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Whitehall, May 18.

Yesterday arrived Captain Laws, Commander of the Spence Sloop, with Letters to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle his Majesty's principal Secretary of State, from Vice Admiral Vernon, and Brigadier Wentworth Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in the West-Indies, dated from the Harbour of Cartagena, the 1st of April, which give the following Account.

On the 25th of February Vice Admiral Vernon weighed Anchor from Irish Bay in Hispaniola, with the Squadron and Transports under his Command, being in all one hundred and twenty four Sail; and on the 4th of March in the Evening, they anchored in Playa Grande to Windward of the Town of Cartagena.

On the 9th Sir Chaloner Ogle (who was appointed to command the Attack of the Forts and Batteries on Terra Bomba) moved forward with his Division; and Vice Admiral Vernon weighed and moved after him with his Division and all the Transports, leaving Mr. Lestock with his Division at Anchor behind. The small Fort of Chamba fired a few Guns, but was deserted as soon as the Ship posted there could take her Station and begin to Fire. At the Fascine Battery erected between that and the Forts of St. Jago and St. Philip, the Enemy had not yet had Time for getting any Guns mounted, so there was no Fire from thence; and the Norfolk, Ruffel, and Shrewsbury, being anchored very close under the said Forts of St. Jago and St. Philip, made so warm a Fire, that in less than an Hour they drove the Enemy out of them, and the same Evening our Grenadiers made a Descent under the Walls of those Forts, and took Possession of them.

The 10th the two Regiments of Harrison and Wentworth, and the six Regiments of Marines landed without Opposition.

On the 11th we got our Tents and Tools ashore, cleared the Ground, and encamped.

All the Artillery and Ordnance Stores were brought ashore by the 15th.

The Admiral having Notice from Brigadier Wentworth, that his Men were much galled by the Fire of a Fascine Battery from the opposite Side of the Harbour called the Baradera Side, sent Boats with a Number of Men. The Boats commanded by Captain Watson of the Admiral's own Ship, with the Captains Norris and Colby under him; and the Men, when landed, were to be commanded by Captain Boscawen, having under him the Captains Laws and Cotes. They landed about a Mile to the Leeward of this Fascine Battery, which was of 15 twenty-four Pounders. They happened to land under a small Battery of five Guns, which they knew nothing of; but they leaped resolutely into the Battery, and sur-

prized the Enemy, so as to receive but little Damage, and secured those Cannon. This gave an Alarm to the Enemy at the other, who had Time to point two of their Guns against us, but with little Effect; and our Men rushing on boldly, made themselves Masters of that as well as of the smaller Battery, and kept Possession of them till they had spiked up all their Guns, tore up and burnt their Platforms with the Carriages, and brought off six wounded Prisoners, with an inconsiderable Loss on our Side. Which Success was a great Relief to our Troops on the other Shore.

Brigadier Wentworth had caused a Battery of Mortars to be raised, which much incommoded the Enemy in the Castle of Boccachica, and on the 22d a Battery of 20 Twenty-four Pounders began to play upon that Castle. The Enemy had in the mean time been diligently at Work on the first-mentioned Fascine Battery, had got two Guns mounted to play from thence, and were working to add more; upon which the Admiral order'd a Ship close under the Shore, to rake that Battery.

On the 23d Commodore Lestock in the Boyne, with the Prince Frederick, Hampton Court, Suffolk, and Tilbury, went in to batter the said Castle and the Enemy's Ships; but the Boyne falling to Leeward, and being open to much of the Enemy's Fire, was called off that Evening; the rest continued there; and the Princess Amelia that was fallen further to Leeward than was intended, lay fair to silence the new mounted Guns on the Fascine Battery, and did so accordingly, which was a great Preservative to the Men playing our Battery ashore, and in the Camp, as the Enemy's Shot went over the Hill into the Camp.

On the 24th our Ships renewed their Fire, but the Prince Frederick and Hampton Court being much gall'd by the Shot from the Enemy's Ships, were called off; on which Station his Majesty lost a brave Officer in Lord Aubrey Beauclerc, Commander of the Prince Frederick, who would have been an Honour to his noble Family and his Country, being of a sedate as well as a resolute Temper. About Noon the Admiral sent all his Boats again to the Attack of the Fascine Battery, where the Enemy had mounted six Guns: But our Men who landed from the Boats having Time and Daylight for it, destroyed the Guns, broke up all their Platforms, set every thing on Fire, and drew some of our Boats over a Neck of Land, and boarded and burnt a Sloop that lay there to supply that Battery with Ammunition.

A tolerable Breach being made in Boccachica, Brigadier Wentworth came off on the 25th to give the Admiral an Account of his Intentions to assault the Breach an Hour before Night. Upon which the Admiral made the Signal for the Boats again, and sent them in to make a seasonable Diversion, under the chief Command of his Engineer Captain Knowles, who carried with him some Coehorn Mortars and Patareroes, which it was judged

Judged might be used against St. Joseph's Fort. Captain Knowles had with him the Captains Watfon, Cotes, Dennis, Cleland, and Broderick. They got to the Fascine-Battery, and landed and drew their Men together before the Time of our Forces marching to the Attack of Bocca-chica Castle, which must have contributed to throw the Enemy into some Confusion. Our Grenadiers at the Time Brigadier Wentworth had appointed, moved in very good Order to the Assault, expecting a vigorous Resistance; but to his great Surprize, as soon as our Grenadiers began to mount the Breach, the Enemy fled out of the Castle, without firing one Musket Shot.

Immediately after this the Enemy began to set Fire to one of their Ships, whereupon our Men observing the Consternation they were in, resolved to row in their Boats close under the Lee Shore and storm St. Joseph's Fort from their Boats, which they did accordingly, and found only three drunken Spaniards there. Flush'd with this Success, and finding the Enemy were upon sinking their other Ships, they rowed up to those Ships, as they were now got within the Boom, and boarded the Admiral Don Blas's own Ship the Galicia, in which they took Prisoners the Captain of the Ship, the Captain of the Marines, an Ensign, and 60 Men, who not having had Boats to escape in, had delayed sinking the Ship till they could have got off. This done, our Men went and cut the Boom, to make all clear for us the next Day (leaving Officers and Men on board the Galicia, where they had found both Flag and Colours flying) and an Officer in St. Joseph's Fort.

On the 26th the Admiral hastened into the Harbour to make proper Dispositions, but though he had nothing to do but to get in, he found it Matter of Difficulty, especially as the Enemy had sunk the San Carlos and Africa in the best of the Channel, and the St. Philip which they had burnt and blown up was yet burning on the Lee Shore, so that the Admiral was above three Hours warping through, after he anchored in the Narrows, before he could get to sail up the Harbour, which he did about two Leagues the same Evening. And our getting in now was the more providential, as we have had very blowing Weather ever since. The same Evening, there got in with the Admiral the Burford and Orford of his Division.

The 27th the Admiral gave Orders to Capt. Griffin in the Burford, with Lord Augustus Fitzroy in the Orford, to advance as fast as the Wind would let them, for posting themselves across the Harbour, as near as they could just without Gun-shot of Castillo Grande, for cutting it off from all Communication by Water as soon as might be; which they could move but slowly in, the Wind blowing right down the Harbour. The same Day the Worcester got up to the Admiral, who sent her to anchor close to a Wharf where there was a good Crane and a Spring of Water, which he thought necessary to secure for the Service of the Fleet. The Weymouth with Capt. Knowles getting in the same Afternoon, the Admiral sent him with the Cruizer Sloop to destroy the Enemy's Batteries at Passo Cavallos, and to seize what Hulks were there, which he executed the 28th, having destroyed two Batteries of eight Guns on each Side the Entrance into Passo Cavallos, and rendred those Guns unserviceable, by spiking them up and knocking off their Trunnions, and brought out four large Hulks that may be very useful to us for our second Descent, and the Watering our Ships.

Sir Chaloner Ogle got in with his Ship the 27th at Night, and the 28th work'd up between the Admiral and his two advanced Guards, but there are only got up to him yet of his Division the Rippon, Jersey, and the Experiment.

The Torbay and two Fireships of the Admiral's Division got up to him the 30th in the Morning, as did the Evening of the same Day the Chichester of his Division, and two Bomb Ketches.

The Enemy are acting in a Sort of Despondency, having sunk all their Galleons and other Ships across the Mouth of the upper Part of their Harbour above Castillo Grande, except the Conquistador and Dragon, the two remaining Men of War of the King of Spain's, and a Ship wearing French Colours, in order intirely to choke-up that Channel into the Harbour.

On the 30th in the Evening, the Admiral ordered his Engineer, Capt. Knowles, in the Weymouth to discover what he could of the Enemy: He getting that Night a little above the Admiral's advanced Guards, observed the Enemy were very busy in moving about with 13 Launches; and the next Morning he discovered, that they had sunk their two remaining Men of War, the Conquistador and Dragon, both of 60 Guns, and were removing Things out of Castillo Grande; of which he immediately gave Notice to Sir Chaloner Ogle, who lay between the Admiral and his advanced Guards, the Burford and Orford: He ordered Capt. Knowles to advance with his Ship and fire on the Castle, to see if they would return it; which he observing they did not, immediately made the Signal for the Boats mann'd and arm'd, who row'd up directly to the Castle, and took Possession of it without Opposition. The Admiral has made Captain Knowles Governor of it, he being well qualified to make his Remarks from it, how we may take our Advantages to push on still successfully.

We hope soon to get in all our Bomb Ketches to play upon the Town, and we shall now be able to land our Forces within a League of the Town, which could not have been done nearer than three Leagues, without our being Masters of Castillo Grande.

And now we are in full Possession, we may truly say it was as narrow a Channel, as difficult of Access, and as good a Disposition made to defend it, as we can apprehend to be any where in the World; for the Enemy had above two hundred Pieces of Cannon, from Forts, Batteries, and Ships, that lay all to play upon any thing coming in, within the Compass of a Mile round.

The first of April in the Morning, the Admiral got to an Anchor in his own Ship, close by Castillo Grande; and is getting some of his Ships at work, to try to heave the Masts out of the sunk Ships, to make a Channel over those sunk in deepest Water, that his Ships may get in to secure a safe Descent to the Army, under the Fire of our Guns; it being resolved in a Council of War to use all possible Expedition to cut off the Communication of the Town on the Land Side, and to make a Descent at the most convenient Place nearest the Town.

Some of our Officers were killed by the Enemy's Cannon, amongst whom are Colonel Douglas, Colonel Watfson of the Train, Lieutenant Colonel Sandford, Mr. Moor the chief Engineer, and Lieutenant Irwing.

Since we wrote last from Jamaica, Capt. Douglas has taken two Spanish Prizes coming from St. Jago for this Port; Capt. Trevor, who was cruising off Santa Martha, has taken a Register Ship, and an Aviso, both from Cadiz, bound to this Port, with Letters of the 2d of February,

February, new Style: And Capt. Mostyn, in the Deptford, cruising to the Leeward of this Port, has taken a small Spanish Ship from Ferrol, and a Snow from Porto Bello, which had been to carry a Battalion from hence thither.

Whitehall, May 19.

For the great and happy Success at Cartagena, the Whitehall and Tower Guns were fired Yesterday; and in the Evening there were Bonfires, Illuminations; and all other publick Demonstrations of general Joy throughout London and Westminster.

Members returned for the ensuing Parliament.

York, The Right Hon. Charles Howard, Esq; commonly called Lord Viscount Morpeth. Sir Miles Stapylton; Bart.

Aldborough, John Jewkes, Esq; Andrew Wilkinon; Esq;

Beverley, Charles Pelham, Esq; William Strickland, Esq;

Boroughbridge, The Hon. James Tyrrel, Esq; George Gregory; Esq;

Hedon, Francis Chute; Esq; Luke Robinson, Esq;.

Knaresbrough; Sir Henry Slingsby; Bart. The Hon. Richard Arundell, Esq;.

Malton, The Hon. Lord James Cavendish. The Hon. Henry Finch; Esq;.

North Allerton; Henry Peirse, Esq; William Smelt; Esq;.

Pontefract; The Right Hon. John Lord Viscount Gallway in the Kingdom of Ireland. George Molton Pitt, Esq;.

Richmond, The Right Hon. Sir Conyers D'Arcy; Knight of the Bath. John Yorke, Esq;.

Ripon; William Aislabe; of Studley Royal in the County of York, Esq; one of the Auditors of his Majesty's Imprest. The Hon. Henry Vane, of Raby Castle in the County of Durham, Esq;.

Scarborough, William Osbaldeston; Esq; William Thompson, Esq;.

Thirsk, The Hon. Sir Thomas Frankland, Bart. Frederick Frankland, Esq;.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, will be held at their Office in Deans yard in Westminster, on Monday the first Day of June next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon.

The Court of Directors of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England give Notice, That they have elected Andrew Prime, and Nicholas Grace, to be two of their Cashiers, in the Room of Joseph Hopkins and John Waite, lately discharged, and appointed them to sign Bills and Notes for the Governor and Company of the Bank of England.

D. Le Gros, Secretary.

Bank, May 14, 1741.

Whereas John Waite, late one of the Cashiers of the Bank of England, about Forty Years of Age, and about Five Foot Eight Inches high, well set, round visaged, small grey Eyes, very light Eye brows and Eyelashes, and of a most remarkable fresh Complexion, absented himself Yesterday from his Duty at the Bank, and is supposed to have secreted or taken away with him from the Bank, East India Bonds amounting to a considerable Value. And whereas Warrants are issued for apprehending and taking the said John Waite: This is to give Notice, That whoever shall apprehend and secure the said John Waite, to be dealt with according to Law, shall receive of the said Governor and Company the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds as a Reward.

D. Le Gros, Secretary.

Advertisements.

THE Creditors of Ann Weatherly, late of Gateshead in the County of Durham, Widow, are desired to meet the

Assignees of her Estate and Effects on Monday the 8th of June next, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Pilgrim-street Coffee-house in Newcastle, upon Tyne, to consent to the Assignees commencing one or more Suit or Suits in Equity, and submitting any Difference or Dispute relating to the said Bankrupt's Estate to Arbitration, or to compound and agree the same; and on other special Affairs.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Edward Danford, late of Minchin Hampton in the County of Gloucester, Chandler, give Notice, that at a general Meeting, pursuant to Notice in the Gazette, to chuse new Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate, instead of Samuel Burroughes and John Stocke, the major Part in Value of the said Bankrupt's Creditors have appointed the said Samuel Burroughes, and John Ashmeade the younger, of Gloucester, Mercer, to be Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate, instead of the said John Stocke; and therefore such Persons as are indebted to the said Bankrupt, or have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. John Scott, Attorney, in Devonshire-street, near Bishopsgate, London.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Abraham Felled, of Bishopsgate-street, London, Dealer in Yarn, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 23d of May Instant; and on the 6th and 30th of June next, at Three in the Afternoon on each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination; and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. John Scott, Attorney, in Devonshire-street, near Bishopsgate, London.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against John Coney, late of Fulham in the County of Middlesex, Gardiner, Seedsmen and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 23d and 30th of May Instant, and on the 30th of June next, at Three in the Afternoon on each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination; and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Pyc Donkin, Attorney, in Lincoln's-Inn.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Joseph White, of the City of Bristol, Cabinet-maker, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 25th and 27th of May Instant, and on the 30th of June next, at Eleven in the Forenoon, at the Three Tuns Tavern in Corn-street, Bristol; and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts; and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint; but give Notice to Mr. Scammell, Attorney, in Bristol.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Elizabeth Coombes, of the Town of Bruton in the County of Somerset, Widow, Grocer and Mercer, and she being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender herself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 26th and 28th of May Instant, and on the 7th of June next, at Eleven in the Forenoon on each of the said Days, at the Pelican Inn in St. Thomas-street in the City of Bristol, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of her Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees; and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish her Examination; and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of her Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of her Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Robert Yecombe, Attorney, in Bristol.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against James Morren, late of the City of Bristol, Bodice-maker and Chiappan, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 25th and 27th of May Instant, and on the 30th of June next, at Ten in the Forenoon on each of the said Days, at the House of the Widow Barry, known by the Name of Foster's Coffee-house in Corn-street in the City of Bristol, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Edward Gyles, Attorney, in Bristol.