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Extract of a Letter from General Sir William Howe to Lord George Germain, dated at New York the 3d of June, 1777

YOUR Lordship's Dispatches, Nos 3, 4, and 5, of the 3d of March, and N^o 6, of the 5th following, I had the Honor to receive by Major Balfour on the Arrival of His Majesty's Ship *Augusta* the 8th of May, the Duplicates of which have since arrived by the *Sandwich* Packet. The earliest Opportunity was taken of signifying His Majesty's most gracious Approbation of the Behaviour of the Officers whose Names are particularized by your Lordship.

The Arrival of the Camp Equipage on the 24th of May, both for the Army and Provincials, has relieved me from much Anxiety, being Articles greatly wanted for the Opening of the Campaign, which will now immediately take Place in Jersey, where the Enemy's principal Strength still remains; and I shall proceed, as Occurrence may arise, according to the Plan made known to your Lordship in my former Dispatches.

The Remount Horses for the 16th and 17th Dragoons are arrived in good Order, with the Loss of Ten Horses on the Passage. The Officers of the Guards and British Recruits also arrived on the 24th of May, the Anspach Troops, 432 German Recruits, and 51 German Chasseurs, on the 3d Instant, convoyed by the *Somerset*. Their Troops appear to be in very good Health, and have disembarked upon Staten Island to refresh for a short Time.

I have the Pleasure to inform your Lordship of the Arrival of Major-General Gray in the *Somerset*.

Major Dixon of the Corps of Engineers, who has His Majesty's Leave to return to Britain, will have the Honour of delivering my Dispatches to your Lordship by the *Halifax* Packet; and I presume upon the acknowledged Abilities of this Gentleman, and his thorough Knowledge of the Situation of the Country, to justify me in referring your Lordship to him, for the most particular as well as general Information.

Admiralty Office, July 10, 1777.

Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Viscount Howe, to Mr. Stephens, dated off New York the 8th of June, 1777.

THE *Nonfuch* arrived here the 25th past, and the *Camel* and *Bute* the 28th, with all the Transports, Three excepted, of the Convoy that failed at the same Time from Portsmouth. They had continued under the Conduct of Captain Finch of the *Camel* only, since the 6th of May, the *Isis* and *Swift* having been separated on the Passage. Two of the missing Transports came in a few Days before, and the Third a few Days after Captain Finch. But the *Isis* and *Swift* did not arrive till the 7th Instant.

On the 3d Instant Captain Ourry arrived in the *Somerset*, with the Transports he had in Charge;

but the *Mercury* parted Company the third Day after they left the British Coast. The Troops by both these Convoys are in good Health.

Captain Malon arrived here on the 7th Instant in the Dispatch, with the *Springfield* and two more Transports, Part of the Convoy that sailed from England under the Charge of Captain Onslow. As the Separation happened when they were not more than 150 Leagues from this Port, the Arrival of the *St Alban's*, with the Rest of the Transports, may be daily expected.

As there was Reason to believe it might be soon requisite to embark a considerable Part of the Army; timely Preparation has been made for the Purpose: And as my Attendance would be necessary with the Transports in Consequence, I have recalled Commodore Hotham from the *Delaware* to direct the Naval Operations, and carry on the current Service of the Port.

Sir George Collier, who commands the Detachment of the Squadron at *Halifax*, will be attentive to afford all possible Protection to the Fisheries at *Canfo* and *Ile Madame*.

The following is a List of Vessels seized as Prizes, and of Recaptures made, by the American Squadron, between the 1st of January, 1777, and the 22d of May following, according to the Returns received by the Vice-Admiral the Viscount Howe.

Prizes taken by *The DAPHNE*.

- January 31. *Moore*, George Collis, Master, from Boston; in Ballast.
- March 8. *Mary*, Joseph Hatch, Master, from Boston; in Ballast.
- 9. *Juno*, George Eldridge, Master, from St. Eustatia; with Salt.
- 12. *Sally*, deserted by the People; from Nantz; with Gunpowder, Lead, &c.
- 14. *Adventure*, William Young, Master, from St. Croix; with Rum, Salt, Bales, &c.
- 28. *Cromelia and Molly*, John Lockhart, Master, from Martinique; with Powder, Molasses, and Sail-Cloth.
- April 3. *Nancy*, Joseph Bennet, Master, from St. Eustatia; with Rum, Salt, and Dry Goods.
- Ditto. *Ann*, Charles Bulkley, from Martinique.
- April 5. *Bolton*, William Stevens, Master, from Philadelphia; with Tobacco, Flour, Bread, Lumber, Tar and Turpentine.
- 14. *Black River*, — M^rReur, Master, from Philadelphia; with Tobacco, Flour, Bread and Iron.

By *The EMERALD*.

- February 12. *Two Friends*, Thomas Cartwright, Master, from Boston; in Ballast.
- 14. *Phoenix*, from St. Thomas; with 38 Guns and Salt.
- Ditto. *Betsy*, Joseph Frith, Master, from St. Croix; with Salt and Powder.
- 15. *Hope*, Ephraim Bartlett, Master, from New England; with Rum, Sugar and Molasses.

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