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The *MARYLAND* GAZETTE.

[XXIst Year.] THURSDAY, *June* 12, 1766. [N°. 1083.]

An ACT for the better securing the Dependency of His Majesty's Dominions in America, *upon the Crown and Parliament of* Great-Britain.

WHEREAS several of the Houses of Representatives in his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in *America*, have, of late, against Law, claimed to themselves, or to the General Assemblies of the same, the sole and exclusive Right of imposing Duties and Taxes upon his Majesty's Subjects in the said Colonies and Plantations; and have, in pursuance of such Claim, passed certain Votes, Resolutions, and Orders, derogatory to the Legislative Authority of Parliament, and inconsistent with the Dependency of the said Colonies and Plantations upon the Crown of *Great-Britain*: May it therefore please your Most Excellent Majesty, that it may be declared, and be it declared by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that the said Colonies and Plantations in *America*, have been, are, and of Right ought to be, subordinate unto, and dependent upon, the Imperial Crown and Parliament of *Great-Britain*; and, that the King's Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons of *Great-Britain*, in Parliament assembled, had, hath, and of Right ought to have, full Power and Authority to make Laws and Statutes of sufficient Force and Validity to bind the Colonies and People of *America*, Subjects of the Crown of *Great-Britain*, in all Cases whatsoever.

And be it further declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Resolutions, Votes, Orders, and Proceedings, in any of the said Colonies or Plantations, whereby the Power and Authority of the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, to make Laws and Statutes as aforesaid, is denied, or drawn into Question, are, and are hereby declared to be, utterly null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

WESTMINSTER, *April* 11.

THIS Day his Majesty came to the House of Peers: and the Commons being come thither, his Majesty was pleased to give his Royal Assent to,

"An Act for raising a certain Sum of Money, by Loans or Exchequer Bills, for the Service of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-six.

"An Act for repealing the Duties granted upon Cyder and Perry, by an Act made in the Third Year of his present Majesty's Reign: and for granting other Duties on Cyder and Perry in lieu thereof; and for more effectually securing the Duties on Cyder and Perry, imposed by several former Acts."

And to several Road, and 17 Private Bills.

LONDON, *April* 3.

It is said that the Parliament will not Rise till the latter End of June.

We hear the Sum of 1,500,000l. is agreed to be raised, at 3 per Cent, in order to pay off near that Sum of the outstanding Navy Bills, which now carry 4 per Cent.—900,000l. of the said Sum is to be by Annuities, and 600,000l. by Way of Lottery. The Whole to bear Interest from Christmas last; and it is said Three great Houses in the City have agreed to advance the Money.

April 8. The Right Hon. Mr. Pitt is at present confined to his Bed, at Hayes, by a severe fit of the Gout; and it is certain, that as soon as he is able to move, he will retire to Pynsent in Somersetshire.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, and Prince Frederick, are perfectly recovered of the Small-Pox, and Yesterday took an airing.

We have it from undoubted Authority, that an Attempt has lately been made to assassinate General de Paoli. This dark Enterprize was to have been effected by a Genoese Officer. He has however been discovered, and cut to Pieces by the Corsican Militia, who came up with him in the Woods, to which he had retreated.

They write from Port Glasgow, that Twenty-seven decked Vessels are fitting out there for the Cod Fishery this Summer on the great Western Bank of St Kilda, which are to carry out Stages, for their being cured on the Island.

They write from Gibraltar, that since the late Storm, the Mountain is found to be impregnated with Mineral Ores, Part of which had been washed down by the Force of the Torrent from above.

Catherine Ogilvie, who was convicted at Edinburgh of Incest, and poisoning her Husband, but her Sentence respited on Account of her Pregnancy, and who, about Three Weeks ago, was delivered of a Child in Prison, and was to have received Sentence of Death on Monday the 17th ult. made her Escape out of Prison on Saturday the 15th ult. about Seven o'Clock in the Evening; her Escape was not discovered or made known to the Magistrates until the next Day, between One and Two in the Afternoon, when a Search was immediately made through the City, and a Messenger dispatched to endeavour to trace, and, if possible, overtake her on the London Road; but all the Intelligence he could receive was, that a young Gentleman, very thin and sickly, muffled up in a Great Coat, and attended by a Servant, had passed through Haddington on Saturday at Midnight, and had passed on, with Four Horses, Day and Night, from Stage to Stage, towards London. His Majesty has offered One Hundred Guineas for apprehending her, and the Magistrates of Edinburgh have also offered One Hundred Guineas Reward for apprehending her.

We hear that the Sheathing of Ships Bottoms with Cedar Plank, having lately been found very beneficial in preserving them from being Honey-comb'd, especially in the West-Indies, all Ships of War ordered on that Station, will be sheathed for the future in that Manner; which, it is thought, will be a great Saving to the Navy.

It is said a noble Earl, pretty far advanced in Years, and who at present enjoys a high Post in the Administration, has lately had an Apoplectic Fit.

A Whisper is industriously circulated at the West End of the Town, that a great Commoner intends to appropriate the whole Amount of his Pension, towards establishing an Academy for the Instruction of Youth, in the several Branches of Civil Government.

April 16. We are informed that a Congress is to be held this Summer at Placentia, where the Presents from England will be distributed to the Chiefs of the Labrador Indians, and a Plan agreed on for establishing a very beneficial Fur Trade.

The Right Honble Earl Temple, and Mr. Pitt, are said now to be reconciled.

[*A particular Account of the Misfortune of the Sloop* Peggy, *Capt.* Harrison, *bound from* Fyal, *to* New-York, *mention'd in the* MARYLAND GAZETTE, N° 1081.

"On the 9th of Nov. in Lat. 39. 10. and Long. 32. he met with a very heavy Gale of Wind, which carried away all his Sails, and tore his Rigging to Pieces. Being in this miserable Situation, he then put the Sloop's Company to an Allowance; that on the 25th Day of Dec. all their Stock of Provisions was quite exhausted; they were then obliged to kill what living Creatures they had on Board, which were Two Pair of Pidgeons, a Dog, and a Cat, which served them for that Day and the Day following; they afterwards fed Two Days on Barnacles, which they took from the Sloop's Bottom. From the 28th of Dec. until the 9th of Jan. they had nothing to subsist on; and being almost famished with Hunger, it was resolved among the Sloop's Crew to cast Lots which of them should be killed: They accordingly drew Lots, and it happened to fall on a Negro Man whom they had on board, and he was immediately killed, whom they fed on for Seven Days; and from the 16th of Jan. until the 29th, they had nothing to live on, when they resolved a second Time to cast Lots for another Man to be killed, the Lot fell on a Foremast Man, whom they allowed Twenty-four Hours to prepare for Death; but on the 30th Day in the Morning (which was the Day he was to be killed) they observed a Sail at some Distance; but having no Canvas to spread, were unable to make towards her; but the Ship observing their Distress, stood for them, and hoisted out her Boat and took them on board. She proved to be the Susannah of London, Capt. Thomas Evers, from Virginia, who behaved to Capt. Harrison and his distressed Crew with great Kindness and Humanity. It must be observed that Capt. Harrison had not the least Food for Forty-two Days, as he would rather have chose to die, than to have eaten Part of the Negro. One of the Sloop's Company died raving Mad, occasioned, as they imagined, by eating the Negro's Flesh raw. The other poor Fellow whose Lot it was to have died (had not Providence sent Capt. Evers in their Way) had been out of his Senses ever since his Lot was drawn. The Mate is dead since his Arrival at Dartmouth, and another of them is now on the Point of Death. Capt. Harrison could not omit mentioning the great Inhumanity of Capt. ——, who commanded a Snow from Newcastle, bound to Boston, which he fell in with on the 26th of Dec. who promised to supply them with some Provisions; but instead of doing so, immediately made Sail again, without giving them the least Morsel of any Thing; and on that same Day they were obliged to eat Part of the Cat and Dog which they killed."

BOSTON, *May* 22.

Account of the Rejoicings last Monday, on the Repeal of the STAMP-ACT.

At One o'Clock the Castle and Batteries, and Train of Artillery fired a royal Salute; and the Afternoon was spent in Mirth and Jollity——In the Evening the whole Town was beautifully illuminated:——On the Common the Sons of Liberty erected a magnificent Pyramid, illuminated with 280 Lamps: The four upper Stories of which were ornamented with the Figures of their Majesties, and fourteen of the worthy Patriots who have distinguished themselves by their Love of Liberty.

On the Top of the Pyramid was fixed a round Box of Fireworks horizontally. About One Hundred Yards from the Pyramid the Sons of Liberty erected a Stage, for the Exhibition of their Fireworks, near the Work-House, in the lower Room of which they entertained the Gentlemen of the Town. John Hancock, Esq; who gave a grand and elegant Entertainment to the genteel Part of the Town, and treated the Populace with a Pipe of Madeira Wine, erected at the Front of his House, which was magnificently illuminated, a Stage for the Exhibition of his Fireworks, which was to answer those of the Sons of Liberty: At Dusk the Scene opened by the Discharge of twelve Rockets from each Stage; after which the Figures on the Pyramid were uncovered, making a beautiful Appearance——To give a Description of the great Variety of Fireworks exhibited from this Time till Eleven o'Clock, would be endless—the Air was filled with Rockets—the Ground with Bee-hives and Serpents—and the two Stages with Wheels of Fireworks, of various Sorts. Mr. Otis, and some other Gentlemen, who lived near the Common, kept open House, the whole Evening, which was very pleasant; the Multitude of Gentlemen and Ladies, who were continually passing from one Place to another, added much to the Brilliancy of the Night: At Eleven o'Clock the Signal being given by a Discharge of 21 Rockets, the horizontal Wheel on the Top of the Pyramid or Obelisk was played off, ending in the Discharge of 16 Dozen of Serpents in the Air, which concluded the Shew. To the Honour of the Sons of Liberty, we can with Pleasure inform the World, that every Thing was conducted with the utmost Decency and good Order, not a Reflection cast on any Character, nor the least Disorder during the whole Scene.