

Pursuant to adjournment, the Assembly again met at Hartford, March 14, 1745. Col. Burr was continued Speaker, and Capt. Fowler, Clerk. The Assembly then proceeded to fix the pay of officers of the expedition. The Major General was voted £100 per month, the Colonel £65, the Lieut. Col. £55, the Major £45. Hon. Roger Wolcot was also granted £300 to provide his tent, bedding, etc., and for the entertainment of the chaplain. Col. Burr, Esq. £120, Simon Lathrop Esq. (Lieut. Col.) £80, and Israel Newton Esq. (Major.) £60 for the same purpose.

The different officers of the regiment were commissioned. The Treasurer was directed to pay to the commissaries twelve thousand pounds in addition to the four thousand already paid, to provide for the needs of the expedition, and an act was passed empowering the Commissaries to impress transports, provisions, etc., when they could not otherwise procure them on just and reasonable terms. In the meantime recruiting had been briskly carried on, and Col. Burr had rendezvoused his regiment of 500 men at New London, where the commissaries had been busy collecting a fleet of transports to receive them. This fleet consisted of 12 vessels,—the Colony sloop of war Defence, the R. I. sloop of war, a Privateer, a snow of Newport, another snow,\* Capt. Rouse, a ship, Capt. Snelling, a brig, a snow and three sloops. One of these was the Jane of Norwalk, subsequently lost off Louisburg, another, the Diamond of Middletown, lost on her return passage from Louisburg, with all on board, and a ship, Capt. Ting.

By the middle of April every thing was in readiness, and the little army, amid a storm of huzzas and farewells from the crowded streets, marched on board the transports, which immediately put to sea, standing out to windward of Block Island, and through the portals of the sound at Montauk into the ocean. †

The fleet was sixteen days at sea, but came safely and dropped anchor; April 30, 1745, in Cabaroosa Bay near the fortress.

Not however, without mishap. On the 23d, they fell in with the French frigate Renomme, 36 guns, from Louisburg, with dispatches to France, which engaged them, and damaged the R. I. sloop of war considerably, but which after an hour's spirited conflict, was glad to haul off and bear away on her voyage. Had she known

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\* A vessel equipped with two masts like the fore and main-masts of a ship, and a third small mast just abaft the main-mast carrying a try-sail.

† The fleet sailed Sunday, April 14, at 11 A. M. (see Journal of Rev. Adonijah Bidwell, chaplain of the expedition.)