

BOSTON, JANUARY 2.

On Thursday arrived in this harbor the United States frigates President, of 44 guns Commodore Rodgers, and Congress 36, Captain Smith, from a cruise of 84 days. They have been as far E. as long. 22, and S. as lat. 17 N. From long. 22, they ran down the trade winds to long. 50, and passed within 120 miles of Bermuda to the northward. From the 30th Nov. they have been cruising between Bermuda, and the Capes of Virginia and Boston, with the wind most of the time from the Westward; kept the sea until their provisions (though some time on short allowance) were nearly exhausted; and then came into port to repair and for supplies.

On the 11th October the squadron gave chase to the British frigate Nymph, of 36 guns, which escaped in the night; and on the 1st Nov. in lat. 33 22, lon. 28 34, fell in with the Galatea British frigate, of 36 guns, having two vessels under convoy; which dispersed—the frigate and one of the convoy escaped; the other, the Argo, a southsea whaleman, was captured by the Congress, and has arrived. The squadron had previously captured the British packet Swallow with 168,000 dollars in specie on board.

On the 22d October, lying to in a gale, the President sprung her main-mast badly, just above the gun-deck partners; and on the 21st December, in the Gulf Stream, while also lying to in a hard gale, shipped a sea, which swept away the starboard gangway, started the boats, killed two men, and wounded seven others.

The last New-York Gazette contains the idle rumor of Peace:—"There are rumors a-float of a Peace. We believe that these rumors are grounded on letters from Washington, which mention, that the President has had a conference with several influential Members of Congress, and consulted them on the propriety of sending Commissioners to Bermuda, to negotiate an armistice with Sir J. B. Warren."

We have copied this article merely to state our intire disbelief of its purport.—Every word of correct information from Washington is in confirmation strong of the continuance of the War; and it is stated by well informed men, that were the inclination of the Executive to negotiate Peace ever so strong, he would chuse to incur the heavy displeasure with which the Great NAPOLEON would resent the measure.

THE TAIL OF THE LAND-WAR.

Colonels Winder and Argus have published an official account of the duel between General Smyth, and Contractor-General Porter, which took place on Grand Isle, the 17th December.

Be it remembered that the aforesaid General Smyth an official account of his recent conduct, to a committee of citizens, begs those citizens not "to join in the senseless clamor excited against him by an interested individual." Meaning this same Contractor-General Porter.

Be it also remembered, that on the publication of Smyth's apology, the aforesaid General Porter begged the public opinion to be stayed, until he, Porter, could have an opportunity to "give a true account of the transactions; and added:

"In ascribing, as I shall not hesitate to do, the late disgrace on this frontier, to the cowardice of General Smyth, I beg to be understood as not intending to implicate the characters of the officers whose opinions he has brought forward to bolster up his conduct. Several of them I know to be as brave men as ever wielded a sword; and their advice, if indeed they gave the advice imputed to them, may be accounted for in the obvious consideration, with which every one who saw him must have been impressed; that any military attempt under such a leader must, in all probability, prove disgraceful."

Be it further-remembered, that this same Porter, an inferior officer, publicly proclaimed his Commander to be "a Coward, Traitor and Villain."

In consequence of this conduct, but not until after a fortnight's deliberation, General Smyth sent a challenge to General Porter. The challenge was accepted, and the seconds have published an account of the combat, in all the Bladderfish style of army publications of the day.

OFFICIAL ACCOUNT.

A meeting took place between Gen. SMYTH and Gen. PORTER-yesterday afternoon on Grand-Island, in pursuance of previous arrangements.

They met at Dayton's tavern; and crossed the river with their friends and surgeons—both gentlemen behaved with the utmost coolness and unconcern—a shot was exchanged in an intrepid and firm manner as possible, by each gentleman, and without effect. It was then represented by Gen. SMYTH's second, that Gen. PORTER must now be convinced that the charge of cowardice against Gen. SMYTH was unfounded, and should in honor, be retracted; which, after mutual explanation as to the charge, was accordingly done by him. Gen. SMYTH then explained that his remarks on Gen. PORTER were the result of irritation, and were intended as provocatives, from having been assailed by Gen. PORTER, and that he knew nothing derogatory of Gen. PORTER's character as a gentleman and officer.

The hand of reconciliation was then offered and received.

We congratulate the friends of those gentlemen upon the fortunate termination of a difference arising from too much precipitation, but which has been adjusted in a manner so honorable to both.

WM. H. WINDER, SAM'L ANGUS,

Black-Rock, December 18, 1812.

PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 28.

From WASHINGTON, December 23.

The bill for the augmentation of the Navy has passed both Houses. I hope the President will sign it.

It surprised me a little that Mr. Porter, of Rhode-Island, was opposed to the passage of the bill and that he made a very able speech against it.

BUFFALO, DECEMBER 15.

Respecting our situation—that is not to be envied. Since the failure of the expedition, the citizens have been in constant alarm—some from the enemy—some from the fear of famine—and others from an epidemic disorder, said to be contagious. The superstitious say, "what the sword spares the pestilence will destroy, and what pestilence spares, will be overwhelmed with famine." As to the enemy, we do not believe their force sufficient to invade us; their policy hitherto has been defensive; the only thing we need fear from them is retaliation—which might be effected by small parties of the enemy; and which might be prevented by a strong line of sentinels on our most exposed coast. Lt. Col. Barstler with a detachment of regulars, is stationed at Black Rock. While the roads remain in their present almost impassible state, there will unquestionably be a scarcity of provisions. Flour is now selling at 6 dollars per hundred. Butter at 2/6 per pound. The taverns and groceries are completely dried up. Even the whiskey distilleries are very hard run. The disease which has proved fatal to many of our citizens and very many of our soldiers, we hope is beginning somewhat to abate. Those volunteers who came out for a few days, have suffered much, but the regular troops have suffered more. Not accustomed to the steady fare of the soldier, or the solid lodging of tents, the new recruits and volunteers were much exposed to violent colds, &c.

BOMBAY, MARCH 21.

We are happy to notice an instance of good fortune, which occurred the other day to Capt Crawford, of His Majesty's frigate Hussar. He was cruising in Nov. last, off the East point of Java, when he fell in with a French schooner of 32 tons, bound to Soatabaya, from the coast of New-Holland. On searching this little vessel, the captors, were most agreeably surprised to discover, what her size certainly gave no promise of, that she was a very valuable prize, for she had on board 202,480 Spanish dollars.

THE ROYAL GAZETTE.

SAINT JOHN, MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1813.

Arrived, yesterday, H. M. S. Rattler, Capt. Gordon, from Halifax, and H. M. Schooner Bream, from Digby.

This day being the Anniversary of the birth of our beloved Sovereign's consort, QUEEN CHARLOTTE, the morning was ushered in by the display of Colours at Fort Howe, and His Majesty's Vessels, &c. At 12 o'Clock Royal Salutes were fired by the Royal and Militia Artillery, and a feu de joye by a detachment of the 104th Regiment, and a part of the Saint John County Regiment of Militia, the whole drawn up in King's Square, under the command of Major DRUMMOND. At 1 o'Clock Salutes were also fired from His Majesty's Ship Rattler, &c.

By an Express from St. Andrews, which reached this City on Tuesday evening last, we have received the following official notification made to Major MAULE, commanding at that place, by Col. ULMER, commanding the United States troops on Moose Island, &c. &c. by a flag of truce, which arrived there on Saturday morning last:—

"I hereby notify to you that all persons coming to this frontier from His Britannic Majesty's Provinces or Shipping, except by permission from the commanding officer of this frontier, will be treated as SPIES, and will be made prisoners of war."

His Honor the President's Speech at the opening of the present Session of the General Assembly is in town; but not having received it officially, cannot insert it in this day's Gazette.

HEAD-QUARTERS, FREDERICTON, 2d January, 1813.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

His Honor the President has been pleased to appoint Doctor Charles Earl, to be Assistant Surgeon to the Embodied Militia.

J. GUBBINS, Lieut. Colonel, Adjutant General Militia Forces.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

QUEBEC, 23d NOVEMBER, 1812.

IT is hereby notified to the Public, that arrangements have been made for rendering the intercourse by Post between Quebec and Fredericton, once a fortnight during the Winter, or as near that period as the state of the roads and the season will allow.

When the Courier does not arrive within the time specified above, his departure from Quebec, will take place twenty-four hours after his arrival.

POST-OFFICE, ST. JOHN, JANUARY 16, 1813.

IT is now determined to close the Mails both for Halifax and Fredericton on every MONDAY evening, so as to be in time to meet the Post from Fredericton to Halifax.—No letters will be delivered or received after dark.

FOR SALE

At JACOB S. MOTT'S Office,

An ALMANACK for the year 1813, Calculated for the Meridian of SAINT JOHN, New-Brunswick, but will serve for any part of the Province. Monday, 18th January, 1813.

FROM HALIFAX, JANUARY 11.

Arrived, Thursday, H. M. S. Atalanta, Capt. Hickey, from England—touched at Sydney, Cape Breton, Mary and Magnet Transports, from Sydney—sailed in co. with ship Collingwood, under convoy of H. M. brig Recruit, on the 1st instant.—parted next day.

Sailed, Tuesday, H. M. S. Rattler, Capt. Gordon, with ship Diligence, Capt. Simonds, under her convoy, for New-Brunswick.

The cartel brig Sir John Sherbrooke, Floyd, 3 days from Portsmouth, N. H. put into Margaret's Bay on Friday last—Three gentlemen, who were passengers in her, arrived in town on Saturday evening last, and obligingly favored us with Boston Papers of 21, and Portsmouth to the 5th inst.

The United States' Frigates President, Com. Rodgers; and Congress, Capt. Smith, arrived at Boston the 31st ult. after a cruise of 84 days—having made no captures except the Swallow Packet, and ship Argo one of the Galatea's convoy.

A Bill for Increasing the Naval Force of the U. S. had passed both Houses of Congress—and, one for raising an addition to the Regular Army of 50,000 men, was in discussion.

On the 20th ult. the Atalanta fell in with H. M. S. Shannon, Nymph, Tenedos, and Curlew brig.

Passengers from England in the Atalanta—Colonel Smith, (brother to the gallant Admiral) recently appointed Governor of Prince Edward Island; Brigadier Gen. Swaine, Governor of Cape Breton, left at that Island; Major Fraser; and Francis Forbes, Esq. Attorney General of Bermuda.

A very serious and melancholy affair occurred a few days ago at Sydney, in which a Constable acting in his official capacity, was unfortunately killed; and the Rev. Mr. Twining, of that place badly wounded, while exerting his influence to preserve the peace. Capt. Evans, and three marines of H. M. brig Recruit, being principals, we are told, in this outrage, are fully committed for trial.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 7.—The following gentlemen have been appointed American Commissioners for the care of property captured under the flag of the United States, prior to the commencement of the war with the Republic.—Boston Long, Andrew Wedderburn, Row, Hancock, Esqrs. and Dr. Burnaby.

PORTSMOUTH, NOVEMBER 9.—Andrew Lindgren and John Moyle, Esquires, are appointed Agents to the Commissioners for American property detained at this port.

DIED] On Thursday last, after a painful and lingering illness, Mrs. SARAH GIBSON, in the 28th year of her age.—Her remains were interred on Saturday.

Yesterday, about noon, departed this life, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with exemplary patience, Mrs. JANE LUGGIN, wife of Mr. Peter Luggin, of this City. Her remains will be interred on Wednesday afternoon about three o'clock, when the attendance of her Friends and acquaintance are requested, without further invitation.



COMMISSARIAT OFFICE, SAINT JOHN, New-Brunswick, 14th January, 1813. WANTED IMMEDIATELY For the Public Service.

FIFTEEN BATTEAUX intended for GUN-BOATS, and TEN TRAVERSING PLATFORMS; TO be made in a substantial manner; of the best materials, and completed without delay.

A Plan of a BATTEAU, and a model of a TRAVERSING PLATFORM, will be shewn, upon application to the Commanding Royal Engineer.

Tenders for supplying the whole, or a part of the above mentioned Batteaux and Platforms, will be received at this Office previous to 12 o'Clock on Thursday, the 21st instant.

Security will be required for the due performance of such agreement as may be entered into, and payment will be made upon the delivery of the articles either in Cash or Bills of Exchange at the current rate, at my option.

WILLIAM HANDFIELD SNELLING, Deputy Assistant Commissary General to the Forces.

TO BE LET,

AND ENTERED UPON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY NEXT, THE FARM at Mount Aston, situate upon the Road leading to the French Village, five miles distant from the Market Place in this City, consisting of Upland and Marsh, with a good dwelling house and barn thereon, the same being now in the occupation of THOMAS PALMER;—The Farm will be leased for a term of years, with or without stock as may be agreed upon. For terms apply to the PRINTER, St. John, 14th January, 1813.

OFFICE OF ORDNANCE,

Saint John, New-Brunswick, 14th January, 1813.

WANTED,

FOR the use of the ROYAL ARTILLERY in this City, Three Tons of good STRAW, to be delivered at the Artillery Barracks in the Lower Cove. ROBERT PARKER, Ordnance Storekeeper.