

Of the second battle, which was fought April 17th, 1780, Mr. Wiswall says:—

“Both fleets got into very good line ahead the enemy to windward. At one o'clock our van began the action near the centre of the enemy's line, passing on to their van; and in less than an hour after the whole fleet came into action. The firing continued until about three o'clock, and then ceased on both sides, the French standing to the northward and we to the southward.

The loss on board the *Boyne* was only two men killed, one on the quarter deck and the other on the forecastle. The shot that killed the man on the quarter deck passed very near my son Peleg. Thank God we had not a man wounded. The 18th was spent in repairing our shattered ship. At sunrise on the 19th, tacked and stood to the northward. On the 20th and the following day, saw the enemy's fleet, but prevailing calms prevented us bringing into action.

“On the British side twenty sail were engaged in this battle.”

Arriving in London after four years of life in the navy, Mr. Wiswall replied to a letter which he had received while he was in the West Indies, from his friend, the Rev. Jacob Bailey, who was in Halifax when he wrote to Mr. Wiswall. As has been seen, Mr. Wiswall himself had spent three months in this city. His entrance into the capital of loyal Nova Scotia was worthy of a staunch loyalist. It was on the 27th of September, 1776, that the *Rainbow*, a cloud of white canvas, came up the harbor, having for her commander Captain George Collier. Every sailor was at his post, either on the yard arms or on the decks, some ready to take in and furl the sails; others to touch off the guns in saluting the forts. With loyal flags flying and cannon booming, Mr. Wiswall entered the city. Dr. Breynton was ready to give the chaplain of the *Rainbow* a hearty greeting, as were other distinguished citizens. Contrast this entrance into Halifax with that of his friend and correspondent, the Rev. Jacob Bailey.

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