

On Friday the 7th instant Seven Independent Companies of Foot of the Militia of this City, being formed into a Battalion by the following Order, viz. The Grenadiers, two Companies of the Governor's Guards, the Rangers, the Germans, one of the Companies of the Artillery, and the Light-Infantry, were, for the first Time, publicly reviewed. — His Excellency Governor TAYLOR, and the other superior Officers, with a splendid Assembly of the principal Ladies and Gentlemen, appeared in the Field. The Officers of the several Companies, perform'd their Parts, in their respective Departments, with great Skill and Regularity; and the Men went thro' the different Exercises and Manoeuvres, with an Order and Dexterity, which did them much Honour. In fine, the Neatness of their Uniforms, the Readiness and Grace with which the various Evolutions were performed, and the Propriety observable on the whole, gave much Satisfaction to the numerous Spectators, and must be agreeable to every one who wishes to see a well disciplin'd Militia amongst us. After the Business of the Day was concluded, a splendid Entertainment was given to the Officers, by their worthy Commander the Governor.

The following remarkable Entry, lately made at the Custom-House at Montreal in Canada, from one House there, of Goods shipped on board a Ship bound to London, may give us some Idea of the Importance of the Fur Trade from that Country, viz. 16019 Beaver Skins, 6990 Martens, 530 Minks, 2162 Otters, 363 Fishers, 9916 Raccoons, 420 Foxes, 1701 Bears, 8407 Pounds of dressed Deers Leather, 11302 Deer Skins in the Hair, 855 Elks, 2512 Musquash, 715 Wolf, 72 Cased Cats, 1237 opened Cats, 3 Beaver Eaters, 394 Pounds of Castor, 11 1/2 Tons of Pot Ash.

A little after 12 o'Clock on Monday Night last, a Fire was discovered in the Sail Loft occupied by Mr. John Wilson near Beekman's Slip, but he being up and near at Hand, himself threw the Things that had taken Fire, out of the Window into the Street, where it was extinguished without any other Damage than the Loss of a small Parcel of Cordage, and Part of an old Sail. Mr. Wilson himself has sent us a circumstantial Account of the above Accident, wherein he contradicts a Report that the Fire happened in the Printing-Office, or thro' Carelessness in any Person; he supposes that when for a few Minutes he stepped out, the Needle with which he was at work might have fallen on a Coal in the Stove, and that the Thread taking Fire communicated it to the Sail, &c.

Friday last the Ship *Dutchess of Gordon*, Capt. Wynne, sailed for London.

Saturday Night the 5th Inst. the Goal at Poughkeepsie, in Dutchess County, was discovered to be on Fire near the Eve, supposed to be done designedly by some Villains, in order to facilitate the Escape of two Horse-Stealers confined therein; but their Schemes were frustrated by the Activity and Care of the Goaler and the Inhabitants that assembled on the Occasion, who happily extinguished the Fire, and prevented the Escape of any of the Prisoners.

Yesterday in the Forenoon, an excellent Charity Sermon was preached at St. Paul's Chapel, by the Revd. Mr. Inglis, when a handsome Collection was made for the Benefit of the Charity School in this City. And,

In the Afternoon of the same Day another excellent Charity Sermon was preached in the New Brick Church, by the Revd. Dr. Rogers, and a handsome Collection made for the Use of the Poor of this Place.

The GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Province, meets here on the 31st January, and Circular Letters are sent, notifying the same, to the respective Members.