

NEW BERN, November 14, 1777.

Since our last, there have several Letters been received from Officers of this State at Head Quarters, and all of them agree that Lord and General Howe have made a most vigorous Effort to pass our Forts on Delaware; that the Augusta, a 64 Gun Ship, with four Frigates, had got up to Fort Mifflin, and continued a very heavy Cannonade for some Time, which was answered with equal Spirit from the Fort; and that at the same Time 3000 Hessians, under Count Donop, attacked the Fort by Land. That our People in the Fort sent down with the Tide a large Fire-Raft, which grappled the Augusta, and in a few Minutes set her in a Flame, when she blew up, and the Explosion was so violent as to carry with it the Aurora Frigate, which lay very near. It is also said, that very few of the Crews of those Ships escaped. The Hessians were attacked at the same Time by a Sally from the Forts, and entirely defeated, with the Loss of 600 killed and wounded, and Count Donop taken Prisoner. We hourly expect a Confirmation of the interesting Particulars. No Certainty with Regard to the Movements of Howe's Army.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in the continental Army, dated Head Quarters, October 10.

"In the late Battle of Germantown, we had the good Fortune to take General Howe's orderly Book, by which appears a true State of their whole Strength, and their killed and wounded, in the late Battle of Brandywine.

A State of the British Force and Disposition, September 11, 1777. At the Upper Ford, under Lieut. Gen. Lord Cornwallis.

	Men.	Killed & wounded.
2 Regiments British Grenadiers, }	1740	612
2 do. Light Infantry, }	2240	360
2 Brigades British, }	800	60
1 do. Hessian, }	80	46
Ferguson's Riflemen, }		
	4860	1078

Middle Ford, under Major General Gray.

2 Battalions of Guards,	500
2 do. 42 Highlanders,	700
2 do. 72 do.	700

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Lower Ford (Chad's) under Lieut. Gen. Kniphausen.

2 Brigades British, consisting of the 4, 5, 10, 15, 23, 27, 28, 40, 49, and 55 Regiments, }	2240	580
1 Brigade Hessians,	800	28
Queen's Rangers,	480	290

Whole Strength, 10280 898

Total killed and wounded, 1976

STATE of NORTH-CAROLINA.

By his Excellency RICHARD CASWELL, Esq; Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief of the State.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS I have received authenticated Intelligence that General Burgoyne, and the whole Army under his Command, after repeated Losses, surrendered themselves Prisoners of War to General GATES on the Fourteenth Day of October last: To the End therefore that we may not presumptuously attribute the late signal Successes gained over our Enemies to our own Strength, and thereby forget the Interposition of Divine Providence in our Behalf, whose Assistance we have experienced, and more especially in this Particular, wherein the Goodness of GOD has been so visibly demonstrated; I have thought proper, with the Advice of the Council of State, to issue this Proclamation, appointing Friday the Twenty Eighth Day of this Instant to be observed in all Churches and Congregations in this State as a Day of GENERAL and SOLEMN THANKSGIVING, and I do strictly enjoin the several Ministers and Preachers of the Gospel to embrace this Opportunity of testifying, in the most solemn Manner, those Sentiments of Gratitude which the happy Event so justly demands.

GIVEN under my Hand, and the Seal of the State, at Newbern, the Eighth Day of November, in the Second Year of the Independence of the said State.

RICHARD CASWELL.

By his Excellency's Command.

J. GLASGOW, Secretary of the State.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

PAPER MANUFACTORY.

BY our unhappy Contest with Great Britain, and the necessary Restrictions on our Trade, Paper has been an Article in which we, in this State, have much suffered, for though there are many Paper Mills in the Northern Colonies, where Paper is made in great Perfection, yet, by the Interruption of the Colon Trade by Water, the Southern Colonies have experienced a very great Scarcity of that necessary Article. To remedy this Evil and throw in their Mite towards the Perfection of American Manufactures, the Proprietors of a PAPER MILL just erected near Hillsborough, in Orange County, give Notice to the Public, that their Mill is now ready to work, and if a sufficient Quantity of Rags can be had, they will be able to supply this State with all Sorts of Paper. They therefore request the Favour of the Public, and more particularly the Mistresses of Families, and the Ladies in general, whose more peculiar Province it is, to save all their Rags and Scraps of Linen of all Sorts; old Thread Stockings, Thrums from their Linen Looms, and every Kind of Linen, is useful. As this Undertaking is novel, saving of Rags may perhaps be thought too trifling, and below the Notice of the good Matrons of this State; but when they consider they are aiding and assisting in a necessary Manufacture, and when the young Ladies are assured, that by sending to the Paper Mill an old Handkerchief, no longer fit to cover their snowy Breasts, there is a Possibility of its returning to them again in the more pleasing Form of a Billet Deaux from their Lovers, the Proprietors flatter themselves with great Success. Persons in the several Towns and Counties in the State will be appointed to receive Rags, for which a good Price will be given.

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JAMES DAVIS.

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