

VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

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L O N D O N, June 2.

THE troops going out to America this year are all to be in readiness to embark the 15th inst. at the latest.

Major General Cunningham is a river express from Ireland, his departure from the office here I have been told, and his business here to conclude with him, by no means impracticability of managing fifty-five thousand men in arms.

We hear the following ships are appointed to convey the West India silver: London, 50 guns, Berwick, 74; Lymington, 74; and St. Paul, 74.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Ireland, to a gentleman in London, February 21.

"What I intended in my former letters is now begun. I am in a verbal declaration of the freedom and independence of our kingdom. Three counties and two cities have already declared it in the most pointed language, and five counties more have advertised meetings. This day the streets of the city of Dublin are filled by 300 citizens and 140 of the volunteers, with their husbands, dressed upon their representatives with an address and instructions to repeal Poynings's law, and give a charter declaring us a free and independent nation for our number and property was never before seen in Dublin. They are more firm and determined in having a free constitution than they were in having a free trade; some resolutions say, that no power on earth has, ought, or shall have a right to bind Ireland in law, the people are determined to receive the constitution of their ancestors."

Extract of a letter from Plymouth, March 7.

"Yesterday the 3d and 4th regiments of foot embarked from Carwater on board the transports lying there to receive them, but their destination is not known."

"One hundred American prisoners embarked this day in St. John's Port, from Stonewall prison, on board a cutter for Morlaix, in France."

July 4. A comet will be visible three or four months, and for several succeeding months. It is the same phenomenon which was seen in the year 1680, by that great astronomer Sir Isaac Newton, and by him particularly described, as of the same which appeared forty-three years before the birth of our Saviour, and afterwards in one year in which Julius Caesar was assassinated. Astronomers assert, that the track of this immense ball of fire, from its last appearance in our hemisphere, is immeasurable by any ideas of space or time.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, July 1.

Extract of a letter from General Washington, to the President of Congress, dated at the Point, June 25, 1780.

THE conduct of the enemy, giving us reason to suspect a design against West Point, on the 21st the army, except two brigades and the horse (left under the command of General Greene to cover the country and our stores) was put in motion to proceed slowly towards Fort Mifflin. On the 22d it arrived at Rockaway bridge, about three miles from Morristown. The day following, the enemy arrived in force from Elizabeth town towards Springfield. They were opposed with great conduct and spirit by Major General Greene and Dickinson with the continental troops and such of the militia as were assembled; but with such superiority in numbers, they of course gained

Springfield. Having burnt the village, they retired the same day to their former position. In the night they abandoned it, crossed over to Stone Hill, and took up their bridge. I beg leave to refer to General Greene's report for particulars.

The enemy have not made their incursions into this State without loss. On a late occasion, the militia destroyed every thing that could be laid on both sides. They flew to arms upon the 21st, and acted with a spirit equal to any thing I have seen in that war.

[Here follows a list of the killed and wounded of Saturday last, General Greene's account of the battle of Germantown, and a return of the killed, wounded, and prisoners taken on Saturday last. Details are omitted for brevity.]

B A L T I M O R E, July 4.

THE enemy, consisting of eight thousand men, under the command of Sir Henry Clinton, a few days ago passed up the Chesapeake, in about sixty vessels, which lay, when the last accounts came away, twenty miles below West Point. Seven or eight hundred of the enemy's militia, were landed on the East side of the river, near where the shipping lay.

A brig laden with provisions, and valued at 7500l sterling, and another brig with 300 pipes of wine, British property, were lately captured by the enemy near New London, Connecticut.

A N N A P O L I S, July 1.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in St. Eustatius, to his friend at West River, dated June 12, 1780.

WE are now beleaguered by a fleet of 12 Spanish and 4 French ships of the line, with a number of transports, and about 12000 troops, to reinforce the French fleet in their fleet, which makes them now far superior to the English. They all stand about at Martinique, and we have great reason to think a heavy blow will soon be made against most of the English if not all. It has alarmed the inhabitants very much indeed.

We hear that the French ships of the line come down here last night. They are waiting the result of some plan in agitation, and if events we perceive they must soon have possession of most of these islands, so if they command the seas they must fall. And so it may lead on to the war, and restore us a prosper and lasting peace."

W I L L I A M S B U R G, July 15.

Extract of a letter from one of the Gentlemen in His Excellency General Mifflin's family, dated Head Quarters, Lancaster, June 27, 1780.

I ARRIVED, after a severe ride, on the evening of the 23d. I was well taught the official report of that day's transactions in the public papers. In this and the former incursion of the enemy, we calculate their loss at not less than 500, and in both you may be assured they have been greatly disgraced. They have lost some valuable officers. We have only to lament that of Captain Thomas, of the artillery. They abandoned some stores in their precipitate retreat from the Point, which (although well fortified) fell into our hands. Since this they have employed themselves in making demonstrations with their shipping up the North river, and we have been marching till to-day that we take a rest. Their movements seem to look towards West Point, but in my opinion they can have no other object in view, but to

