

for that he did not do his Utmost to relieve St. Philip's Castle, in Minorca, then besieged by the French; but acted contrary to, and in Breach of his Majesty's Command: And having heard the Evidence and Prisoner's Defence, and very maturely and thoroughly considered the same, they are unanimously of Opinion, that he did not do his Utmost to relieve St. Philip's Castle. And also, that during the Engagement between his Majesty's Fleet, and that of the French, on the 20th of May, he did not do his Utmost to take, seize and destroy the French, which it was his Duty to have engaged, and to assist such Ships as were engaged with the French, &c. &c. and do therefore unanimously agree, that he falls under Part of the 12th Article of the Act of Parliament, in the 22d Year of his Majesty's Reign; and as that Article positively prescribes DEATH, without any Alternative left to the Direction of the Court, under any Variation of Circumstances, the Court do therefore unanimously adjudge the said Admiral John Byng, to be shot to Death, at such Time, and on board such Ship, as the Lords of the Admiralty shall direct.

But as it appears by the Evidence of Lord Robert, Lieutenant Colonel Smith, Captain Gardner, and other Officers of the Ship, who were near the Person of the Admiral, that they did not perceive any Backwardness in him during the Action, or any Marks of Fear or Confusion, either from his Countenance or Behaviour, but that he seemed to give his Orders coolly and distinctly, and did not seem wanting in Personal Courage; and from other Circumstances, the Court do not believe that his Misconduct arose, either from Cowardice or Disaffection, and do therefore unanimously think it their Duty, not earnestly to recommend him as a proper Object of Mercy.

The above Sentence was attended with the following Representation.

To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

WE the underwritten, the President, and Members of the Court-Martial, assembled for the Trial of Admiral Byng, believe it necessary to inform your Lordships, that in the whole Course of this long Trial, we have done our utmost Endeavours to come at Truths, and to do the strictest Justice to our Country, and the Prisoner. But we cannot help laying the Distresses of our Minds before your Lordships, on this Occasion, in finding ourselves under a Necessity of condemning a Man to Death, from the great Severity of the 12th Article of War, Part of which he falls under, and which admits of no Mitigation, even if the Crime should be committed by an Error in Judgment only; and therefore for our own Consciences Sake, as well as in Justice to the Prisoner, we pray your Lordships, in the most earnest Manner, to recommend him to his Majesty's Clemency.—We are, &c.

27th January, 1757.

12th ART. of WAR, 13 Carl. 2d. Every Captain, and all other Officers, &c. that shall in Time of any Fight or Engagement, withdraw, or keep back, or not come into the Fight, and engage, and do his Utmost to take, fire, kill, and damage the Enemy, &c. and assist and relieve all his Majesty's Ships, shall for such Offence of Cowardice or Disaffection, be tried, and suffer Pains of DEATH, or other Punishment as the Circumstances of the Offence shall deserve, and the Court-Martial shall judge fit.

12th ART. 22d GEO. 2d. Which explains and amends the former Act.

Every Person who through Cowardice, Negligence, or Disaffection, shall, in Time of Action, withdraw, or keep back, &c. every such Person so offending, and being convicted thereof, by the Sentence of a Court-Martial, shall suffer DEATH.

The Omission of the Words in Italics, in the first Act, and the Addition, or rather single Expression of DEATH in the last Act, seems to be the Ground of the Distresses of the Court-Martial.

It is said, that when Admiral Byng is expelled the House, the Warrant will be signed by the Lords of the Admiralty, for his Execution.

ANTIGUA, February 12.

We have particular Pleasure in publishing the following Circumstances relating to the Behaviour of Captain Clarke, his Officers, and the whole Crew of the Privateer Anne, (which lately belonged to this Island) taken by a French Privateer on the 26th of December last, and carried into St. Domingo.

The Engagement began about Half an Hour past Two in the Afternoon, and lasted till Sun- set; the French Privateer had 150 Men, Capt. Clarke only 36, all of whom, except four, were either killed or wounded: Capt. Clarke was shot through his left Thigh and right Leg, his first Lieutenant in the Neck, and his second in the forehead. We can't be exact as to the Number of those kill'd in this Action, (which were not few) but several are since dead of their Wounds. However the French paid very dear for the Victory, having between 70 and 80 killed and wounded. Capt. Clarke never struck his Colours, but continued on the Deck to the last, with only four Men able to stand by him, the Rest being all wounded. There are Numbers of English Prisoners at Domingo and Porto-Rico. Captain Clarke, as also his first and second Lieutenant, are likely to do well.

BOSTON, March 21.

Last Week arrived at Rhode-Island, Captain Fones, in the Privateer Brig Defiance of that Port, and brought in with him a Prize Sloop: We hear Capt. Fones in the Course of his Cruise has taken 9 Prizes.

Capt. Ellery of this Place, and a New-York Privateer, have taken two French ones, and another Prize.

WILLIAMSBURG.

Extra of a private Letter from Gibraltar.

"I send you Part of a Romish Prediction which appeared here after the Earthquake, and is in some few Hands, having been translated from the Original, viz.

- Anno 1755, A great Earthquake.
- 1756, A War in Italy.
- 1757, There shall be no Pop.
- 1758, The Wrath of GOD shall go through the World.
- 1759, GOD shall be known by few.
- 1760, The Stars shall burn, and the Sun and Moon rain Blood.
- 1762, Europe, Asia and Africa, shall tremble.
- 1763, A great Earthquake through all the World.

I could not obtain the Rest as yet; though I put no Faith in these propheticall Legends, I have wrote you the same as a Curiosity, leaving the Events to the Grand Disposer of all Things."

NEW-YORK, March 28.

On Tuesday last arrived here a French Prize Ship, called the Eagle, Monsieur Becheux, late Commander, but came in under Capt. Duncomb. She was taken on the 23d of February last, off Porto Plat, by the Dreadnought and Prince-George Privateers, Captains M'Hugh and Murray, both of and from this Port, on her Passage from St. Domingo for Old France, is 300 Tons Burthen, and, besides private Adventures, has on board 374 Hogheads of Sugar, 158 of Coffee, and sundry Bales of Cotton, besides Indico, &c.

An Express came to Town on Saturday Morning last from Albany, and, it's reported, brought Word, That a large Body of French and Indians had, on Friday the 18th Instant, laid Siege to Fort William-Henry, near Lake-George, but that they were, by our brave Garrison, beat off two different Times, with considerable Loss, and obliged to retreat at some Distance: And that such Reinforcements from our Forces and the Country above were gone up to the Fort's Assistance, that it was not doubted but they would put the Enemy to the Rout, and before they had occasion to sing Te Deum, be made to repent their fruitless Attack.

Yesterday another Express arrived, and brought Tidings to the same Purport, with this Addition, that the Enemy to the Number of 1300 were entirely routed, some Prisoners taken, with Cannon, Baggage, &c. But we are in hourly Expectation of the Particulars of this Affair by a third Dispatch.

Part of a Letter from London, dated Feb. 5.

"Besides what you observe inserted in the public Prints, you may take for granted, that Application has been made in Behalf of Admiral Byng, but to no Purpose as yet; nor do we believe it will be of any, his Majesty and the Ministry seem determined at present to punish Delinquents of every Kind, let their Rank and Connections be ever so great.—The Thoughts of a Militia Bill are laid aside for this Year.—Mr. Pitt finds many in the House that give him all the Trouble they can.—The Parliament will be dissolved as soon as they have finished the Business before them: Many who paid very dear for their Seats begin to repent of their Purchase, as their Time is so short.—If ever

we have a free Election, it will be this, as the Eyes of the Kingdom in general seem opened.—Preparations for prosecuting the War early this Spring are carrying on with the greatest Vigour possible.—A large Squadron is sailed, but its Destination is unknown.—Affairs at the Helm are not talked of so publicly as heretofore, Matters being carried on with greater Secrecy.—Prizes are continually sent into Port.—This Instant I hear, from a particular Intimate, that a certain Admiral (M.-y---), is ordered to take his Trial, it being whispered that he suffered the French to pass out of Brest, without endeavouring to prevent them.

PHILADELPHIA, March 31. On Sunday last Lord Loudoun set out from this City for New-York.

WHEREAS Reports have reached his Excellency the Earl of LOUDOUN, &c. that several Abuses have been committed by Officers upon the Recruiting Duty, or by Parties under their Command: These are to certify, that upon proper Proof laid before his Excellency at New-York, or before the Officer commanding at Philadelphia, the Parties injured shall receive proper Redress.

GILBERT M'ADAM, Aid de Camp.

ANNAPOLIS, April 7.

Tuesday last his Excellency our Governor, and a Number of Gentlemen, left Town, to meet the Assembly at Baltimore-Town; but we hear there were not Members enough to make a House, neither that Day, Yesterday, nor this Day at Eleven o'Clock.

We have an Account from Cumberland County in Pennsylvania, about 3 Miles from Col. Chambers's Fort, near Conococheague, That on Thursday last a Party of Indians kill'd James Hamilton, and took away Three of his Children; and likewise carried off William Boyd's Wife and Six Children; kill'd John Campbell and his Wife, and carried off one of their Sons about 11 Years of Age, who was with his Brother (13 Years of Age) at the Barn, a small Distance from the House, when the Indians came, and on seeing them they ran for the Fort, but two Indians run after them, and overtook the Youngest, but the other escaped, and says there were about 12 or 14 of the Indians, but that they never fired one Gun. Next Day Capt. Hans Hamilton and 300 Men went out in Pursuit of them.

A Vessel arrived in Virginia, after a short Passage from Bristol, spoke with a Vessel from Lisbon, who informed them that the French King was dead of the Wound given him by the Assassin, on the 5th of January.

Last Thursday Evening, Three Negro Men, in a Canoe, endeavouring to pass from Town to Mr. Woodward's Plantation, she overset, and Two of them were Drowned.

Yesterday, the Negro Wench, condemn'd at our last County Court for Attempting to Poison her Master, was Executed here; but denied the Fact to the last.

LATELY PUBLISHED, THE VOTES of the last Session of Assembly. To be Sold at the Printing-Office. Where may be had, The VOTES of the long Session in 1756.

INSPECTORS, who are not yet supplied with Books and NOTES for the present Year, may have of all Sorts, what Quantities they want, from Their humble Servants, JONAS GREEN.

TO BE SOLD, For Bills of Exchange, at PORT-TOBACCO, on Saturday the 16th Instant.

SUNDRY EUROPEAN GOODS, for the Benefit of the Insurers, damaged on board the Industry, Capt. John Moore. Capt. Jemifer.

TO BE SOLD, for a reasonable Price,

A TRACT of LAND, lying in the Fork of Patuxent, near the lower End, whereon the Subscriber now lives, containing 100 Acres, great Part of which is good Meadow-Land, whereon is a pretty good Dwelling-House, with a Cellar, and Plank Floors, Tobacco-House, and other convenient Buildings, a good Orchard of upwards of 200 good bearing Apple-Trees, and a good Grift-Mill, which never wants Water, being supplied by Patuxent River.

The Title is indisputable. For Terms apply either to John or Richard Fowler.

WHEREAS the Subscriber has made a Practice, for some Time past, of Letting out of Horses, &c. for Hire, to Travellers; but having had several Kill'd, and others very much abused, he is determin'd to Hire out no more, of which he gives this Public Notice, that no Body may be disappointed in expecting them from him. N. B. He keeps Ferry as usual; and has good Boats to carry Passengers either up the Bay or down to any Part of Virginia.

JAMES HUTCHINGS.

March 31, 1757.

RAN away on Monday the 21st ultimo, from the Lancashire Iron-Works, on the Head of Back River, Baltimore County, an Indentured Dutch Servant Man, named Mantish Vanbouse, of a middle Size and Age, speaks bad English, and wears his own Hair, of a dark brown Colour. Had on and took with him, a Felt Hat half worn, a blue Fearnought Pea Jacket, a blue Cloth Ditto, an Osnabrigs Shirt, a Pair of Cotton Breeches, a Pair of old Yarn Hofs, and a Pair of Country-made Shoes almost new.

Whoever will bring the abovementioned Servant to the said Works, or secures him so that he may conveniently be had, shall receive, if taken Ten Miles from home, Ten Shillings; if Twenty Miles, Fifteen Shillings; and if Forty Miles from home, Twenty Shillings Reward, besides what the Law allows, paid for the Owners by

JOSEPH WATKINS.

April 7, 1757.

FOUR PISTOLES REWARD.

RAN away on the 6th of March last, from the Subscriber, living at London-Town, a Convict Servant Man, named Edward Merriott, by Trade a Joyner, he is about 5 Feet 4 Inches high, much pitted with the Small-Pox, has a hoarse Way of Speaking, is a well-set Fellow, with large Eye-Brows, and a full red Face, like one that drinks hard, he is about 50 Years of Age, and has short, black, curl'd Hair. Had on when he went away, a blue Fearnought Jacket, much worn, another light colour'd Jacket, lined with red, a Pair of grey Halsttick Breeches, light Yarn ribb'd Stockings, much darned, Country made Shoes, an Osnabrigs Shirt, and an old Worsted Cap. He has got a forged Pass.

Whoever takes up the said Servant, and secures him, so as he may be had again, after the Date of this Advertisement, shall receive Four Pistoles Reward, and reasonable Charges paid, if brought home, by

WILLIAM BROWN.

N. B. He was taken up and carried before Mr. George Frazer, living on Patowmack River; but, on being examined, he told Mr. Frazer, that he belonged to Capt. Hamilton, lying in Patuxent; whereupon he was ordered to be carried to the Ship, and in his Way escaped from them.

April 1, 1757.

RAN away last Sunday Night, from the Subscriber, living on Elk-Ridge, a Convict Servant Man, named Charles Stevens, he is a tall slim Fellow, about 45 Years of Age, and has a large Cut across his Forehead. He had on and took with him, a light brown Jockey Coat, much worn, a light grey close-bodied Coat, a black knit Silk Waistcoat, lined with black, old Buckskin Breeches patch'd on the Knees, a half-worn Castor Hat, a half-worn dark brown Wig, speckled Stockings, Negro Shoes, with Nails round the Toes, 2 Holland Shirts, and some Sterling Money.

Whoever takes up the said Servant, and brings him to me now at Annapolis, shall have Two Pistoles Reward, besides what the Law allows.

JOHN BROWN, Son of John.

THERE is at the Plantation of Thomas Gist, near St. Thomas's Church in Baltimore County, taken up as a Stray, a middle-siz'd Grey Mare, branded on the near Shoulder with R, and on the near Buttock with something like MD (joined in one), paces slow, and had a Bell on.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of William Child, at Herring-Bay, taken up as a Stray, a Dark Bay Horse Colt, with a Snip on his Nose, and branded on the near Buttock with a Horse-Shoe.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

RAN