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Whitehall, December 21, 1776.

HIS Majesty's Ships Active and Fowey are arrived from New York, but bring no Letters from General Sir William Howe, the General being, at the Time of their sailing on the 13th ult. with the Army in the Country, at a considerable Distance from New York.

The Accounts which have been received of the late Operations of His Majesty's Forces are to the following Effect:

That on the 12th of October the Guards, Light Infantry, and Reserve, together with Colonel Donop's Corps of Hessian Grenadiers and Chasseurs, marched from the advanced Posts on New York Island, and embarking in Boats at Turtle Bay, passed up the East River through Hell-Gates, and landed on Frogs-Neck. That having crossed the Neck, they found the Bridge, which joined it to the Main, had been broken down by the Rebels, who had thrown up some Works on the opposite Side. That being joined by the First, Second, and Sixth Brigades from Long Island, the Troops embarked again in Boats, and landed in Pelham's Manor the 18th without Opposition; and marching on, through a random Fire of the Rebels from behind Stone Walls, gained the Road which leads from Connecticut to King's Bridge. The Rebels, apprehending their Communication to the Eastward would be cut off, moved from their Camp at King's Bridge, and extended their Left to the White Plains, a Chain of stony Hills so called. On the 21st His Majesty's Light Troops took Possession of the Heights of New Rochell. Colonel Rogers, with his New York Companies, having taken Post at Maramack, was attacked by a Party of the Rebels, which he drove back with considerable Loss.

On the 25th the advanced Corps moved forward to the Road which leads to the White Plains, where the Rebels appeared determined to make a Stand; but, on the 27th, the Party that was posted there struck their Tents in the Night, and moved off to the Entrances of the White Plains, where the Main Body of the Rebels was entrenched, having the Bronx's River in their Front, the Banks of which are swampy, and the River deep, except at the Ford, where the Banks are steep and rocky. On the 28th in the Morning, our Army marched in Columns to attack the Rebels, who, seeing the Troops in Motion, a Body of about 8,000 came out of their Lines, and posted themselves on the Top of a very steep Hill above the Ford. The Second Brigade, consisting of the 5th, 28th, 35th, and 49th Regiments, with a Battalion of Hessians, and a Party of the Light Dragoons, marched down, and crossing the Ford, though much annoyed by the Rebels Grape Shot, ascended the Hill with the greatest Intrepidity, attacked and routed the Body of Rebels that were posted there, driving them to their Entrenchments in the Entrances to the White Plains, where General Howe was preparing to attack them on the Morning of the 1st of November; but, being prevented by a very heavy Rain, the Rebels quitted their Entrenchments in the Night following, and retired towards Connecticut and the Highlands, abandoning their Camp at King's Bridge, after setting Fire to their Huts and Barracks they had built for their Winter Quarters, which was immediately taken Possession of by a Detachment of the King's Troops, where they found between Sixty and Seventy Pieces of

Cannon, large Quantities of Provisions, which the Rebels had spoiled, and a great Number of Hogsheds of Rum, which the General ordered to be destroyed. There is no exact Return of our Loss in the different Attacks, but it is supposed to have been between 190 and 200 killed and wounded.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 20th Day of December, 1776,

P R E S E N T,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was graciously pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the Twenty-fifth Day of October last, to promise and declare, That the Bounties of Five Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Two Pounds Ten Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, fit for His Majesty's Service, should be paid in the Manner thereby directed, to every such Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Eighteen Years, who should, on or before the Thirty-first of December then following, enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of His Majesty's Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board such Tenders, as should be employed for raising Men for the Service of the Royal Navy: And whereas His Majesty was likewise pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the Eighth Day of November last, to promise and declare, That a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, should be paid, in the Manner thereby directed, to any Person who should discover any Seaman or Seamen who might secrete themselves, that so such Seaman or Seamen should be taken for His Majesty's said Service by any of His Majesty's Sea-Officers employed for raising Men, on or before the said Thirty-first Day of this Instant December: And whereas the Time limited by the said Proclamations for Payment of the said Bounty and Rewards is near expiring; and it being judged expedient for His Majesty's Service, that the said Bounties and Rewards should be continued to be paid for some Time longer, His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, doth therefore Order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, That the Time limited for Payment of the said Bounties and Rewards be prolonged and extended from the said Thirty-first Day of this Instant December, to the Twenty-eighth Day of February next inclusive.—Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Steph. Cottrell.

Ramsgate Harbour, December 18, 1776.

THE Trustees for Enlarging, Building, and Maintaining the said Harbour, do hereby give Notice, that their next Meeting will be held at the Office of the Corporation for the Merchants Seamen over the Royal Exchange, on Wednesday the 15th of January next, at One o'Clock precisely; when they will state one Cash Account of Receipts and Payments, and one General Revenue Account, agreeable to the Directions in the Act of Parliament for that Purpose. And they do hereby further give Notice, that the said Accounts shall lie open for the Public Inspection of all and every Person or Persons, with their Secretary, at the Old South Sea House, in Broad-Street, London, for the Space of six Days after such Meeting.

Will. Evans, Secretary.