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Westminster, May 7.

THIS Day His Majesty came to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Francis Molyneux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for the better Support of His Majesty's Household, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of Great Britain.

An Act for repairing and widening several Roads in the County of Dumfries; and for converting the Statute Labour within the said County into Money, and for applying the same towards repairing the Highways within the same County.

An Act for amending the Road from the South East End of the Town of Loughborough in the County of Leicester, to Derby Bridge, near The Rusles, and from the said Bridge to the South End of Cavendish Bridge in the same County.

And to Seventeen Private Bills.

Whitehall, May 10, 1777.

Extract of a Letter from the Honourable General Sir William Howe to Lord George Germain, dated New York, April 1, 1777.

TH E R E have not been any Occurrence since my last worthy your Lordship's Notice, excepting the Success of a Detachment of Five Hundred Men that I sent up the North River in Transports on the 22d of March, convey'd by the Brune Frigate, to destroy a considerable Deposit of Provisions and Stores, which the Enemy had made at Peek's Kill, near Fifty Miles distant from New York. Lieutenant-Colonel Bird of the 15th Regiment commanded the Party. The Rebels stationed there, retiring upon his Approach, he got easily Possession of the Post. Before their Retreat they set Fire to the principal Store houses, and thereby rendered useless the only Wharf where it was practicable to embark the remaining Stores in convenient Time, which made it expedient to destroy the greater Part. This was completely effected to the Amount specified in the inclosed Return; and the Detachment, reembarking without Interruption, returned here the 26th.

Return of Provisions, Stores, &c. (for the Use of the Rebel Army) taken and destroyed by a Detachment of the King's Troops, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Bird, of the 15th Infantry, at Peek's Kill upon the North River, the 23d and 24th of March, 1777.

Destroyed and burnt by the King's Troops: 310 Hogheads of Rum, 150 Hogheads of Molasses, 800 Barrels of Flour, 150 Barrels of Biscuit, 170 Barrels of Pork, 30 Barrels of Beef, 17 Barrels of Pitch and Tar, 800 Bushels of Oats, 2500 Bushels of Wheat, 800 Bushels of Buck Wheat, 12 Casks of Coffee, 9 Cases of Chocolate, 50 Casks of Tallow, 30 Chests of Candles, 15 Barrels of Salt, 200 Iron Pots and Camp Kettles,

500 Canteens of Wood and Bowls, &c. 400 Intrenching Tools, 30 Casks of Nails, 150 Waggons and Carts with Harnes, 1 Iron Twelve-Pounder on Field Carriage.

Destroyed and burnt by the Rebels: 100 Hogheads of Rum, 500 Barrels of Flour, 500 Bundles of Straw, 1 Magazine of Hay, 2000 Bushels of Wheat, 1 Ammunition Wagon loaded.

Total: 410 Hogheads of Rum, 150 Hogheads of Molasses, 1300 Barrels of Flour, 150 Barrels of Biscuit, 170 Barrels of Pork, 30 Barrels of Beef, 17 Barrels of Pitch and Tar, 500 Bundles of Straw, 1 Magazine of Hay, 800 Bushels of Oats, 4500 Bushels of Wheat, 300 Bushels of Buck Wheat, 12 Casks of Coffee, 9 Cases of Chocolate, 50 Casks of Tallow, 30 Chests of Candles, 15 Barrels of Salt, 200 Iron Pots and Camp Kettles, 500 Canteens of Wood and Bowls, &c. 400 Intrenching Tools, 30 Casks of Nails, 150 Waggons and Carts with Harnes; 1 Iron Twelve-Pounder on Field Carriage, 1 Ammunition Wagon loaded.

N. B. Two Piles of Barracks for 1200 Men, and Seven Store-houses containing the above Stores, with many other Articles that cannot be justly ascertained, were burnt; also several Sloops and Petiaugers destroyed, loaded with Provisions.

(Signed)

John Bird,

Lieutenant-Colonel 15th Regiment Foot.

Admiralty Office, May 10, 1777.

Extract of a Letter from Lord Viscount Howe, Vice-Admiral of the White, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in North America, to Mr. Stephens, dated at New York, the 31st of March, 1777.

C O M M O D O R E Hotham anchored the 19th of January in Chefepeak Bay, where, by his unexpected Appearance, an Opportunity offered for seizing a Ship laden with about 550 Hogheads of Tobacco intended for Nantz. He failed from Chefepeak Bay on the 11th of February, and, arriving off the Delaware on the 17th, was forced away from that Station by strong Northerly Winds, which prevented his Return until the 11th Instant; and an Opportunity was thereby afforded for an Armed Frigate fitted by the Rebels, with several Trading Vessels, to put to Sea from that River. The Commodore had the good Fortune to take an American Ship laden with Ammunition and Military Stores from Nantz, soon after his Return, and sent her under Convoy of the Daphne to this Port. Several other Captures have been made by the Ships of this Southern Squadron, in Number from Twenty-five to Thirty, which have been mostly sunk or otherwise destroyed. I have Reason, from different Relations, to believe, that the small Squadrons under Captain Hammond and Captain Davis have made as many more: But the Particulars not having been yet transmitted, none of these Captures are added to the General List herewith enclosed.

The General meditating an Attempt by Surprize to take or destroy a considerable Magazine which the Rebels had formed at Peek's Kill, about Fifty Miles up the North River, a Corps of Troops, commanded