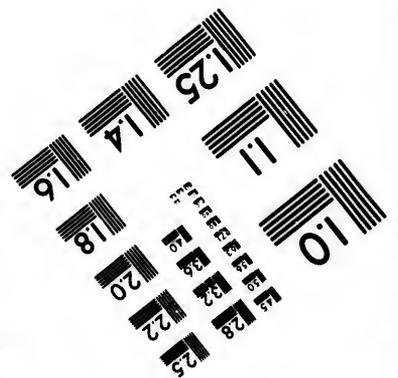
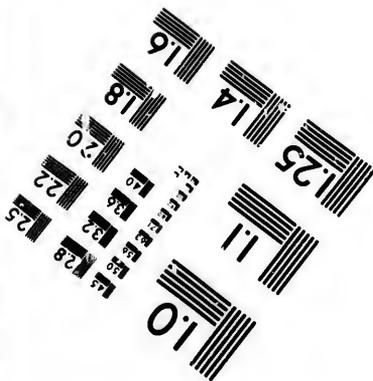
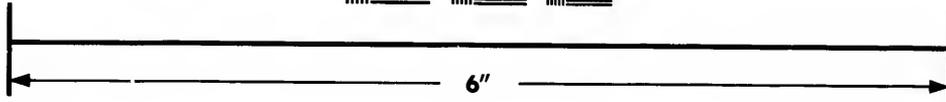
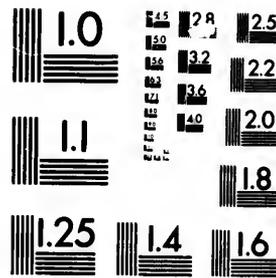


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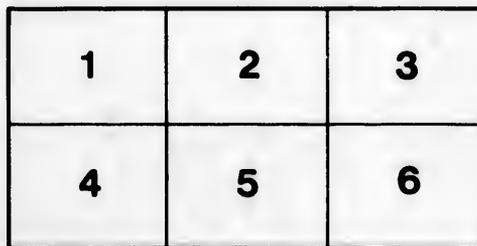
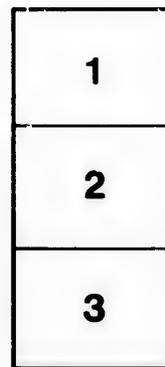
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A DECLARATION made upon Oath at Boston, in New England, before Governor SHIRLEY, and signed by his Excellency. (See p. 577.)

Philemon Sanders of Salem, mariner, and late master and owner of the schooner *Charming Molly*; declares and says, that he was taken on the 9th of August last, near a place on the coast of *Nova Scotia*, call'd *Witchehead*, 5 leagues westward of *Canso*, by a French man of war of 30 guns, named the *Magere*, and by her carried into *Chebucto*, where he arrived about four days after he was taken, and found the duke *D'Anville*, admiral of the French Squadron, with 5 sail of ships of war, and as many transports in the said harbour. That 3 days after the declarant's arrival, the duke *D'Anville* died at *Chebucto*, on board the *Northumberland*, and was buried on a small island about four miles within the mouth of the harbour. That two days after the death of the duke *D'Anville*, the French rear-admiral, with about 40 sail of ships, consisting of men of war and transports, arrived at *Chebucto*, and joined the rest of the fleet; that the declarant was informed by many of the French officers, that the whole fleet when they sail'd from *Rochford*, consisted of 97 sail, among which there were about 30 sail of men of war, 4 whereof were 70 gun ships, and were parted from the fleet by bad weather, and supposed to be gone to *Martinico*; that upon the fleet's first coming into harbour they were much shatter'd by bad weather, and the men very sickly; that they landed their sick at *Chebucto* for their refreshment; and the whole of the land forces from *France*, which were encamp'd on shore, he is well satisfied by his own observation of the tents, officers and men (having been permitted to go on shore without restraint) amounted to 7 or 8000.

That the declarant was informed by the French officers that there were 40,000 small arms, with proportionable ammunition and blankets, brought for the French Indians; and that he saw upwards of 100 chests of small arms, with a great quantity of lead, landed out of the ship which took this declarant; that besides the land forces brought from *France*, this declarant was informed that there were about 7000 *Canadean French* and *Indians*, but is not sure whether they might not reckon the *Nova Scotians* among them, there being 30 pilots at *Chebucto* from *Menis* and *Schiegnefo*, one

(Supplement to Gent. Mag. 1746.)

of which, who spoke good *English*, he asked how he dared to come there to pilot the enemies ships; upon which he made answer in *English*, that *Annapolis* would soon be taken, and then they should be French subjects again; and added, that the oath they had taken to the king of *Great Britain* obliged them only to be neutrals; that this deponent continued at *Chebucto* a prisoner to the 12th instant, when a flag of truce arrived from *Louisbourg* with 40 French prisoners; that the next day the whole fleet sail'd from *Chebucto*, being about 40 sail, with the wind at N. N. W. and steer'd S. W. along shore for *Cape Sable*, off which Cape, on the 16th Inst. they dismiss'd the flag of truce with two schooners, which the captain of the flag of truce had purchased of the French at *Chebucto*, in one of which he put this declarant as master, with six other *Englishmen*, who forc'd this deponent to come to *New England*, where he arrived this day at *Cape Anne*, and he supposes the flag of truce, with the other schooner, is gone to *Louisbourg*, where the captain had ordered him to go: this declarant further says, that six of the French ships that sail'd out of *Chebucto* were men of war of 61 guns each, two of 54, one of 44, and about twelve of 30 guns, 1 bomb vessel, and 18 transports; and he further says, that it was the general discourse in the French fleet, when they sail'd from *Chebucto*, that the whole fleet was bound for *Annapolis Royal*, and that the aforesaid 30 pilots of *Nova Scotia* were taken on board the fleet for that purpose: that Capt. *Dolabaratz*, commander of the *Bristol* frigate, of 30 guns, formerly an *English* privateer, informed this deponent, that the French admiral wrote to the court of *France*, by a packet he sent home, that he would keep the seas, in order to get into the harbour of *Annapolis*, till the 15th of *November*, N. S. if he did not get in sooner; that this deponent was further informed, by several of the officers on board the French ships, that soon after the fleet arrived, a snow was detach'd from them with packets to the court of *France*, to inform them of the arrival of the said fleet at *Chebucto*, and their joining the *Indians* and *Canadeans* there; that they were preparing to sail for *Annapolis Royal*, and that the captain of the said snow had orders, in case she should be taken by the *English*, to ransom his vessel at any rate; and this declarant says, that the ship *Magere* (by which he was taken) being a prime sailor, was fitted and put

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in order to be ready to sail for *France* (as the captain of the said ship, and the aforesaid captain *Doltbaratz* often told him) upon their becoming masters of *Annapolis Royal*, to inform the *French* court thereof, upon which intelligence they expected 18 *French* ships of the line and 22 *Spanish* men of war of the line, would be sent early in the spring to join their fleet upon the coast, which this deponent observed was a matter generally believed and depended upon amongst them. This deponent further says, he saw a great number of large brass cannon taken out of a *Dutch* fly-boat, and sent on board the admiral, which he was told were to the number of fifty, and were to be put ashore at *Annapolis Royal*: this declarant further saith, that, while he was at *Chebucto*, he saw about 20 officers, who, he was informed, were all engineers, being dressed in grey, with black velvet cuffs, and metal buttons, and long pockets, which, he was told, was the proper habit of *French* engineers. This deponent further declares, that it was a general discourse among the officers, that the merchants of *St Maloes* (whose interest in the navigation depended on the fish trade) had suffered too much by the taking of *Cape Breton*, that they petitioned the *French* king to permit them to fit out an armament in order to the taking of *Annapolis Royal*; but the *French* ministry advised his majesty to undertake it himself, because the revenue arising from the fish trade would be an ample recompence to him for the expence, this declarant further saith, that several of the officers answer'd him that they would ruin and destroy the frontier settlements of the *English* colonies; and he perceived in general that they had a great dependance upon getting a strong footing upon the continent of *North America*.

Boston, Oct. 22. PHIL. SANDERS.
WM SHIRLEY.

Further Declaration made before the Council.

Philemon Sanders of *Salem*, mariner, and late of the schooner *Charming Molly*, in supplement of his declaration made upon oath before his excellency the governor the 22d instant, relating to the *French* fleet at *Chebucto*, further declareth and saith, That three of the said fleet, being men of war of 30 guns, with two smaller ones, left the fleet; and four of them went to *Canada*, the other (a cruizer) return'd and joined the fleet.

the day they sailed from *Chebucto*. Another ship was dispatch'd to *France*, and another to *Martinico*; and further, this declarant saith, that Capt. *Dolabaratz*, commander of the *Bristol* frigate (one of the *French* men of war, formerly an *English* privateer) assured him, that the *French* inhabitants of *Menis* and *Schiegnecto* sent a petition to the *French* king, wherein they undertook, with the help of two 30 gun ships, to reduce his majesty's fort at *Annapolis Royal*, and that the said *French* inhabitants voluntarily supplied the *French* fleet with 500 black cattle, and about 1500 or 2000 sheep; and further this declarant says, that he was informed by the *French* officers, that the said fleet had brought 25 mortars with them; and he further saith, that he had seen divers of the *French* engineers at *Chebucto* with the plan of *Annapolis Royal* before them, which they seem'd very intent upon, and pointed out the proper places for building forts there; and further he saith, he was told by several *French* officers, that it was designed, that the large men of war should winter at *Casco Bay*, within this province. And this declarant further saith, that divers of the *English* prisoners on board the *French* ships inform'd him, that when the fleet struck the ground near the isle of *Sables*, they consisted of 97 sail.

Boston, Oct. 23. PHIL. SANDERS.

* * Nathaniel Knight, mariner, and others, made declaration, on oath, to the same effect.

Success of Dr BARKER's Method of treating the Distemper among Cows.

SIR, *Northampton, Dec. 31, 1746.*

NO motive but a sincere regard to the PUBLIC GOOD engaged me to send you those Remarks founded on Dr *Barker's* reasoning, in his pamphlet relating to the distemper amongst the cattle, which were inserted in your Magazine of the last month.

I have not the pleasure of any personal acquaintance with that ingenious gentleman, nor have I any inclination to debate or decide upon what he has said in his pamphlet with regard to the disease as NOT INFECTIOUS:—But having (since you published my Observations) receiv'd a very obliging letter from him in which he favours me with some account of the SUCCESS of his method which I think may be conducive to the GENERAL GOOD, I thought it incumbent

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