

to spare, but sent us about a Bisket Cake a Man, and ordered that we should come aboard again, (for they understood that was not a good place to let upon the Town, being a very strong place, Walled all round, and a Battery of Guns at our coming over the River.) and did send fifty Seamen to look after the six Field-pieces. At night we began to go on board, and I with my Regiment was to go aboard first, by the Lieutenant General's Order, because we were ashore first. We did so, and got well aboard, and by twelve of the Clock were all aboard. But how it came to pass I know not, but some say it was the Lieutenant General's Fault, but I rather think the Seamen, that was to look after the Guns; but there was five of the Field-pieces left on shore. And then when all was on board, because Provisions was Scarce, we thought good to make the best of our way back again. So that we are all well arrived, only two Vessels cast away, nine of the Men lost, one Ship burnt, but saved all the Men, and four Vessels not yet come in, who we believe are beat off the Coast*. You will without doubt hear many Reflections upon Lieutenant General *Walley*: but he is not guilty of what they charge him with; but there are some, who to make themselves Faultless, lay the Fault upon him, which might be easily evinced to a Rational Man. We killed of the French at our coming ashore above Thirty, as some who have made a Computation of what they saw in several places lay dead, say. We lay not far from the shore, and the General sent his Boat ashore* to Treat about Change of Prisoners, which we did, and changed 17 we had taken*, for 17 English Prisoners that had been with them a pretty while. Our Prisoners informed us of the Truth of the Quantity of Men in the Town, as is above; and that if we had gone over the River, we had certainly been destroyed; So that I look there was a Providence of God in it; yet if they had sent Ammunition and Provision we had certainly been with them.

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5 or 6 Weeks af-
ter the Fleet
to Boston.

* Was an Old
French Woman

* A thought when
was the Prisoner
Old Experience
Officer, lately
turned Priest and
has been formerly
in Boston and
well acquainted
with the Sixteen
New Englanders.