

Independent Company of Foot, Lieutenant Frederick Augustus Wetherall, of 17th Foot, to be Captain.

Independent Company of Foot, Lieutenant James Lord Torphichen, of 62d Foot, to be Captain.

Independent Company of Foot, Lieutenant William Gillespie, of 77th Foot, to be Captain.

Ditto, Ensign James Robertson, of 77th Foot, to be Lieutenant.

Ditto, Ensign William Rattray, of 81st Foot, to be Lieutenant.

Ditto, Henry Bowerman, Gent. to be Ensign.

Independent Company of Foot, Lieutenant Campbell Callender, of 67th Foot, to be Captain.

Ditto,