

BOSTON, August 31.
AMERICAN NEWS.

The United States frigate *Constitution*, Captain HUTT, anchored yesterday, in the outer harbour, from a short cruise, during which she fell in with the English frigate *Guerriere*, which she captured, after a short, but severe action. The damage, sustained by the fire of the *Constitution*, was so great, that it was found impossible to tow her into port, and accordingly the crew were taken out, and the ship sunk. The brilliancy of this action, however we may regret the occasion that has produced it, will still excite the liveliest emotions in every American bosom.

Particulars of the late action between the United States frigate *Constitution*, and the British frigate *Guerriere*.

[Communicated to the editors of the Boston Gazette by an officer on board the *Constitution*.]

Lat. 41, 42, N. long. 55, 33, W. Thursday, Aug. 19, fresh breeze from N. W. and cloudy; at 2, P. M. discovered a vessel to the southward, made all sail in chase; at 3, perceived the chase to be a ship on the starboard tack, close hauled to the wind; hauled S. S. W.; at half past 3, made out the chase to be a frigate; at 4, coming up with the chase very fast; at quarter before 5, the chase laid her main topsail to the mast; took in our top gallant sails, staysails, and flying gib; took a second reef in the topsails, hauled the courses up; sent the royal yards down; and got all clear for action; beat to quarters, on which the crew gave three cheers; at 5 the chase hoisted three English Ensigns, at five minutes past 5, the enemy commenced firing; at 20 minutes past 5, set our colours, one at each mast head, and one at the mizen peak, and began firing on the enemy, and continued to fire occasionally, he wearing very often, and we manœuvring to close with him, and avoid being raked; at 6, set the main top gallant sail, the enemy having bore up; at five minutes past 6, brought the enemy to close action, standing before the wind, at 15 minutes past 6, the enemy's mizen-mast fell over on the starboard side; at 20 minutes past 6, finding we were drawing ahead of the enemy, luffed short round his bows, to rake him; at 25 minutes past 6, the enemy fell on board of us, his bowsprit foul of our mizen rigging. We prepared to board, but immediately after, his fore and main mast went by the board, and it was deemed unnecessary. Our cabin had taken fire from his guns; but soon extinguished, without material injury; at 30 minutes past 6, shot ahead of the enemy, when the firing ceased on both sides; he making the signal of submission, by firing a gun to leeward; set fore sail and main sail, and hauled to the eastward to repair damage; all our braces and much of our standing and running rigging and some of our spars being shot away. At 7, wore ship, and stood under the lee of the prize—sent our boat on board, which returned at 8, with Capt. Dacres, late of His Majesty's ship *Guerriere*, mounting 49 carriage guns, and manned with 302 men; got our boats out, and kept them employed in removing the prisoners and baggage from the prize to our own ship. Sent a surgeon's mate to assist in attending the wounded, wearing ship occasionally to keep in the best position to receive the boats. At 20 minutes before 2, A. M. discovered a sail off the larboard beam, standing to the south; saw all clear for another action; at 3 the sail stood off again; at daylight was hailed by the Lieut. on board the prize, who informed, he had 4 feet of water in the hold, and that she was in a sinking condition; all hands employed in removing the prisoners, and repairing our own damage through the remainder of the day. Friday the 20th commenced with light breezes from the northward and pleasant; our boats and crew still employed as before. At 3 P. M. made the signal of recall for our boat, (having received all the prisoners) they immediately left her on fire, and a quarter past 3, she blew up. Our loss in the action was 7 killed, and 7 wounded; among the former, Lieut. Bush of Marines, and among the latter, Lieut. Morris, severely; and Mr. Aylwin, the master, slightly. On the part of the enemy, 15 men killed, and 64 wounded. Among the former, Lieut. Ready, 2d of the ship; among the latter, Capt. Dacres, Lieut. Kent, 1st; Mr. Scott master, and master's mate. *Now recovering.

SEPTEMBER 1.

COMMODORE RODGERS' SQUADRON.

Yesterday arrived in this harbour the U. S. ships *President*, 44, Com. Rodgers; *United States*, 44, Capt. Decatur; *Congress*, 36, Capt. Smith; *Hornet*, 16, Capt. Lawrence; and brig *Argus*, 16, Capt. Sinclair; the whole of the squadron which sailed from New-York on the 21st of June, under Com. Rodgers.

Sailed from N. York, June 21.—The 23d at 6 A. M. discovered, and gave chase to an English frigate, supposed to be the *Belvidera*. The superiority of the *President's* sailing, while the breeze continued fresh, enabled her to get within gun-shot between 4 and 5 P. M. when it had moderated so much as to give very faint hopes of getting along side. At this time, perceiving she was training her guns to bear upon the *President*, the latter commenced a fire at her spars and rigging, with the view of crippling her, to get abreast of her.—A fire was kept up about two hours. The *President* gave her 2 or 3 broadsides, and kept up a well-directed fire from the chase guns, which cut her sails and rigging very much, but did not succeed in destroying any of her spars, although some of them were much wounded. The *President* all this time, was exposed to a running fire from her four stern chasers; and once the British frigate commenced a fire from her main deck, with an intention of raking the *President*, with a broadside, but at that moment receiving one from the *President*, continued her course under a press of sail, and used only her stern guns. All sail was crowded in pursuit, but

in vain. The chase was now throwing overboard every thing that could be spared, to increase her sailing, and escaped by lightness of the wind. Four of her boats were seen floating by the *President*, completely knocked to pieces, together with a great number of casks, spars, &c. and it was supposed most of the guns were also thrown overboard.

The *President* received a considerable number of shot in her sails and rigging, but was not materially injured. The chase was continued till about midnight, when it was relinquished, as hopeless, and the *President* hove too for the squadron to come up. Early in the chase, one of the *President's* chase guns, on the gun-deck, burst and injured the upper deck so much as to prevent the use of the chase guns on that side for a considerable time. The *President* had 3 killed and 19 wounded, most of the latter slightly; of the wounded, 16 were of the bursting of the gun. It was by the same gun Com. Rodgers had his leg fractured, but has recovered.

The squadron afterwards pursued the *Jamaica fleet*, but owing to uncommonly foggy weather missed them, although at times very near.

The squadron has been off the English Channel, then along the coast of France, Spain and Portugal, within 30 miles of the rock of Lisbon—then made Madeira Island—then off Coro and Flores—then back to the banks—and by Nova-Scotia to Boston.

Many of the seamen of the squadron are sick with the scurvy, several have died. About 120 English prisoners are on board.

COMMISSARIAT OFFICE,
Saint John, New-Brunswick, 2d June, 1812.

CASH

WANTED for BILLS of EXCHANGE, drawn on the Right Honorable the Paymaster General, and the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, at Thirty Days Sight.—Tenders for Sums, (not less than One Hundred Pounds Sterling) will be received at this Office.
WILLIAM HANDELD SNEELING,
Deputy Assistant Commissary General.

NOTICE.

THE Dissolution of the Partnership between GEORGE M'CALL and ARCHIBALD R. HENDERSON, having taken place in consequence of the death of Mr. M'CALL—All Persons indebted to the said Firm, or to GEORGE M'CALL prior thereto, are hereby required to settle the same without delay with ARCHIBALD R. HENDERSON; and all those who have any Demands either against Mr. GEORGE M'CALL, or the said Firm of M'CALL and HENDERSON will present the same.

LYDIA M'CALL, Executrix.
ANDREW CROOKSHANK, Executor.
Saint John, N. B. 28th May, 1812.

THE SUBSCRIBERS

BEG leave to return their grateful acknowledgments to the Public, for the encouragement they have received in the AUCTIONEER and COMMISSION LINE; and humbly hope that their endeavours for the advantage of their employers may prove satisfactory and merit a continuance of their favour. Every attention will be given to procure any description of Merchandise now in their own Stock, and at the lowest possible Cash prices. They have now on hand,

A quantity of Prize Ribbons, Boy's Leather Caps, (very suitable for summer wear) a few hhds. of Leaf Tobacco; and a few boxes of fresh Chocolate.

JAMES C. F. BREMNER, & Co.
Saint John, 4th May, 1812.

JOHN KNUITON,

Has received by the Ship *PENELOPE*, from GLASGOW, a large assortment of fashionable and other GOODS which he is now opening at his Store in Prince William Street; as they were purchased on the lowest terms he will sell them very cheap for CASH or BILLS of EXCHANGE;

AMONG WHICH ARE,

PELISSE CLOTHS, Cotton Cambrics, a variety of elegant Lenos and Muslins of the newest patterns, Printed Calicos, Gingham, a variety of Shawls, Dimity, Muslinet, Counterpanes, Nankeens, Silk and Cotton Velvets, several kinds of Silks, Thread and Cotton Lace and Edgings, Lace Veils, Gloves, Umbrellas and Parasols, Ladies and Childrens Hats of different kinds, Ladies Morocco and Kid Slippers, Linen Cambrics, Irish Linen, Cotton Shirting, Pocket Handkerchiefs, Rattinet, Shalloon, Calimanco, Durant, Bombazee, Bombazet, Wildbore, Black Crape, Mattrasses, &c.
Saint John, 11th May, 1812.

NOW LANDING

On the Subscriber's Wharf, the Cargo of the Schooner *Felice* and *Phæbe*, JOSEPH RIDEOUT Master, from St. Lucia, consisting of

Rum, Sugar and Molasses,

For Sale on liberal terms by

NEHEMIAH MERRITT.
Monday, May 4, 1812.

ALL persons having any demands against the Estate of JAMES H. LAMB, late of Fredericton, Merchant, deceased, are requested to send them in, duly attested, within Twelve Months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

HARRIET LAMB, Sole Executrix.
Fredericton, 20th May, 1812.

THOMAS SMITH,
Has just Received by the Two Brothers from LONDON,
A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF
BRITISH MERCHANDIZE,
And now opening at his Store, next Mr. BREMNER'S; which will be offered for Sale on the most reasonable terms, for CASH or good BILLS;
Saint John, 22d June, 1812.

A. R. HENDERSON,
CONTINUES to carry on the Business at the Store formerly occupied by M'CALL & HENDERSON, where he offers for Sale at the most reduced prices for CASH or BILLS of EXCHANGE,
A VERY EXCELLENT ASSORTMENT OF
DRY GOODS and GROCERIES,
lately received by the Ship *TRUE BRITON* from LONDON, among which are,
PORT and LISBON WINE—LONDON PARTICULAR, MADEIRA—all of the first quality.
St. JOHN, JUNE 25th 1812.

JAMES POTTER,
Has Imported in Ship *TRUE BRITON*, from LONDON;
A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF
MERCHANDIZE,
CONSISTING OF
DRY Goods; Ironmongery; Cutlery; Hard ware; Glass; Brown Stout and Porter; which he now offers for Sale at his Shop in Prince William-street, next door to Mr. HENRY GILBERT'S House.
St. JOHN, 20th JULY, 1812.

NEHEMIAH MERRITT,
Has Received by the *WILLIAM*, ROBERT BAIRD master, from LIVERPOOL,
AN ASSORTMENT OF
BRITISH MERCHANDIZE,
Which he will sell on reasonable terms,
AMONG WHICH ARE THE FOLLOWING, VIZ.
SUPERFINE, Second and Coarse CLOTHS, double mill'd and single Cassimeres and Serges, Salsbury and other Flannels, Calicos, Shawls, Cambrics, Ladies color'd Cotton and Worsted Hose, Men's do. Cotton Shirting, Irish Linen, Slops comprising shirts, trowsers, round and pea-jackets, and watch coats, Men's fine and coarse Hats, cod and pollock Lines and Hooks, a fashionable assortment of coat and vest Buttons, &c. &c.—Crates of well assorted CROCKERY, and Tierces of GLASS WARE.
Also, A quantity of Liverpool SALT, and 50 tons of COALS, which he will sell very low if taken out of the vessel.
He has Likewise for Sale,
Prime and Mess BEEF and PORK in barrels, Pitch, Tar and Turpentine, Cordage, bolt, flat and square Iron, Spikes, Nails, Iron Pots, Kettles and Bake Pans, Paints and Paint Oil, Stone Jugs and Butter Jars, &c.
Saint John, 20th April, 1812.

WINE and CORDAGE.
Received per Ship *TRUE BRITON*, from LONDON, ON CONSIGNMENT,
8 Pipes SICILIAN RED WINE, and a few Tons of CORDAGE from 7 1/2 inch Hawsers down to 9 thread Rattline—Which will be Sold low by
ANDREW CROOKSHANK.
Saint John, 15th June, 1812.

JUST LANDING
From on board the Brig *AUGUSTUS*, JOHN RICHARDS Master, from LIVERPOOL,
And for Sale by SAMUEL WIGGINS,
at the most reduced prices,
A VERY GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF
BRITISH GOODS adapted to the Season.
A few Crates CROCKERY, handsomely assorted.
Also, A quantity of SALT very low, if taken out of the vessel.
St. John, 6th April, 1812.

NOTICE.
THE Co-Partnership of MUNSON JARVIS, RALPH M. JARVIS and WILLIAM JARVIS, under the Firm of MUNSON JARVIS, & Co. will by mutual consent be dissolved on the 24th of this instant June;—All Persons having any Accounts against said Firm, are requested to present them for payment; and those indebted to the said Firm are hereby desired to settle their Accounts without delay with MUNSON JARVIS and WILLIAM JARVIS.
M. JARVIS, & Co.

LIKEWISE,
All Persons indebted to MUNSON JARVIS and RALPH M. JARVIS, under the Firm of MUNSON JARVIS & SON, are once more requested to call and settle their several balances with RALPH M. JARVIS, without further delay, or they will be under the disagreeable necessity of putting their several Accounts into the hands of an Attorney.
M. JARVIS & SON.
St. John, 18th June, 1812.

ALL Persons having demands against the Estate of JAMES PLACE, late of Margerville, 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
JONATHAN HARDING, Administrator,
Margerville, March 31, 1812.