

"Minutes of the Invasion and Surprise of the Town of Lunenburg, the 1st July, 1782.

"At the rising of the Sun the Town was alarmed by the firing of a number of small guns near the Blockhouse and Mr. Creighton's. The Case was that Mr. Creighton's Servant having perceived a large company of armed men coming on the road from the Commons, had acquainted his master thereof. The Night Guard being already gone off, Colonel Creighton only with 5 men got into the Blockhouse and at the approach of the Enemy, they fired at and wounded 3 men of the Enemy. The Rebels directly divided into several Parties, 2 of which ran to our 2 Batteries, Spiked the Guns, broke everything, turned the Guns and Balls down to the water; Some remained at Mr. Creightons, Spoiled and burnt his house and Effects, they took himself with five men and their vessels being now come round the Point, they carried the Colonel with the others Prisoners on board their vessels. In the meantime other Parties has overrun the Town, entered every house, seized all arms which they either beat to pieces or kept them particularly the Silber Hilted Swords, Regimentals to themselves. When their Vessels were in, which were in all six viz.—One Brigantine, a large Schooner a Row Galley, a Sloop and 2 small Schooners, they landed more men with some Carriage Guns, which they carried up and placed them near the old fort with a main Guard to secure themselves against our Country People that might come in that way. Now they fell a Plundering the chief houses and the Shops which they cleared all. The Sufferers are chiefly:—Mr. Creighton, his house Robed and burnt. Do the Store on the Wharf cleared, Mr. Forster's Store, Mr. Jessens House, spoiled and Robed, Mr. Wollenhaupt's Stores, Mr. Donig's shop, Geo. Roch, John Christopher's shop, Mr. Munichs and several other small shops; these are to my certain Knowledge, but there are many more Robberies and Damages done whereof I am not yet informed. I am not able to value the whole Loss but think it will nearly amount to £12,000. In Town we are at present almost without Arms, Ammunition, Provisions and Merchandise: besides I hear they have carried off from some houses—Money, Gold and Silver. The Surprise was so sudden that we had no alarm except by the Report of the firing at the Blockhouse. When I saw that Col. Creighton was carried off, I ventured to expose myself by going from house to house to see Matters and if anything