

By Vessels from *Louisbourg*, (since our last Paper) we have Advice, That Capt. *Rous* in the *Shirley Galley*, and Capt. *Stanney* in the *Panther* Transport, who were sent some Time since to *St. John's*, to take off the *French* Inhabitants, in order to transport them to *France*, according to Capitulation, were returned to *Louisbourg*, but without the People. They inform, that while they lay at *St. John's*, having bought some Cattle of the Inhabitants, they sent ashore about 50 Seamen and Soldiers to fetch them on board, who, as they were driving them out of the Woods, were ambush'd and fired upon by a Body of *Indians*, who kill'd or took 38 of our People, most of which were *British* Soldiers: The rest, with great Difficulty escaped on board the Ships. 'Tis said, an *Indian* Fellow belonging to Capt. *Rous*, was seized by two of the Enemy *Indians*, who 'endeavoured to wrest his Gun out of his Hands; but he being very strong and courageous, kept Possession of it, and having knock'd down one of his Enemies with the But End, shot the other dead upon the Spot, and then took to the Water, where he found a Youth, Son of Governour *Clinton* of *New York*, who he took upon his Back, and conveyed safe on board. 'Tis said the Youth could not swim, and ran into the Water to secure himself from the *French* Fellow, who had intended to have kill'd him, had not that gallant Fellow found Means to get him on board. We hope the poor brave Fellow will have a Reward equal to his eminent Services, that the *French* will be treated as their cursed Perfidy deserves.

A General Council held at the Council-Chamber on Tuesday last, His Excellency was pleas'd to Nominate the following Persons to the respective Offices hereafter mentioned, *viz.*

*Thomas Berry*, Esq; Judge of the Probate of Wills, &c. in the County of *Essex*.

*Joseph Wilder*, Esq; Judge of the Probate of Wills, &c. in the County of *Worcester*.

*John Cushing*, Esq; Judge of the Probate of Wills, &c. in the County of *Plymouth*.

*Sylvanus Bourn*, Esq; Judge of the Probate of Wills, &c. in the County of *Barnstable*.

*Adam Cushing*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace in the County of *Suffolk*.

*Samuel Liscom*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace in the County of *Worcester*.

*William Collins*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace in the County of *Essex*.

*William Read*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace in the County of *Middlesex*.

And on Saturday his Excellency was pleas'd to Nominate the following Persons, *viz.*

*Josiah Brewer*, *Henry Gibbs*, and *Thomas Lambert*, Esqrs. to be Justices of the Peace in the County of *Middlesex*.

*Isaac Lathrop*, Esq; to be a Justice of the Peace in the County of *Plymouth*.

*John Otis*, Esq; to be a Justice of the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas in the County of *Barnstable*.

To all which Nominations his Majesty's Council did advise and consent.

One Day last Week an *Indian* Man in the Country, who had insisted in the Expedition, and was coming to this Town, in firing a Pistol that was overcharg'd, it burst in his Hand, and so wounded him in the Breast or Face, that he died soon after.

Last Friday a Snow arrived at *Salem* in 10 Weeks from *London*, and 8 from *Newcastle*, by which we learn by Letters of the 23d of *May*, that the Fleet design'd for *Cape Breton* lay ready at *Spithead*, (the Officers, &c. being all on board) and had Orders to sail by the 25th at farthest; and 'tis generally believed they are at *Louisbourg* before this Time.

Last Saturday in the Afternoon, a most terrible Accident happened here. As the Wives of Capt. *John Rous*, and Capt. *Clark Gayton* were

riding in a Chaise thro' *Pleasant Street*, (so called) at the South End of the Town, a young Fellow, one of our Soldiers, very imprudently fired his Gun, loaded with a Ball, at a Mark which he had made upon a Tree, and the Ball having struck the side of it, glanced away to the Chaise, grazed the under part of Mrs. Gayton's Nose and upper Lip, and then entered Mrs. Rou's Head, a little above her left Eye, and lodg'd in her Skull. She lay Speechless, and to all Appearance Senseless, till about seven o'Clock Yesterday Morning, and then died. Mrs. Gayton is pretty much wounded, but not so as to endanger her Life.

Custom-House *Boston*, *August 9*. Entered in, Squire, Gorham and Freeman from Connecticut, Dowse from Surinam, Ingraham and Jarr from St. Kitts, Wilcox from Jamaica, Power from Louisbourg, Allen from Newfoundland, Conklin from N. York, Wade from N. Carolina, and Gibbs from Philadelphia.