

NAVAL ACTION Between the English & Dutch.

HAGUE, OCTOBER 13.

At the sitting of this day, the Committee of Marine communicated a letter addressed to them by Vice-Admiral De Winter, written yesterday on board the British Admiral Duncan, and received at ten o'clock this morning by express. Of this affecting letter, the following is a summary—it caused the liveliest sensations of grief among the Members of the Assembly.

"It is with the deepest regret that I address to you the present dispatch. Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock we discovered the English. We ranged in order of battle. I made the signal for forming the line as compact as possible, which however was very imperfectly obeyed.

"At 12 o'clock the enemy attacked the extremity of our line. They soon afterwards undertook to force it. The action became general, and I found myself engaged with three of their ships. The Hercules took fire, and driving towards mine, I was under the necessity of changing my position, to avoid her, which obliged me to approach a fourth of the enemy's vessels, that of the Admiral. I very soon lost all my rigging, and it became impracticable to continue my signals. Meanwhile the enemy took possession of the Wassenaar, Haerlem, Briffon, Delft and Jupiter.

"The smoke prevented me from distinctly observing the state of our affairs. The action was one of the briefest I have witnessed. After losing a considerable part of my crew, I endeavoured, by a vigorous push, to force the five English ships which surrounded me, and to gain the coast or join the remains of my fleet. At 2 o'clock all three of my masts went by the board. After this I continued fighting half an hour, when my flag was carried away, and the crew reduced to half its number, ceased to fire. At 3 I was boarded by an English frigate and conducted on board Admiral Duncan. The Equality was not far from me—I observed her to cease firing, having lost all her rigging. Why she, as well as the Friffon, Delft and Haerlem struck I cannot determine. The Hercules was obliged to cut away her masts—she was on fire, but it was soon put out—she, however, drove into the British fleet, and was taken.

"I am perfectly satisfied with my officers and crew, they fought with infinite bravery, as did also the enemy. The loss of men on both sides has been very great.

"The British fleet which had put into Yarmouth, set sail again immediately on receiving news that we were at sea. It was joined by several vessels from Portsmouth and the Downs. Their force consisted of sixteen ships of the line, principally seventy-four.

"This is the most unhappy day of my life—all our best manœuvres, and all our courage were fruitless. The enemy esteem us on account of our vigorous resistance.—No action could have been more desperate and bloody.

"I shall do myself the honour of transmitting to you a more accurate detail by the next opportunity. I now only avail myself of the permission granted by Admiral Duncan to forward this sketch.

"I cannot give you any precise information respecting the other ships—I am told Vice-Admiral Reinter is slightly wounded and a prisoner on board Vice-Admiral Onslow.

"I cannot say how many English ships are damaged, but count only ten in view. I hope to be permitted to repair to Holland for my justification.

I am,

Your unfortunate Admiral
"DE WINTER."

**THE COPARTNERSHIP of
JOHN COLVILL & ANDREW
CROOKSHANK, under the Firm of
JOHN COLVILL, & Co.**

AND
COLVILL & CROOKSHANK,
being this day dissolved by mutual consent—ALL Persons having Demands against the said Firms are requested to present the same for payment; and all those who stand Indebted to them, will please settle the same without delay to either of the Subscribers.

JOHN COLVILL,
ANDREW CROOKSHANK.
Saint John, Jan. 10, 1798. — 2M.

BLANKS,
Of various kinds may be had
at this OFFICE.

LEWIS DEBLOIS, Jun.
RETURNS his Thanks to his Friends and the Public for their many past Favours, and begs a continuance of their further Commands.

He has just received from LONDON by way of HALIFAX, a complete Assortment of GARDEN SEEDS, of the last year's growth—and has on hand,
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
Ironmongery, Hardware,
Cutlery, Ship-Chandlery,
&c. &c. viz.

IRON POTS, Dish Kettles and Skillets of all sizes, Cast Iron Dags, Shear Moulds, German Steel, Files of all sorts, Hand Saws, Brads and Steel Head Andirons and Shovels and Tongs, Hammers, Locks & Hinges of all kinds, Chasing Dishes, Frying Pans and Gridirons, Thumb Latches, 4d. 6d. 8d. 10d. 12d. 20d. 24d. 30d. Nails, seven inch Spikes, Tacks and Brads of all sizes, Shoemaker's Tacks, Sewing Awls, Pegging Awls, Shoe Knives, Pincers and Nippers, Sand Stones & Shoe Hammers, Ladies Silver Thimbles, Brads, Pinchbeck & Steel do. Snuff & Tobacco Boxes, Wool and Cotton Cards, Pound Pins, Curry Combs, Horn and Ivory Combs of all sorts, Iron, Japanned, and Brass Candlesticks, Pewter Dishes, Plates, Basins & Tea Pots, Tea & Table Spoons, Iron ditto, Pewter Water Dishes and Plates, Knives and Forks, Pen and Pocket Knives and Scissors, Chisels and Gouges all kinds, Needles from No. 1 to 10, Darning do. Gimblets all sizes, Drawing Knives, Women's Pattens, Dripping Pans, Ships Wood and Brass Compasses, Quadrants, Gunter Scales and Dividers, Copper Lamps, Miles's Patent Pocket Lamps, Ship Trumpets, Bunting, Ships Ensigns and Jacks, Sail Needles, Brushes of all kinds, London Whisk Brooms, Mops and Thrums, Yellow, Red, Green, Blue and White Paints, Dry Yellow Ochre, Paint Oil, Copperas, Allum, Red & White Chalk, Tin, Sheet Iron, Cast Iron, and Copper Tea Kettles, Brass Scales and Weights, Japanned Tea and Sugar Cannisters, Japanned Jacks and Pitchers, Lead, Fleur and Roll Brimstone, Whips and Walking Canes, Cod Lines, Deepsea Lines, Hand and Log Lines, Bed Cords, London Violins and Strings for ditto, Flutes, Mustard, Ginger, Starch, Fig Blue and Windsor Soap, Hair Powder and Pomatum, Playing Cards, Writing Paper, Quills, a large Assortment of Tin Ware, Shoe Blacking, Slates, Red and Black Ink Powder.

SALMON TWINE and
Shoe Thread, a fine Assortment of Glass and Queen's Ware, with a number of other Articles.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, To all Persons to whom THOMAS KITCHEN, Cordwainer, deceased, late of the City of SAINT JOHN, is indebted, to render their Accounts to the Subscriber; and those who are indebted to the Estate of said deceased are requested to settle the same without delay.

A. CROOKSHANK,
Administrator.

MADEIRA WINE.

A FEW Pipes, Hogheads and Quarter Casks of **NEW-YORK & LONDON PARTICULAR** of the first quality, just received, and to be sold cheap for CASH by
JAMES CODNER.

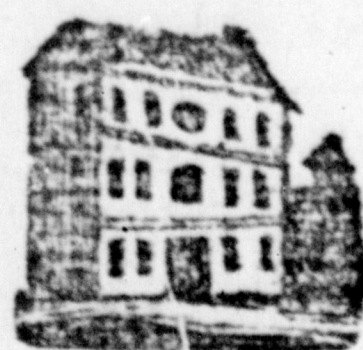
St. John, Dec. 29, '97.

WHEREAS a certain JEREMIAH MONDAY,* being sent upon Command last Summer to Halifax, with Captain JOHN HILL of the Digby Militia, said MONDAY sickened and died: These are therefore to acquaint the Friends or Relations of him, (if he hath any,) to apply to JOHN HILL of this place, and he will inform them of the property MONDAY died possessed of, which is something considerable.

* Otherwise MUNDON.
Digby, 28th Nov. 1797.

Exchange Coffee-House.

FOR SALE,



THAT large & commodious **HOUSE**—and eligible stand for business, situate at the corner of King and Prince William Streets, now in the occupation of Mr. WM. ROGERS.

The **HOUSE** is two and half stories high, in good repair, and replete with accommodations and conveniences for business, as well as for family purposes—it fronts on Market Square 50 feet, and on King Street 36 feet, exclusive of additional rooms annexed to it, on the same street—and a complete Cellar under the whole House.—It has rented for the last 7 years at 100l. per ann. and the Proprietor is offered 150l. for the ensuing year.—The situation of the Premises, and the advantages attached to it, are so well known, as render any encomiums or further description unnecessary.—The Lot is 50 by 80 feet, and having the benefit of both fronts makes it an object to those inclined to purchase.—For further particulars apply to the Proprietor.

CHAS. McPHERSON.
St. JOHN, 5th Jan. 1798.

TO BE SOLD OR LET,
And possession given the 1st of May,



THE HOUSE and Lot on the South side of Saint James's Street and next to the corner of Germain Street, at present occupied by the Subscriber.—It is a new, well finished House, has four rooms on a floor, 8 fire-places with an excellent Cellar, in which is a never failing Spring of good Water—a capital Smoke-house built in the body of the chimney that will smoke from 20 to 30 hams at a time—the Garden well stored with Plumb, Cherry, Gooseberry, Currant and other fruit trees, which bear luxuriantly every year—in short, every convenience that a family could wish for.—The terms will be made as easy as possible—apply to
FRANCIS WATSON.

JAN. 5, 1798.

ALL Persons having any Demands against the Estate of WILLIAM DONALDSON, Esq. of the City of St. John, Province of New-Brunswick, Merchant, deceased, are desired to present the same within the space of Eighteen Calendar Months from the Date hereof; likewise all those indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Hugh Johnston,
Wm. Donaldson,
Arthur Dingwall,
St. John, July 31st, 1797.

William Campbell,
Will Sell the following
GOODS,

By WHOLESALE, at STERLING Cost and CHARGES, viz:—
MUSLINS.

PLAIN, Stript, Checked, Spotted and Flowered from 4-4 to 7-4 wide.
Book and Jaconet Handkerchiefs.
Rich and beautiful Chinizes, 9-8 and 5-4 wide.
Plain, Stript, Checked and Flowered Cravats and Neckcloths.

LAWNS.

Flowered Aprons, Plain and Flowered Handkerchiefs, Plain 7-8 and 4-4 wide.
Figured Muslin, Ladies Cotton Stockings, and Elastic Garters.

COTTON SHAWLS.

Purple Olive, and Chintz colours, from 7-8 to 7-4 wide.
Diaper, Stript Holland, Oznaburghs and fine Cotton Checks 6-4 wide.
White Threads.

A neat Assortment of Ladies and Gentlemen's Leather Gloves, A few pair of Men's fine Shoes and Boots, Shirt Buttons, Combs, Lead Pencils, Writing and Wrapping Paper.

BOOKS.

Bibles, Johnson's Dictionary, Guthrie's Grammar, Ferguson's Astronomy, Clarissa Harlow, Roderick Random and a few small Histories.
St. JOHN, January 19, 1798.

Store-Keeper General's Office,
FREDERICTON, 9th Dec. 1797.

WANTED,

For the Use of His MAJESTY'S Troops, the following quantities of **FUEL**, to be delivered on or before the 1st October, 1798, at the Government Wharves, or into the respective Fuel-Yards at the following Ports, viz:—

At **FREDERICTON:**
**One Thousand Cords
HARD WOOD.**

At **SAINT JOHN:**
Five Hundred ditto.

ANY Person or Persons willing to contract for the same or any proportion thereof of not under 200 Cords, will send in Proposals sealed to this Office on or before 1st day of March next.—The Proposals for both places to specify for the delivery of the Wood either into the Fuel-Yards or at the Government Wharves.

GEO. SPROWLE,
Store Keeper General.

NOTICE.

THE SUBSCRIBER begs leave to inform all concerned, that the business put in Mr. Jas. Hayt's hands to transact not being closed, is now in his management, and every attention shall be paid thereto—He also stands ready to fulfil Mr. Hayt's engagements—and earnestly requests all Persons indebted to the said Mr. Jas. Hayt, to close the same without delay.

A. CROOKSHANK.