

seems, opposed by at the least 3000 persons that were got together for its defence: Further order has been since given to the President *Baratin* Intendant of *Poytiers*, for its demolition, who drawing together the Forces of the Province, assisted by the Count de *Pardailan*, so vigorously fell upon that work, that in two hours time they pulled it down, to the great trouble of those of the Religion; and from thence proceeded further to the *Bourg de Couhé-Vebac*, where they did the like execution upon another Temple built upon the same pretence.

The 27th, his Majesty ordered a Cupboard of Plate to be given to the *Danish* Resident, which was accordingly presented him by the *Sieur de Berlise* Master of the Ceremonies.

*Paris*, Febr. 5. Yesterday his Majesty for the Divertisement of the Court, appointed a Review of his Guards in the Plains of *Ouilles*, where he was pleased to assist in person, accompanied with their Royal Highnesses, and with all the principal persons of the Court of both Sexes, but there happened an unlucky accident to the Regiment Royal; three of whose Companies passing the Ferry at *Chauxaux* were all cast away.

*Hague*, Jan. 29. Some days since the Court of *Holland*, having sent certain Officers to *Rotterdam*, to execute the sentence heretofore passed against *Messieurs Kicwydt* and *Vanderhorst*, the Burgomasters of the City seeing them begin to carry away the Goods and Householdstuff of their two fellow Burgesses, opposed the Execution, and forced them to retire, and have sent their Deputies to the Court of *Holland*, to remonstrate against that procedure, as contrary to the priviledges of their City.

*Kinsale*, Jan. 18. The third instant a Vessel of four Guns, belonging to *London*, in her return from *Malaga*, with a considerable quantity of Wines and other Lading, unfortunately ran upon the *Old-head* near this Town, and was cast away, and many of her men drown'd.

*Rye*, Jan. 26. This morning a French Vessel of about 160 Tuns, was by Captain *Holmes* forced ashore, not far from this place, and broken in pieces, her lading being Salt and Bandy, with some Wines, was for the most part destroyed.

One of the prizes taken by Captain *Holmes*, that unfortunately ran aground as she was entering this Harbor, was so bulged, that she will hardly be brought off; but 60 Tuns of wine of her Lading, are taken out of her, and secured by the Captain.

*Newcastle*, Jan. 26. Several Light Vessels came lately before this Bar, but by the violence of the wind, one of them was unhappily cast away; but her men, with all her Cables, Anchors, Rigging and Sails preserved. Another of them was put upon the Rocks under the Castle, and is in much danger, it being hard to judge what fate she is like to meet with. Two or three others ride it out at Sea, and the rest with some difficulty, so safely within the Bar.

*West-Cowes*, Jan. 28. On Saturday, late in the Evening, arrived at *Southampton*, a Vessel of 50 Tuns, laden with Wines and Fruit from *Malaga*, from whence she came without disturbance, not having met with any Vessel by the way.

*Deale*, Jan. 29. Yesterday Captain *John Holmes* in the *Bristol*, brought into this place a prize, being a Vessel belonging to *Diepe*, laden with Bay-salt.

*Bristol*, Jan. 26. Yesterday arrived here from the *Barbado's*, a small Vessel of this Town, called the *John Pink*, of about 70 Tun, laden with Sugar, Tobacco, and other Commodities of that place. They came out together about 22 Sail in company, which, though some days since separated by foul weather, are since arrived safe at several Ports.

They tell us, that about the 8th of *December* last, they had Information at the *Barbado's*, that the *French* with seven or eight Ships of considerable force, made their approach to *Antigo*, and with English Colours made a descent at the *Five Islands* Harbour, where with a strong Party they suddenly attacked the Fort, which they were reported, after a stout resistance, to have master'd, and taken the Governour prisoner, and from thence were marching further into the Island; but the Islanders then taking the Alarm, had got together a considerable Force, with which they fell upon the *French*, and forced them to a Retreat, and were not with-

out hopes of regaining the Fort, and obliging the *French* to quit the Island.

They tell us further, that they left the *Barbado's* in a good posture, not only for their own defence, but also to give assistance to their Neighbours, having a considerable Army of Foot and Horse well appointed and ready for service; besides a far greater number that will be drawn together upon any Emergency; where are also ridings, besides other Vessels, several of the Ships that were in company with the Lord *Willingby* in the late fatal *Hurricane*, and thought for some time to have been lost.

*Whitehall*, Jan. 29. Letters from *Surinam*, dated the 18th of *October*, give us this account of the success of the English in those parts of *America*:

Having not long since taken and ruin'd a considerable Colony of the *Dutch* at *Apecawaca*, we resolv'd to attempt something likewise upon the *French*, and particularly to attack *Sinamary* a Colonel of theirs, about sixty Leagues distant from *Surinam*, and *Chayan* about twenty Leagues further to the Windward. In which Expedition the whole Country appearing very zealous, we were nevertheless retarded in expectation of the *Indians* that were to assist us, they being usually tedious in their setting out: But being ready to set forwards, Intelligence was brought us from the *Leewards*, that the *Dutch* and *Arawacacs* had fallen upon 70 of the *Chareebans* at the mouth of *Necarita*; and having notice of our design upon the *French* Colonies, were resolv'd to attempt something upon us, during the absence of our Forces, which put us upon new Consultations, and being likewise informed, that our Men in *Dissekebe* required our Assistance, as did others in *Baurooma*, who were reduced to some streights by the *French*, who from *Martinego* had made an Incurtion upon those parts, and taken several *Negro's*, and were retiring with them, and some considerable plunder. Upon these considerations, we resolv'd to divide our Forces, one party being commanded by Captain *William Cowell*, to pursue our first design against *Sinamary*, and the other under the command of Captain *Christopher Rendar*, to oppose the *Dutch* and *Arawacacs*.

On the first of *August*, Captain *Cowell* set forwards, and on the 12th, having happily cut off their Out-guard, and being well informed of the state and condition of the Fort at *Sinamary*, he march'd up to the Fort, which (though well defended for some time) he took by storm; in which action seven of the *French* only were killed, and about fifty taken prisoners, with *Monfieur de Noell* their Governour, about twelve others making their escape. A small Vessel of ours called a *Periagoe*, at the same time chasing and taking his *Shallop* laden with Provisions. The Fort was immediately dismantled and burnt, the Plantations destroyed: Two *Shallops* and all the *Periagoes* that could be found, were laden with the Spoil, and brought to *Surinam*, with the prisoners; we took there all their Artillery, and many Arms, and much Ammunition, which came seasonably to supply our wants; what could not be brought away, was burnt and destroyed, we losing not one man in this Expedition, and onely Captain *Rendar* hurt in the Nose.

Neither was Captain *Rendar*, with the other part of our Forces less successful, who having embarked his men in several Vessels, he pass'd up the *Caneca*, a very populous Creek in *Berbices*, chasing the Enemy before him, who though nine *Periagoes* well manned, durst not resist any two of ours; in which posture having pass'd almost as high as *Berbices*, without opposition, he return'd for *Currenteene*, where landing, he march'd near 20 miles by land, and then dividing his men, fell upon two frontier Forts of the *Arawacacs*, who made a very stout resistance; but at the last were all of them killed, their Women and Children taken Captives, with much Booty, in which Service we lost one Englishman only, one *Charibean* and one *Negro*: Captain *Rendar* received a shot in the Breast, and seven or eight men more hurt with arrows, all which are since recovered. Some recruits have been since sent to him of Ammunition and other necessaries; he not intending to return till he has taken some account of *Dissekebe* and *Baurooma*, of which we expect an account.