

Bankers and Merchants took Occasion to represent to the Ministry, how detrimental the King's trading is, to the Kingdom, by destroying the Freedom of Commerce, and stopping the Circulation of Money; the Price of Silver being very high, altho' upwards of an Hundred Millions of Piasters have been brought into Spain from America since the Peace. To this the Ministry replied, that his Majesty had Recourse to Trade, as the least burthenome Method of supplying the Deficiencies of his Revenues, and to enable him to pay the heavy Load of Debt contracted in the late Reign.

Jan. 18. When his Majesty received the Address of the Hon. House of Commons on Saturday last, he was pleased to return this most gracious Answer:

Gentlemen,  
**I** THANK you most heartily for this very affectionate Address; your Zeal for the Good of the Public, and for my Government, cannot but afford me the highest Satisfaction. My chief Concern will always be for the Happiness of my People.

Jan. 20. Letters from Parma advise, that the Infant Duke intending to put his Finances in better Order, has thought proper to lay a Tax on the Revenues of the Clergy in the Duchies of Parma, Placentia, and Guattalla; upon which they sent Deputies to his Royal Highness, to make Remonstrances against it: The Duke received them with the Respect due to their Character, and attentively listened to their Representations; but his Answer was, That the Necessities of the State were much stronger than their Reasons for being exempted from the Tax in Question; and therefore it was natural that the former should prevail. The Deputies went afterwards to the Ministry, and declared that they would seek Relief and Redress at the Court of Rome; but the Ministry told them, that they were at Liberty to do as they pleased in this Respect; that they should not be hindered in the least from applying to the Holy See, nor should Application hinder the Tax from being levied in due Time.

January 27. We hear a Bill will be brought into Parliament, for bringing to exemplary Punishment all Persons who shall be found and convicted in plundering any Ships, Vessels, &c. that shall unhappily be wreck'd on any Part of the Coasts of Great Britain.

On Monday an Express arrived at the Admiralty Office, which brought an Account of the Death of the Honourable William Chambers, Esq; Rear Admiral of the Red.

Extract of a Letter from an antient Senator of Sweden, dated January 1.

"Assure yourself, that the Affairs of the Kingdom are in a Crisis. The French Party is overturned with the Count de Tessin. It indeed yet breathes a little; but it is nothing more than it's agonizing Groans. Our next Dyet, which I earnestly wish may not be held these fifty Years, will be a turbulent one, if the Sovereignty is not re established. The King, for his Part, is of a Character truly Episcopal: I mean Episcopal, according to primitive Times, and not as it is understood in Germany and France. His Majesty has an inconceivable Aversion to all Intrigues, Artifice, and Juggling. It is necessary for a Person to be in the Provinces of this Kingdom, to see the Confusion which the Cabal makes amongst the fourth Estate, as well as in the first. Since the Abolition of the Sovereignty, our Peasants are become formidable: The Delicartians have taught them the Way to be so."

An Extract of a Letter from Amsterdam, dated Jan. 18.

"Most of the Powers in Europe, notwithstanding this appears to be a Time of profound Peace, still keep on Foot formidable Armies. France, after all the Reforms that she hath made, has still 221755 regular Troops in Pay. The House of Austria has not less than 178000. The King of Prussia has 132240 chosen Men, ready to bring into the Field. Great Britain has, indeed, no more than 18837 English and Scotch Troops, exclusive of the Irish Regiments, and the Garrisons of Gibraltar and Mahon; because these insultery Dominions have, in Reality, no Need of any, or but little other Defence, than their formidable naval Forces. But our Republic, situate upon the Continent, which cannot be otherwise defended than by a numerous Land Army, has reduced, by several Reforms, its military Forces to so moderate a Number, that they scarcely amount to 40,000 Men, which are going again to be lessened some Thousands. Its naval Strength subsists no more; its Barrier is destroyed; it is destitute of foreign Alliances, and it makes a Difficulty of entering into one, which most People believe it ought, for the Sake of its own Interest, to embrace. This Sort of Policy revives, from Time to Time, the Spirit of the old Patriots; but they are hardly in a Con-

dition of occasioning the least Revolution in the State. The Arrival of M. de Bonac, in Quality of Ambassador from France, gives them fresh Subject of Distrust. They are very sensible that this Minister will neglect nothing in order to hinder the Republic from taking Part in the Alliance of St. Petersburg, and that he knows so well how to irritate the States General, by the Refusal which he tells them his Court will continue to make to the Renewing their Treaty of Commerce if they enter into that Alliance, that no Body in their Assembly dares attempt to propose it."

Jan. 30. A very singular Affair happened last Week in St. James's Park: A good decent looking Woman was observed by the Gatekeeper to be walking backwards and forwards, near the Garden Wall, for above an Hour, looking very melancholly, as if the greatest Misfortune had happened to her: The Man perceiving she was big with Child, very civilly spoke to her, and asked what she wanted. After some Hesitation she told him, she had come out of the Country, and could never return to her Family, with any Peace and Quiet unless she was permitted to kiss the King's Hand. Upon which the Gatekeeper, with a great deal of good Nature, apply'd to one of the Pages, who took an Opportunity of representing her Case to his Majesty, who very compassionately ordered her to be sent for, granted her Request, and dismiss'd her with a handsome Present.

The Litchfield (late Garrett), from Virginia, is arrived at Falmouth in a shattered Condition, having lost all her Masts; the Master, Surgeon, Boatswain, Carpenter, and seven Men were wash'd overboard, and all perished.

Dublin, Jan. 23. The Emulation among Protestants in all Parts of the Kingdom, to contribute to the Relief of their foreign persecuted Brethren, is greatly to the Honour of this Nation. On Sunday se'nnight 1661. was collected at the Parish Church, and Meeting Houses at Belfast, and the Lodge of Free Masons there have ordered Ten Guineas for the same Purpose; an Example we doubt not will be followed by all other Societies.

#### BOSTON.

April 9. We hear from New London, that about a Fortnight ago, one of the Spaniards that came in the Spanish Snow had some Difference with a Man that belonged to a Vessel, which came from New York, in order to carry the Spaniards away, and stab'd him in two or three Places, so that it was thought he would die with the Wounds: The Spaniard made his Escape that Night, but was taken the next Day, and committed to Prison. It is since said, that the Man is like to recover.

#### NEW YORK.

March 26. Capt. Hyer, in the Brig Lark, arrived here on Tuesday Evening last, in 19 Days from Campeachy Bay, acquaints us, that a short Time before he sailed, Capt. Hall, formerly Commander of the said Brig, and belonged to Connecticut, with one of his Hands, together with Capt. Crowell, of this Place, and his Mate, who were taken by the Spaniards last August in the Bay of Honduras, after a short but smart Engagement; were separately put on board several Vessels then ready to sail for Old Spain, after having been confin'd in Goal, at different Times, in and about the Bay of Campeachy, and otherways us'd very ill.

We are likewise acquainted by Capt. Hyer, that some Weeks before he left the Bay, the Commodore of a small Fleet of Ships that had arrived there from Old Spain, was gone down by Land from thence to the Bay of Honduras, with particular Instructions from the Biscayan Company, to endeavour to persuade, if possible, the present Inhabitants to quit that Place; which, upon their Non-Compliance, and in Pursuance to his Orders, he should assuredly execute by main Force, immediately upon the Arrival of several Vessels of Force then daily expected at Campeachy from Madrid.

April 2. We have Advice by a Letter from a Merchant of Amsterdam, to his Friend in New-York, concerning the two Dutch Ships brought in here the late War; and, by the Court of Admiralty, on the 22d December 1745, condemned, with their Loading, as French Property; that the Lords Commissioners for hearing and determining Appeals, have, by their Decree in London the 16th of November last, annulled the aforesaid Sentence, and ordered both Ships and Goods, or the Value thereof to be restored to their right Owners.

Letters received from Coracoa, assure us, that the Governor of that Place has lately hired and taken into the Government's Service, a Sloop belonging to this Port; and having extraordinary well equip'd her, dispatched her on a Cruise against the Spanish Guarda Costas, and other Vessels of Force infesting the Island.

We have Intelligence, by a Vessel in five Days

from North Carolina; that a Boston Ship, bound into Ocracock, was cast away the Beginning of March last, near the Inlet, and the Vessel and Part of the Cargo lost.

On Tuesday Night last, arrived here the Snow Neptune, Capt. Harrison, from Holland, but last from Dover, in nine Weeks, who on the first of February last was in imminent Danger off the Western Isles, when in a terrible Gale of Wind, he was thrown on his Beam Ends for half an Hour, had his Cutwater carried off, and otherways received Damage.

The same Day arrived here Capt. Fry, in 15 Days from St. Eustatia, in which is come Passenger, Stephen Howell, Mariner, late of the Sloop Catharine and Anne, Capt. Howell, of and from Philadelphia for Jamaica; who, on the first ult. about 8 o'Clock at Night, was cast away upon the Aragado Reef: The Crew took to their Boat, and got safe into Spanish Town; but before he could obtain any Assistance to lock after the Cargo, the Sloop was beat to Pieces, and but very little saved.

On Thursday Evening, Capt. M'Allister, arrived here from St. Thomas's who informs us, that Capt. Schenck, of a Schooner of this Port, fitted out from thence a small Sail Boat, with some Swivel Guns and two or three Men, and went down to Porto Rico, where he pretend'd to be cast away, and produced to the Governor the Register and Clearance of his Vessel, which he said was all he had saved; and expect'd to have made a Contract for a future Trade with the Spaniards; but the Governor suspecting his Design, order'd him to be confin'd, and dismiss'd his Men. Capt. Schenck's Schooner lay at St. Thomas's, when Capt. M'Allister failed from thence.

#### ANNAPOLIS.

We hear that the Honourable HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; is appointed Governor of this Province, and that he was to sail from England about the Middle of March.

Tuesday last ended the Provincial Court Term, and adjourn'd to the second Tuesday in September next.

#### JUST IMPORTED,

In the EAGLE, Capt. JOHN WHITE, from LONDON, and to be SOLD by the Subscriber, at his Store in ANNAPOLIS, at very little Profit either Wholesale or Retail, for Bills of Exchange, Gold, Silver, Paper Money, or Tobacco,

**A LARGE Assortment of European and East India GOODS,** Sail Cloth, of all Sorts, Anchors of all Sizes from half a hundred to seven hundred, Cables, running Rigging, Bolt Rope, Sail Twine, all Kinds of Lines, and Ship Chandlery: Also several Parcels of Cutlery, sorted in Boxes, of about 16 l. prime Cost.

Stephen West.

#### BROKE loose from the Sub-

scriber's Landing, about 5 Miles below Fishing Creek, in Calvert County, on Sunday the 26th of November last, the Wind at S. W. a large Canoe, she has been split along her Bottom, has two Seats, two new row Locks of Locus nailed to her Bottom and Sides, and lashed with Drum Line, two new Dovetails of white Oak on the Outside of her Bottom, has five or six Knees, has been newly trimmed with new Boards, nailed on the Outside of her Bottom, and had a Piece of Bed Cord for her Painter.

Whoever brings the said Canoe to Capt. William Elliott's, near the lower End of Kent Island, or to Mr. James Hutchings's, near the upper End, shall have Fifteen Shillings; or to the Subscriber, shall have Twenty Shillings.

Thomas Reynolds,

#### STOLEN or Strayed on the 19th

of November last, from the Subscriber's Quarter, near Mr. William Harrison's, in Calvert County, a small Dark Chestnut Sorrel Gelding, 5 Years old, with a Switch Tail, hanging Mane, has a sway Back, and braided D L, part of one of his hind Feet white, and has a small Star in his Forehead; and have great Reason to believe he is in Baltimore County.

Whoever informs the Subscriber where the said Gelding may be had again, shall have Ten Shillings, if in this County; if in Anne Arundel County, Fifteen Shillings; and if in any other County, Thirty Shillings; and upon Conviction of the Thief, Five Pounds.

Thomas Reynolds.

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