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in the best order & every one at his post - as the Alarm guns had been fired before I left the Town - but it was sometime after I got over before the men were posted - then an Alibration took place - which took up some further time - I was posted at a 12 p. in the lower South Battery - for a good half hour & more after I got there I had no Sponges Rammers Tubes nor powder no provision of Water to wet the Sponges at all The wheels of my Gun Carriage were of wood - by their appearance they would <sup>not</sup> have stood many Rounds - & I could find that there was any provision of Spare Ones - In short the whole Oeconomy of the Fort seemed to be rather defective - & ~~was~~ <sup>the place well</sup> far from being in a <sup>Condition</sup> ~~Capacity~~ to make ~~an~~ an effectual resistance against an heavy persevering attack

The fleet which arrived consisted of some Transports & Ordnance Store Ships with Stores for this Garrison Provision Ships - & some few private merchantmen. The whole 55 sail under the convoy of the Renou only - & the whole fleet arrived safe

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In the fleet came 1100 Deserters for different Regiments. about a week before arrived a fleet of Transports with 2100 Hessians Brunswickers &c - they lost upwards of 100 men on the passage by the Scurvy - landed very sickly - & are not done dying yet -

The British ~~Deserters~~ <sup>men</sup> are ~~all~~ healthy - - - Thursday 22 - The Perseverance Frigate got aground in turning out - lay ~~aground~~ several hours before she got off - it was just below Fresh Water River - got off without damage.

Saturday 24 Perseverance & Beres Frigates sailed -

Sunday Sep. 1 - A few days ago arrived the Arcturion Frigate Capt 1<sup>st</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Pinson - brot in forriga the Thorn Sloop - she was bound to France commanded by Rich<sup>d</sup> Cowell - in her were Jos Swasey - & Col<sup>l</sup> Orne's youngest Son - They sail'd two days ago for Boston in a cartel ~~lasted~~ <sup>lasted</sup> so their Captivity was but of short duration