

The two brig, the Alceste and the Railleur, were immediately ordered to make sail to windward, to prevent the enemy's light vessel from continuing her soundings.

The signals for lowering the hammocks, and making ready for fight; for announcing the resolution of engaging at anchor; and for recalling the men on board their respective ships, were all made at three.

The long boats employed in waiting were also recalled; a boat was hastily dispatched from the Arctique to the shoals of Roberts, to acquaint the transports there with the appearance of the enemy; and finally the frigates and corvettes were ordered, to send as many of their men as possible on board the ships of the line.

The enemy's Squadron continued to advance with a press of sail; after standing off a considerable distance, to avoid the breakers of the island, it hauled its wind, shortened sail, and clearly manifested a design to attack us.

At the quarters after five, the battery on the island threw some bombs, which fell into the van of the enemy's line. At six the admiral threw out the signal for commencing the engagement, and shortly after, the two head most ships began firing.

Several of the enemy's vessels having suddenly shortened sail, had turned the head of our line, and letting go their anchor, with a cable astern, had ranged along side, between us and the land; while others had, moored themselves within pistol shot of us, on the other side; by this manœuvre, all our vessels, as far down as the Tonnant, found themselves completely enveloped, and placed between two fires. It appeared to us that in executing this manœuvre, two of their vessels had run aground; one of them however, was immediately got off.

The attack and the defence were extremely brisk. The whole of our van was attacked on both sides, and sometimes raked. In this disorder, and involved as we were in continual clouds of smoke, it was extremely difficult to distinguish the different movements of the line.

At the beginning of the action, the admiral, all the superior officers, first commissary and about twenty pilots, and masters of transports, were on the poop of the ship, employed in serving the musquetry. All the soldiers and sailors, were ordered to the guns on the main and lower decks; the twelve pounders were not half manned.

After the action had lasted about an hour the admiral was wounded in the body and in the hand; he then came down from the poop and a short time after, was killed on the quarter deck.

Obliged to defend ourselves on both sides, we gave up the twelve pounders; but the twenty-four, and thirty six's kept up their fire with all possible ardour. The Franklin and the Tonnant appeared to be in as critical a situation as ourselves.

The English having utterly destroyed our van, suffered their ships to drift toward, still ranging along our line and taking their different stations around us; while we (M. S. illegible) van cut off, were frequently obliged to veer away our cable, or our hawser, to enable us to prevent our broadside to the enemy.

One of their ships, however, which lay close on the starboard side totally disabled, ceased her fire, and cut her cable, to get out of the reach of the guns; but obliged to defend ourselves against two others who were furiously thundering upon us, on the larboard quarter, and on the starboard bow, we were again compelled to heave in some of our cable.

The 26 and 24 pounders were still firing briskly, when an explosion took place on the left of the quarter deck. We had already had a boat on fire; but we had cut it away and so avoided the danger. We had also thrown a hammock, and some other things, which were on flames, overboard, but this third time, the fire spread so rapidly and instantaneously amongst the fragments of every kind, with which the poop was incumbered, that all was soon in flames. The fire pumps had been

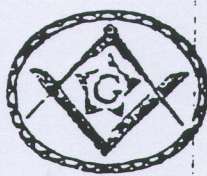
were attacked, and obliged to strike in the morning. The Arctique was set on fire at 8 o'clock, and the Syracuse sunk.

The Guillaume Tell, the Genezeux, the Timoleon, the Diana, and the Justice, with their colours still flying, were engaged with some English vessels during a part of the morning, but this division, with the exception of the Timoleon, set their sails, about 11 o'clock, and stood off to sea.

The Timoleon ran ashore; and we have since heard that the captain, after landing all his men, set her on fire the next morning, to prevent her falling into the hands of the enemy.

Such are the results of this horrible affair and we have detailed them as they presented themselves to our memory, not having been able to prefer a paper or note of any kind. Rear Admiral GANTEAUME.

FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.



THE REPUBLICAN LODGE will meet in conjunction with the HARMONY LODGE, at Br.

HOUGHTON'S, in Northfield, on Monday, the 24th day of June, at 9 o'clock, A. M. to celebrate the Festival of St. JOHN the Baptist. The members of the Republican Lodge are directed to attend.

By order of the Rt. W. Master, CALEB ALVORD, Sec'y. Greenfield, June 5, A. L. 5799.

AN ASSORTMENT OF Books and Stationary, IS NOW, AND CONSTANTLY WILL BE KEPT FOR SALE, AT THE POST OFFICE, UNDER THE PRINTING OFFICE.

WHERE MAY BE HAD, ACCOUNT BOOKS of all sizes. JUSTICES BLANKS, BLANK DEEDS, &c. &c. T. DICEMAN. Cash or Books for Rags.

J. Chandler & Brothers WILL GIVE NINE PENCE PER POUND FOR GOOD BUTTER,

Delivered at their Store in COLRAIN. June 15, 1799.

WANTED, 10 or 12,000 White Oak Barrel STAVES and HEADING, for which good pay will be made on delivery at my shop in Greenfield. WILLIAM WAIT. June 15, 1799.

A Runaway.

RAN away from the Subscriber, the 9th inst. an indented BOY, named MOSES CURTIS, 5 feet 3 inches high, 19 years of age; fair complexion, dark short hair; wore off a light colored coat, dark overalls, swaddow, waistcoat, and black felt hat. Whoever will take up and return said Apprentice, or give information where he shall be handsomely rewarded, and all necessary charges paid.

ALL persons are cautioned against harboring, employing, or assisting said Boy be penalty of the law. NATHANIEL W. WILLIAMS. Warrant, 1st June 1799.

Greenfield, June 8, 1799.

John Williams, jun. Has just received, and now for sale at his store a few rods below Deerfield River Bridge—By wholesale and retail—

West India GOODS AND GROCERIES:

- AMONG WHICH ARE,
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| Best Coniac Brandy; | Loaf & Brown Sugars; |
| W. I. Rum; | Allspice; |
| Holland Gin; | Ginger; |
| Sherry & Port Wines; | Rice; |
| Hyfon & Bonea Tea; | Crockery; |
| Pepper; | Bar Lead; |
| | Salt. |
- He expects likewise to receive in a few days—
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| N. E. Rum; | Raisins; |
| Molasses; | Cotton; |
| Hyfon Skin Tea; | 9 by 7, & 8 by 6 Glais; |
| Lump Sugar; | Tobacco; |
| Coffee; | Tar, &c. &c. |
| Chocolate; | |
| Cod Fish; | |

All which will be sold low for ready pay.—Business transacted on Commission.—Storage for Goods.

WANTED—A small quantity of STAVES, HEADING, & HOOP POLES. Deerfield, June 8th, 1799.

HUNTER.

That noted Horse stands for covering this season, at the stable of ELIJAH LAMB.—For terms enquire of JOHN E. HALL.

Wanted by said Hall, a quantity of Boards & Shingles. Greenfield, May 25, '99.

Notice is hereby given to all persons that have any demands on the estate of THOMAS FELLOWS, late of Rowe, deceased, to lodge their demands with Willis Fellows, at Shelburne, or the subscriber, at Rowe, on or before the 30th inst. in order for settlement—and those indebted are requested to do the same.

PRUDENCE FELLOWS. Rowe, June 8, 1799.

Notice this!

THE prospects of the Subscriber will immediately call him from this town. He requests all persons indebted to him, for Papers, Advertisements, Books, &c. to make immediate payment to Messrs. NEWTON & GREEN, with whom he leaves his accounts for settlement. FRANCIS BARKER. Greenfield, 17th June, '99.

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