

N O R W I C H, APRIL 22.

*This Evening, a little after 7 o'Clock, Mr. David Nevins, who Yesterday Forenoon, went Express from this Town, to obtain Intelligence, returned from Providence, with the following important Advices.*

ON Tuesday Evening last, Advice was received here from Boston----that a Detachment of the King's Troops had fired upon and killed a Number of the Inhabitants of Lexington, about Twelve Miles from Boston; in Consequence of which an Engagement had happened.

Upon receiving this alarming Intelligence, the Inhabitants of Providence immediately assembled the Officers of the Independant Companies and Militia, with a Number of Gentlemen of the Town, had a Meeting, and two Expresses were dispatched for Lexington to obtain authentic Accounts while others were sent to different parts of this Colony and Connecticut.

The Expresses that went to Lexington returned Yesterday Morning, and relate in Substance the following.

" On Tuesday Night, the 18th Instant, about 1300 Troops very privately embarked at Charlestown-Ferry, in Boats, and after Landing at Cambridge, proceeded towards Concord, in order, as is supposed, to destroy the Province Magazine.

" At Lexington, early next Morning, they came up with a small Number of Men, who were performing the Manual Exercise, and after accosting them in Language the most prophane and insulting, ordered them to lay down their Arms and disperse, which they at first refused to do, but on being threatened they began to disperse, and were immediately fired upon and 8 of them killed.

" The Troops afterwards proceeded to Concord, where they destroyed about 60 Barrels of Flour, and some Gun-carriges; after which they began to retreat, when about 300 Americans coming up, a Skirmish ensued.

" At Lexington the troops received a Reinforcement of 1000 Men and Two Field-pieces, notwithstanding which, the Americans continued to push them closely, and pursued them about 12 Miles, to Bunker's Hill, in Charlestown, when Night coming on the firing ceased. Our People not thinking it prudent to attack them in so advantageous a Situation without Artillery.

" The Troops immediately intrenched on the Hill, and the Americans, after placing a strong Guard to observe their Motions, marched to Cambridge, at which, and other Places, large Bodies of Americans have since assembled.

" On Thursday the 20th Instant, about four o'Clock in the Afternoon, the Troops suddenly decamped, embarked on board Boats at Charlestown, and returned to Boston. That of the King's Troops, One Lieutenant, and about 70 Privates were killed, a considerable Number wounded, and about 30 taken Prisoners, among whom are Two Captains: That on the Part of the Americans, about 30 were killed, and 3 or 4 taken Prisoners; not a single wounded Man found alive. The Troops having, with a Barbarity heretofore unpractised by British Soldiers, destroyed all they met with: That at Lexington they burnt Four dwelling and Two Out Houses, an aged Man whom they found sick in his Bed, was run through with a Bayonet; and Two aged and infirm Persons were shot in another House: That although the Americans were continually reinforced by small Parties, not more than 300 were at any Time engaged: That they behaved with the greatest Intrepidity; and had they been joined by the main Body which assembled at Concord, while waiting to receive the Troops on another Road, (which it was expected they would take) it is believed the whole Corps would have been cut off."

After the Troops had returned into Boston, 1500 of the Americans marched to Marshfield, in Order to engage what Troops they should find there.

This Morning two Gentlemen, Members of Rhode Island Assembly, at Providence, informed Mr. Nevins That on their Way from the Eastward, they heard a heavy and continued Firing, which they imagined was another Engagement, between the Americans and King's Troops at Marshfield; and added, that they perceived in that Quarter, a Line of Fire, about Half a Mile in Length, which had much the Appearance of Building burning.