

AMERICAN AFFAIRS

SAVANNAH, NOVEMBER 16.
3^d SERIOUS FRACAS.

Within the last three or four days, some serious disturbances have taken place between the American seamen and the crews of the French privateers La Vengeance, and L'Agile (or la Francaise) which had been lying in this port for some time past. Investigation into the merits of the case, by the proper authority, being yet uncompleted, we are unable as yet to lay before our readers as accurate a detail of particulars as could be wished. The circumstances, so far as could be ascertained, appear to be these:—

On Wednesday night last, a quarrel originated at a house in the upper part of the city, between some seamen and part of the privateer's men. A rencontre ensued, in which three American seamen were stabbed, and their opponents much bruised by bludgeons. The three wounded seamen, we understand, are since dead. One of them, belonging to the brig Hetty, Capt. Fountain, from Philadelphia, named Taylor. The names of the others, or of the vessels to which they belonged, could not be ascertained.

The seamen, yesterday, became so exasperated, that they determined on being avenged by destroying the privateers.—They accordingly embodied themselves last evening; and, before the civil or military authority had the knowledge or opportunity of interfering in the transaction, set fire to the L'Agile, and burnt her to the water's edge.

La Vengeance was taken possession of by a detachment of the Savannah Volunteer Guards, conveyed to the upper part of the town, and remained in their custody until between 11 and 12 at night—when the seamen procured a lighter-boat, and a parcel of tar and other combustibles, which were put into the boat, towed towards the vessel, and obliged the guard to abandon her for their own safety, as well as to avoid the painful task of firing on their fellow-citizens. The fire soon communicated, and La Vengeance shared the fate of the L'Agile.

Previous to the assemblage of the seamen, yesterday, several of the crews of the privateers had concealed themselves in a vacant store on Ancreaux's wharf, where it seems they had some arms and ammunition deposited. On the seamen attempting to go on board the privateer, they were fired upon from the upper windows of the store.—Capt. Miller, of the Champlin, (N. York Packet) was dangerously wounded, having one of his eyes shot entirely out, the other much injured; bridge of his nose broken, and his life doubtful. A seaman wounded (since dead) and a coloured person (wounded) were shot nearly at the same time and in like manner.

One of the privateer's crew was killed on the Bluff, yesterday, in the affray; and another died in gaol last night, of his wounds. Several others on both sides, are wounded, but we understand, not dangerously.—Upwards of a hundred of the rioters are now in gaol.

We have never witnessed more unanimity of feeling than on this occasion; the American spirit rose superior to every other consideration, and all seemed animated by the same feeling and the same wishes.

We pretend not to give this as a correct statement. As soon as the matter is fully investigated, we will endeavour to lay before our readers a clearer account of the occurrence.

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS,

Extracted from Letters published in the New-York Evening Post.

The privateer's men secreted in the store of one O'Conner, fired six shots on the citizens as soon as they entered on the wharf, one of which wounded Capt. Miller as above described. Three shot took effect on a sailor carrying the American flag, who lived but a short time; one passed through the vest of Capt. Fountain, and another grazed the nose of Capt. Peirce.—The store, the doors and windows of which were firmly barricaded, was immediately attacked and the doors forced, and such was the fury of the populace, that two of the Frenchmen were thrown out of the upper story windows; one was killed dead upon the spot; the second died next day of his wounds; the third one made his escape out the back doors, but before he reached the top of the bluff, was both shot and bayoneted. Previous to Capt. Marshall's taking possession of La Vengeance, the Frenchmen on board, (about 50) had prepared for defence, and endeavoured to get their great guns to bear on the people, but not being able to effect their purpose, the company charged bayonet on them and drove them below—kept possession of her till 10 o'clock, when in the act of relieving guard, the sailors headed by their Captains, boarded her with combustibles, set her on fire and soon burnt her down. The Frenchmen (about 130) including the villain who shot Miller, were sent to gaol. O'Conner, from whose store the shots were fired, is also taken, and about 50 muskets, with other arms and ammunition that were in his room, have been thrown into the river. It seems they had been placed there for the very purpose for which they were made use of.—The Savannah papers mention that the privateers were ready for sea, having been fitted out, and manned in the most complete manner—no further disturbances had ensued since the above fracas.

INDIAN WAR—Official.

Extract of a letter from Governor HARRISON, to the Secretary of War—dated Head Quarters near the Prophet's Town, November, 8.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you, that the dawn of yesterday terminated an action between the troops under my command, and the whole of the Pro-

phet's force.—Their precipitate retreat, leaving a number of the warriors dead on the field, and the subsequent abandonment of their town, (which was partially fortified) attest for us a complete and decisive victory. It has, however, been dearly purchased. A number of brave and valuable men have fallen victims to their zeal for their country's service. The behaviour of the regular and militia troops was such as would have done honor to veterans. I arrived at my present position (a mile from town) on the evening of the 6th inst.; a correspondence was immediately opened with the Prophet, and there was every appearance of a successful termination of the expedition, without bloodshed—Indeed there was an agreement for the suspension of hostilities until a further communication should take place on the next day. Contrary however to this engagement, he attacked me at half-past 4 o'clock in the morning, so suddenly, that the Indians were in the camp before many of the men could get out of their tents. A little confusion for a short time prevailed, but aided by the great exertions of the officers, I was soon enabled to form the men in order. The companies which were hard pressed were supported, several successful charges made, and about day light the enemy were finally put to flight. Our killed and wounded amount to 179 of these 42 are now dead.

I have not been able to ascertain the number of Indians in the action it must however have been considerable.

The principal chief of those Potawatamis, who have joined the Prophet, is wounded, and in our possession, I have taken care of him, and shall send him back to his tribe. At a more leisure moment I shall do myself the honor to transmit a more particular account of the action, and of our previous movements, and am, with the highest respect, Sir, your humble servant.

WM. HENRY HARRISON.

The Hon. Wm. EUSTIS, Secy of War.

PROVINCE OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

SURVEYOR GENERAL OF WOODS DEPARTMENT,
 FREDERICTON, 16th SEPTEMBER, 1811.

The following extract from the Statutes for the preservation of His MAJESTY'S Timber in America is re-published in order that no person may plead ignorance thereof—And Notice is hereby given that the Acts herein referred to will be strictly carried into execution, in this Province.

BY 8 Geo. I. ch. 12, it is enacted, That every Person who shall presume to cut down, fell or destroy any White Pine Tree, within His MAJESTY'S Province of Nova-Scotia, or any other of the Colonies in America, or be aiding and assisting therein, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the following sums, viz.—

For every White Pine Tree of Twelve Inches diameter, and three foot growth from the earth,	£ 5 0 0
From 12 to 18 inches,	10 0 0
18 to 24	20 0 0
24 and upwards,	50 0 0

To be recovered in the Courts of Admiralty.

It is further enacted, That all White Pine Trees, Masts and Logs made from such Trees, which shall be found cut or felled without Licence, shall be forfeited and seized for the King.

By 2d Geo. ch. 35, it is enacted, That no Person within the Province of Nova-Scotia, or any other of the Colonies that now belong or hereafter shall belong to the Crown of Great-Britain, shall presume to cut down, fell or destroy any White Pine Trees, notwithstanding the said trees do grow within the Limits of any Township laid out, or to be laid out hereafter, without His MAJESTY'S Royal Licence for so doing first had and obtained, on Penalty of the forfeitures mentioned in Act 8, Geo. 1.

All Persons therefore who shall cut down, fell or destroy, any White Pine Trees within the limits of this Province without Licence (contrary to the true intent and meaning of the said Acts) shall be prosecuted as the Law directs.

And all Persons are hereby cautioned against cutting Trees of any kind upon the Lands reserved for the use of the Crown, or committing any other depredations thereon, as they would avoid the penalty of the Law in that case made and provided.

Published by order of Sir JOHN WENTWORTH, Bart. Surveyor-General of His MAJESTY'S Woods in America.

NOTICE.

WHEREAS there has been the liberal time of FOUR YEARS since the dissolution of the Co-partnership of BRADFORD GILBERT, & Co. given to those indebted to them to make payment.—Notice is hereby given, to all those indebted to said Bradford Gilbert, & Co. that unless payment is immediately made to Bradford Gilbert, & Son, who is appointed to receive the same, their accounts will without discrimination be put in suit. May 30, 1811.

STEPHEN HUMBERT HAS FOR SALE,

MOLASSES in Hogsheads, SUGAR in barrels; and a quantity of second hand RIGGING, comprising Cables, Hawsers, and Running Rigging of all descriptions. September 28.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of ALEXANDER REID, late of this City, Merchant, deceased; are requested to present the same duly attested, within Twelve Months from the date hereof; and those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to ROBERT REID, Administrator. Saint John, December 9, 1811.

NOTICES.

ALL Persons having demands against the Estate of DANIEL LYMAN, Esquire, late of London, deceased, are requested to render in the same, duly attested, within Twelve Months from this date; and those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to P. FRASER, Administrator. Fredericton, September 2, 1811.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of JAMES BELL, lately deceased, are requested to send their accounts to the Subscriber, duly attested within Twelve Months from the date hereof; and those indebted to said Estate are hereby required to make immediate payment to HENRY SMITH, Administrator. Fredericton, 5th August, 1811.

ALL persons having demands against the Estate of WILLIAM ROBERTSON, Esqr. late Assistant Deputy Commissary General in this Province, deceased, are requested to render in the same duly attested; and those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to WILLIAM BLACK, Administrator. St. John, New-Brunswick, 6th June, 1811.

ALL Persons having any legal demands against the Estate of the late JAMES WOODHOUSE, of Miramichi, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested within Eighteen Calendar Months from the date hereof; and all Persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to GEORGE DUNCAN, } Administrators. GEORGE LAURIE, } Miramichi, July 2, 1811.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of CHARLES HAMM, late of Carleton, deceased, are requested to present the same, duly attested, within Nine Months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said estate, are desired to make immediate payment to MARY HAMM, Administratrix, ANDREW HAMM, } Administrators. SAMUEL THEALL, } Saint John, 29th July, 1811.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of JOHN D. HORTON, late of the Parish of Burton, Sunbury County, deceased, are requested to present the same, duly attested, within Twelve Months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to MARY HORTON, Administratrix. Burton, 24th August, 1811.

ALL persons having demands on the Estate of WILLIAM MILBY, late of Shelburne, deceased, are requested to render them to the Subscriber, duly attested, within eighteen months from this date; and all persons indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to SARAH MILBY, Administratrix. Shelburne, January 5, 1811.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of the late ANDREW IVORY of Miramichi, deceased, are requested to present them duly attested, within Eighteen Calendar Months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to said Estate, are required to make immediate payment to MURDOCH M'KENZIE, } Administrators. GEORGE LAURIE, } Miramichi, 2d August, 1810.

ALL Persons having any legal demands against the Estate of the late GEORGE BROWN, of Fredericton, deceased, are requested to render them duly attested, within Twelve Months from the date hereof; and all Persons indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to ROBERT SMITH, } Administrators. FRANCIS M'BEATH, } Fredericton, 18th September, 1811.

ALL Persons having any legal demands against the Estate of GEORGE PRICE, late of the Parish of St. Martin's, deceased, are requested to present them duly attested, to the Subscribers, within Twelve Months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to JOHN HOWARD Esq. or } Administrators Mr. PHILIP MOSHER, } on said Estate. St. Martin's, 6th February, 1811.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of Captain JONATHAN LEAVITT, late of Carleton, deceased, are requested to present the same, duly attested, within Twelve Months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to the said Estate, are required to make immediate payment to the Subscribers, JAMES WHITE, Junr. } Executors. DANIEL LEAVITT, } FRANCIS LEAVITT, } Saint John, 18th February, 1811.

ALL Persons having any Demands on the Estate of SAMUEL HART, Esqr. late of Halifax, deceased, are requested to present them duly attested to the Subscriber, within Eighteen Calendar Months from this date, for adjustment; and all persons indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to REBECCA HART, Sole Executrix. Halifax, October 15, 1810.