

will, I will cruise it to be shed—I will only attack you once—but the valor of the Frenchmen will strike with astonishment the four quarters of the world—you shall pay to the troops whom I command, the tribute of your barbarity."

This high flown message has too much the appearance of boasting to induce us to believe in General Jourdan's. It is neither the style nor the thought of a commander confident of his own courage and the valor of his troops—it is the gigantic bombast of a bravo, endeavoring to inspire terror by empty threats. When Darius went to enter Scythia, the King of the Barbarians sent him five arrows, a frog, a snake, and a bird, an answer which the great King found terrible; had he written him a letter, says Rousseau, the more threatening it had been, the less would Darius have been afraid, he would only have laughed at it.

The Arch Duke Charles would no doubt have laughed at being treated as a murderer by the general of a nation, which may be reproached with having shed too much blood. Those who gallantly fight us in arms are not butchers, they are our enemies: let us be satisfied with conquering them, and let us not insult them.—It would appear that our Generals have not so good secretaries as soldiers.

From the LONDON GAZETTE.

May 21.

Extract of a letter from Adam Duncan, Esq. Admiral of the Blue, and commander in chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the North Seas, to Mr. Nepean, Secretary to the Admiralty, dated Venerable, at sea, May 16, 1796—afternoon, Texel, S. E. by E. distance 15 leagues.

Be pleased to acquaint the lords commissioners of the Admiralty, that on the 12th instant, at day light (the Texel then bearing N. W. by W. distance about 8 leagues) I discovered a frigate and brig standing in the fleet, making the private signal to speak with me;—they proved to be his Majesty's ships Pegasus and Sylph sloop, whom I had ordered to cruise off Neze or Norway. Captain Connelly came on board, and informed me, that in consequence of their information he had received on the 8th inst. of the Dutch frigate Argo and three national brigs—having left Flickerod the day before, bound to Texel, he proceeded off the outland coast, and on the morning of 9th got sight of them. He kept near them all day, but lost sight of them about 10 o'clock that night, and judging it proper to make me acquainted therewith, directed Captain White on the Sylph, to steer a different course to himself in order to fall in with him, and luckily they both joined. Having consulted with capt. Connelly, and found they could not be many leagues from us, I immediately dispatched captain Halsted in the Phoenix together with the Leopard, Pegasus, and Sylph, to proceed to the northward of the Texel, and spread the rest of the Squadron—All the ships had just made sail about five o'clock, when the signal was made for seeing the Dutch frigate and brigs; made the signal for a general chase, it then blowing strong at W. N. W. with very hazy weather. At a little before 9 o'clock the Phoenix got up with the Dutch frigate Argo, mounting 36 guns, and manned with 217 men, and after a very smart action of about half an hour (during which time she made every effort to get off) she struck to the Phoenix's superior fire; for the particulars of which must beg to refer their lordships to captain Halsted's letter herewith inclosed, who, I have the pleasure to say, has on this and every other occasion, whilst under my command, shewn himself to be a most active, zealous, and excellent officer.

We continued in chase of the brigs, leaving the Powerful to assist capt. Halsted in shifting the prisoners, &c. at 10 o'clock we saw the Leander and Pegasus near two of the brigs, (which we have since found to be the Echo of 18 guns, and the De Geit, of 14 guns) but it was so hazy and blowing so hard, we soon lost sight of them, however by the inclosed letter I received from capt. Connelly, their lordships will be informed they were both run on shore near Bath about ten

leagues to the Eastward of the Texel.

The Leander, I find, stood as near the shore, as he could with safety, and saw one aground, and from the report of the master of one of the cutters I sent on shore after, found one of them was completely lost: the other had beat over a shoal and got to an anchor. As it blew a perfect storm the next day on shore, have reason to believe she is lost also.

We stood after the other brig, and a little before eleven she struck to the Sylph; she proves to be the Mercury, of 16 guns, all of which except two she had thrown overboard during the chase, and manned with 35 men. We then found ourselves so far the eastward with the wind on shore, which obliged us to carry a prett of sail, and in the night it came to blow a very hard gale of wind, which continued the whole of the next day; and the day following being more moderate, was rejoined by the Powerful Phoenix and Brilliant together with the Dutch Frigate and the Duke of York bye-boat from Yarmouth to Hamburgh, which had been captured by the Argo the day before, and taken by the Phoenix on the 12th. The frigate is in an excellent condition, and in a few days might be got ready for sea and made a complete cruiser.

ADAM DUNCAN.

PHILADELPHIA, August 4.

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THE WESTERN POSTS TAKEN POSSESSION OF.

Extract of a letter from Capt. James Eruff to the Secretary of War, dated Fort Oswego or Ontario, July 15, 1796.

"I have the pleasure to inform you that the British commandant of Fort Ontario wrote to me on the 13th inst. that the king's stores were embarked and sent off, that he wished to get away with the detachment next morning at day light, and requested me to send an officer that day as early as possible.

In consequence of this information and request, I instantly dispatched an officer; and next day (being the 14th) followed with the troops and two field pieces. On my arrival found the British garrison gone and Lieut. Elmer in possession of the fort. Immediately I landed the detachment and artillery and marched in, the music playing the president's march; and under a federal salute, displayed the flag of the United States from the citadel.

"With pleasure I mention that the British commandant left the barracks and every other buildings clean and in best order they could admit or and we feel ourselves much indebted to capt. Clark and lieut. Fothergill, for the excellent order in which they left their gardens filled with vegetables and fruit."

What think ye of the Treaty now?

Had ten thousand men been employed in besieging the Western Posts—had one half of them fallen by sickness and the sword during the siege—had one half the residue been sacrificed in carrying the works by storm the acquisition would have excited universal joy and triumph throughout the United States. Bonfires, &c. &c. &c. would have been exhibited; and the sad tale of slaughtered thousands would have been drowned in shouts of applause to the surviving victors. The Posts are taken, and not one drop of blood shed! Eternal praises to the God of peace and Negotiation, thanks to his servants, the President, Vice President, Messrs. Jay, Hamilton, Knox, Wolcott and Pickering—thanks to the majority in both houses of Congress—and let all the people say AMEN.

* Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord. Isaiah

NEW BERN, August 29.

DIED] On Wednesday last, at his seat in this county, JOHN DALY, Esq. for many years a respectable inhabitant, and a useful magistrate.

Returns of the last election

HYDE. Henry Sibley, Thomas Jordan and James Watson.

PITT. Samuel Simpson. Holland Johnston and Frederick Bryan.

MARTIN. Ebenezer Slade. John Stewart and ——— Himan.

BRAUFORT. J. G. Blount. Thomas Ellison and John Kennedy.

EDGCOMB. Nathan Mayo. John Leigh and Bethie Bell.

JONES. John Hatch. William Bush and Benjamin Fordham.

WAYNE. Richard Kinne. John Garland, jun. and Benjamin Fort.

DUBLIN. Joseph Rhodes. Daniel Giffson and ——— Middleton.

GLASGOW. Benjamin Shepard. Gard Shepard and John Holliday.

LENOIR. William White. Probate Collier and Shadrach Hooten.

HALIFAX. S. W. Carney. J. A. Tabb and Eaton Pugh.

NORTHAMPTON. John M. Penford. Benjamin Williams and Henry Peterson.

ONSLOW. Christopher Dudley. Zachariah Barrow and Dr. Loomis.

CORTERET. Col. John Fulford. Eder Jones and James Wallace.

TOWN OF HALIFAX. W. R. Davie.

WILMINGTON. Henry Urquhart.

EDENTON. Thomas Johnston.

A return of the votes, in the tenth district, for the election of a Representative in Congress.

Counties.	N. Bryan.	R. D Spaight	Majority.
			Bryan.
Jones	357	75	282
Lenoir	353	70	283
Johnston	310	72	237
Wayne	359	126	233
			Spaight
Glasgow	137	74	5
Craven	267	75	459
Hyde	187	236	69
Carteret	69	281	212

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310 majority for N. Bryan.

James Sibley, William Barry Groce, Thomas Blount and Dempsey Burgess, Esqrs. are re-elected representatives of their respective districts in Congress.

LOST,

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OR
MONTHLY REVIEW,
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July 30.