

State of the Troops on the Island of New Providence, Fort Nassau, May 6, 1782.

REGULARS.

Commissioned Officers. 1 Governor, 1 Lieutenant-Governor, 1 Captain, 4 Lieutenants.

Staff. 1 Chaplain, 1 Surgeon's Mate, 1 Commissary.

Royal Artillery. 1 Montrofs, 2 Artificers.

Present fit for Duty. 14 Serjeants, 3 Drummers, 186 Rank and File.

Sick. 3 Serjeants, 1 Drummer, 35 Rank and File.

MILITIA.

Commissioned Officers. 1 Major, 3 Captains, 5 Lieutenants, 3 Ensigns.

Present fit for Duty. 4 Serjeants, 3 Drummers, 125 Rank and File.

Edward Cooper, JOHN MAXWELL.
Lieut. R. G. Battalion.

Return of the Enemies Force against New Providence.

A M E R I C A N.

Ship Carolina, — Gillon, Master, 40 Guns, 500 Men. N. B. Mounts 28 Swedish Thirty-six Pounders on One Deck.

Brig Queen of France, — Hun, Master, 12 Guns, 60 Men.

Brig Dolphin, — Forbes Master, 8 Guns, 40 Men.

Brig Galvez, 12 Guns, 40 Men.

Brig May-Flower, 12 Guns, 40 Men.

Schooner, (Name unknown) — Callagan, Master, 10 Guns, 40 Men.

Schooner Hannah, — Gardner, Master, 10 Guns, 25 Men.

Schooner Polly, — Cook, Master, 4 Guns, 12 Men.

Brig, (Name unknown) — Murray, Master, 12 Guns, 40 Men.

S P A N I S H.

Seventeen Armed Ships and Polacres.

Ten Brigs and Armed Gallies.

Four Sloops Armed.

Six Schooners Armed.

With several other small Vessels, in all 63 Sail.

About 2500 Troops, Regulars and Militia.

Total Amount of Soldiers and Seamen, including Americans as well as Spaniards, about 5000 Men.

Admiralty-Office, July 11, 1782.

Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Drake, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Downes, to Mr. Stephens, dated July 9, 1782.

Having received Information early this Morning, from the Officer at the South Foreland, that a Row Boat was at an Anchor close in under the Foreland, which he suspected to be an Enemy; I immediately gave Directions to the Sandwich Cutter, and some Boats manned and armed, to proceed in Pursuit of her; and in a few Hours the Rippon's Boats came up with her, and brought her into the Downes: She has Two Swivels, and Thirteen Men, and came out of Calais last Night.

Admiralty-Office, July 13, 1782.

Copy of a Letter from Thomas Shirley, Esq; Captain of His Majesty's Ship Leander, to Mr. Stephens, dated off James Fort, Accra, April 25, 1782.

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As the Ulysses Transport is very short of Provisions, and having no further Occasion for her, I have ordered her to England; and although she is a very bad Sailer, yet, as the Race is not always to the Swift, there is a Possibility of her arriving before my Dispatches; you will please to acquaint their Lordships, that I have taken and destroyed, with His Majesty's Ship under my Command, and the Alligator Sloop, (without the Assistance of a Man belonging to the Two Independent Companies) as per

Margin.* I have sent the above-mentioned Sloop with my Dispatches.

I have appointed the Mackarel Transport, a Cartel, to convey the Dutch Governors, &c. to Europe, and have sent in her Mr. Van Court, my First Lieutenant, who carries Duplicates.

I am, &c.

THOMAS SHIRLEY.

* Destroyed: L'Officiouse, a French Store-ship, off Senegal, computed worth 30,000 l.

Taken: Forts, Mourre, 20 Guns; Cormantyne, 32 Guns; Apam, 22 Guns; Berricoe, 18 Guns; Accra, 32 Guns.

N. B. By a Letter from Captain Frodsham, Commander of the above-mentioned Sloop, to Mr. Stephens, dated at Brest the 1st Instant, it appears, that he was taken, on the 26th of last Month, by the French King's Frigate La Fée, of 36 Guns, and carried into that Port; and that the Dispatches, with which he was charged by Captain Shirley, were thrown over-board, and sunk.

Admiralty-Office, July 13, 1782.

Extract of a Letter from Edward Pellew, Esq; commanding His Majesty's Ship the Artois, to Mr. Stephens, dated Cove of Cork, July 1, 1782.

On Sunday June 30, running down the Coast on my Way to Dublin, at Noon, the Old Head N. by E. distant 14 Leagues, saw a Cruizer in the South-East Quarter, to which I instantly gave Chace: At Five she hoisted French Colours, and, after firing a few Stern Chaces, finding we were nearly almost along-side, she struck, and proved to be the Prince de Robecq, mounting 22 Twelve and Nine Pounders, fitted by the Admiral of Dunkirk, and commanded by a Lieutenant de Frigate, Mons. Pierre Vanstale, with 173 Men, had been Twelve Days from Dunkirk, but taken nothing. She is almost new, and the most complete Privateer I ever saw.

Whitehall, July 13, 1782.

Whereas, by an Act of Parliament passed in the last Session, intitled, "An Act for compelling John Whitehill, Esquire, to return into this Kingdom; and for restraining him, in case of his Return, from going out of this Kingdom for a limited Time; and for discovering his Estate and Effects, and preventing the transporting or alienating of the same;" reciting that John Whitehill, Esquire, heretofore Governor and President of the Settlement of Fort Saint George, on the Coast of Coromandel in the East Indies, and also heretofore Member of the Council and of the Select Committee of the Settlement aforesaid, appeared, from various Papers and Records of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, by reason of his Conduct as Governor, and One of the Council and of the Select Committee of the Settlement aforesaid, to be a fit Object of Justice in Parliament; and also reciting that the said John Whitehill, Esquire, was then out of this Kingdom; therefore, and to the End that the Person, and Estates Real and Personal, of the said John Whitehill might be forth-coming, and secured so as to be liable to Justice in Parliament; it was among other Things enacted, That if the said John Whitehill, Esquire, should, within the Space of Forty-two Days next after Three several Notices should have been given in The London Gazette for that Purpose, return into this Kingdom, which Notices One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State is thereby required to insert in the said Gazette within Fourteen Days next after the passing of the said Act, he, the said John Whitehill, Esquire, should not go or depart out of the Kingdom before the First Day of February, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-three; and that the said John Whitehill, Esquire, should, within the Space of Twenty-eight Days next after his Return into this Kingdom, in due Form of Law, enter into one or more Recognizance or Recognizances to His Majesty,