

Monday Evening the 31st of March, Several Soldiers of the 19th Regiment were abusive in the Street, with their Cutlasses, striking a Number of Persons : About 9 o'Clock some young Lads going thro' a narrow Alley that leads from Cornhill to Brattle-Street, met three Soldiers, two of them with drawn Cutlasses, and one with a Pair of Tongs, who stop'd the Lads, and made a stroke at them, which they returned, having Sticks in their Hands ; one of the Lads was wounded in the Arm ; presently 10 or 12 Soldiers came from the Barracks with their Cutlasses drawn, but not being able to get thro' the Alley, they went down towards the Square, and came up to Cornhill, when a Scuffle ensued, some seeing the naked Swords flourishing ran and set the Bells a ringing : This collected the People, who at length made the Soldiers retire to their Barracks : The People then dispersed and returning Home, some of them went up Royal-Exchange Lane, at the Corner of which was a Centry-Box nigh the Custom-House, the Centinel upon the People coming into King-Street, went from his Box and stood on the Steps of the Custom-House Door ; whether a Signal was made, or a Messenger sent, we are not able at present to say ; but a Party of 7 Men, with an Officer, came from the Main-Guard over to the Centinel, and formed in an half Circle, facing the South-Side of King-Street, loaded and pointed their Guns breast-high to the People, who had made a Stop in the Middle of the Street, not imagining any Danger : Soon after, the Word Fire was heard, upon which one Gun went off, in a second or two of Time one or two others, and so on to the last, which killed and wounded the following Persons, viz.

Mr. Samuel Cray, Rope-maker, killed on the Spot, the Ball entered his Head and broke the Skull.

A Mollatto Man, named Johnson, who was born in Framingham, but lately belonging to New-Province, and was here in order to go for North-Carolina, killed on the Spot, two Balls entering his Breast.

Mr. James Caldwell, Mate of Capt. Morton's Vessel, killed on the Spot, two Balls entering his Breast.

Mr. Samuel Maverick, a promising Youth of 17 Years of Age, Son of the Widow Maverick, and an Apprentice to Mr. Greenwood, Joiner, mortally wounded, a Ball went through his Belly, and came out at his Back : He died the next Morning.

A Lad named Christopher Monk, about 17 Years of Age, an Apprentice to Mr. Walker, Shipwright ; Mortally wounded, a Ball entered his Side and came out at his Back ; apprehended he will die.

A Lad named John Clark, about 17 Years of Age, whose Parents live at Medford, and an Apprentice to Capt. Samuel Howard of this Town ; Mortally wounded, a Ball entered just above his Groin and came out at his Hip, on the opposite Side, apprehended he will die.

Mr. Edward Payne, of this Town, Merchant, standing at his Entry Door, received a Ball in his Arm, and shattered some of the Bones.

Mr. John Green, Taylor, coming up Leverett's Lane, received a Ball just under his Hip, and lodged in the under Part of his Thigh, which was extracted.

Mr. Robert Patterson, a Seafaring Man, who was the Person that had his Trowsers shot thro' in Richardson's affair, wounded ; a Ball went thro' his Right Arm.

Mr. Patrick Cole, about 30 Years of Age, who work'd with Mr. Field Leather-Breeches-maker in Queen-Street, wounded, a Ball enter'd near his Hip and went out at his Side.

A Lad named David Parker, an Apprentice to Mr. Eddy the Wheelwright, wounded, a Ball enter'd in his Thigh.