

boat to boat and see it done, for otherways some of the seamen would throw the souldiers overboard if they did not belong to them, or the souldiers would have pressed into boats to have sunk them. After my being at the point not less than three hours, the men were most off, and every thing still quiet, the boats were all gone; I began to think, because I see none a coming they thought the men were all off, I questioned how many men were upon the point, some said 150, we judged about 100 or 120 I told them I would see if any boats were coming, rowed off and heard several boats rowing, went to them and ordered them to hasten to the shoar; and though I thought there might be enough to take off all the men, yet they should rather have too many than want. I told them I would go to the next vessels that had boats aboard and send them away, which I did with all speed. Being now well satisfied our men were safe off, I went on board Sir William's ship, I acquainted how matters were, told him I hoped the guns were off, for did not see them when I came away; he made answer, he questioned, for the master gunner had been aboard long before, and could not give account they were off, immediately came one of the gunners aboard, with a gun, and said that the guns were all off, I then being satisfied that both men and guns were all off, I went to my cabin, to take my rest, having had but little for 3 days and nights before. Soon after Mr. Dearing came aboard, who came off in the last parcel of boats, and acquainted some of the officers and divers others, that there was five of the guns ashore, that they had been under water, but appeared when he came away; they did not acquaint Sir William nor myself of it, until the next morning, for we had come off undiscovered, and there was four or five hours time that they might been easily and safely fetched, but that was neglected; they sent in the morning, but then it was too late.

The 14th day a council was called, several, but not all the commanders aboard, they discoursed of landing at the town, or at Orleance, many of the officers declared that many of their men were sick and unfit for service; however, it was agreed that the men should have a day or two's time to refresh themselves, and to enquire what capacity wee were in for a further attempt, and some time should be spent on bloody in prayer, to seek God's direction, but the weather prevented our meeting, and wee necessitated to weigh and fall down to Orleance, many vessels drove on upon the town; wee then sent ashore about our captives, but winds and weather after proved such, as wee had never op-

portunity to come together, but the whole fleet were scattered, and such exceeding hard cold and windy weather sett in for 3 weeks or a month together, as I never was in so much together.

This narrative given into the honourable council of the Massachusetts, this 27th Nov. 1690.

P. JOHN WALLLEY.

The land army's failing, the enemy's too timely intelligence, lying 3 weeks within 3 days sail of the place, by reason whereof they had opportunity to bring in the whole strength of their country, the shortness of our ammunition, our late setting out, our long passidie, and many sick in the army these may be reckned as some of the reasons of our disappointment.

Some question our courage, that we proceeded no further; as things were circumstanced, others would a questioned our prudence, if wee had; were it a fault, it was the act of a council of warr; we most undergoe the censures of many; In the mean time, our consciences doe not accuse us, neither are we most, yea almost all; of us, afraid or ashamed to answer our actions, before any that can or shall call us to an account for the same, nor unwilling to give any farther satisfaction to any reasonable men that shall desire it.

JOHN WALLLEY:

Boston, the 27th Nov. 1690.

*By the favour of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor we are enabled to prefix the preface with the following important proceedings of his Majesty's Privy Council respecting the Hessian Fly; the more interesting to us, as we have seen it asserted in the news papers that this pernicious insect has appeared in the latter province.*

No. 1. LETTER from Mr. BOND, Consul at Philadelphia, to the Marquis of CARMAATHEN, 22d April 1738.

Philadelphia, April 22, 1738.

MR LORD,

AS I find some merchants here have in contemplation to ship wheat from hence to England, under a hope the ports may be opened when their cargoes arrive; I think it my duty to inform your Lordship, that the growth of wheat, for several years past, in most of the middle states, has been greatly injured by an insect called the Hessian Fly, whose ravages have been progressive, and in some instances ruinous.

It seems at present, my Lord, quite uncertain where this destructive insect depo-