

they have come in great Numbers into the open Places in the Harbour, and having wounded some, pursued them till they got entangled in the Ice, so that they were not able to get to Land. Their Distress being seen from the Shore here, a Boat with several Hands put off to their Assistance, but Night coming on lost Sight of them, and returned. Mean while the People in the Ice drove with the Tide as far as Red Hook, and fired several Guns as Signals of Distress. The Guns were heard on Shore, but no Assistance could be given them. And as the Weather was extremely cold, it was thought they would all have perished, which they themselves also expected. In this Extremity they had Recourse to every Expedient in their Power: There happened to be an Iron Pot and an Ax on board—they cut off a Piece of the Boat Rope and picked it to Oakum, and putting it in the Pan of a Gun, with some Powder, caught it on Fire, which with some thin Pieces cut from the Mast, they kindled in the Pot, and then cut up their Mast, Seats, &c. for Fuel, and making a Tent of their Sail, wrapt themselves as well as they could; when they found themselves nearly overcome with the Cold, notwithstanding their Fire, they exercised themselves with Wrestling, which proved a very happy Expedient, restored their natural Warmth, and no doubt greatly contributed to their Preservation. In this Manner they passed the whole Night, in which they suffered much cold, but happily escaped with Life, and without being Frost-bitten: Next Morning, by firing Guns, they were discovered in the Ice, by Mr. Seabring on Long Island, who, by laying Planks on the Ice for near a Quarter of a Mile, which otherwise was not strong enough to bear a Man's Weight, they all got safe on Shore, without the least Hurt, and returned the same Day to York.

And on Tuesday, Mr. Plumsted, a Gentleman of Philadelphia, and several others, were in great Danger in crossing at the same Place. When they came within 2 or 300 Yards of the Western Shore, the Ice broke with Mr. Plumsted, who with Difficulty supported himself by the Edge, till one Mr. Carter of this Town, and another ventured with a Plank near enough to fix a Boat Hook in a Handkerchief which was round his Neck, and drew him out, in doing which he received some Hurt in the Face; and before he reached the Shore, the Ice broke again, but the Water was no deeper than to reach his Neck.—He was assisted again, and got safe into a House, where proper Means being used, he was Yesterday well enough to proceed on his Journey.

The late severe Weather having destroyed great Numbers of small Birds, and seeming to threaten an Extinction of the Species of several Sorts, at least for some Years to come, in these Parts, especially Quails, we hear several Gentlemen have caught and purchased considerable Numbers of them, which they keep in Cages, properly sheltered from the Cold, and feed, in order to set them at Liberty in the Spring, to preserve the Breed.

Several Gentlemen of this City, moved by the Distresses of the Poor in this severe Season, have not only contributed themselves to the Relief of the most Needy, but have gone about the Town to solicit the Benefactions of others for the same charitable Purpose; and to find out and relieve the most Necessitous.

CHARLES-TOWN, December 14.

THE following is a Translation of the French King's Orders for delivering to the Spaniards all his Possessions in North-America, which had not been ceded by the Definitive Treaty to Great-Britain, from the Original printed by Denis Braud, Printer to the King at New-Orleans, in October last, and published amongst all the French Inhabitants.

Extract of the King's Letter to M. D'Abbadie, Director, General and Commandant for his Majesty in Louisiana.

Monsieur D'Abbadie, by a special Act, done at Fontainebleau, Nov. 3, 1762, of my own Will and meer Motion having ceded to my very dear and best beloved Cousin the King of Spain, and to his Heirs and Successors, in full Property, purely and simply, and without any Exceptions, the whole Country known by the Name of Louisiana, together with New-Orleans, and the Island in which the said City is situated; and by another Act done at the Escorial, November 13th, in the same Year, his Catholic Majesty having excepted the Cession of the said Country of Louisiana, and the City and Island of New-Orleans, agreeable to the Copies of the said Acts, which you will find herunto annexed: I write you this Letter to inform you, that my Intention is, That on Receipt of these Presents, whether they come to your Hands by the Officers of his Catholic Majesty, or directly by such French Vessels as may be charged with the same, you are to deliver up to the Governor, or Officer appointed for that Purpose by the King of Spain, the said Country and Colony of Louisiana, and the Posts thereon depending; likewise the City and Island of New-Orleans, in such State and Condition as they shall be found to be in on the Day of the said Cession, willing that in all Time to come they shall belong to his Catholic Majesty, to be governed and administered by his Governors and Officers, and as possessed by him in full Property without any Exceptions. At the same Time, I hope for the Prosperity and Peace of the Inhabitants of the Colony of Louisiana, and promise myself, from the Friendship and Affection of his Catholic Majesty, that he will be pleased to give Orders to his Governor and all other Officers employed in his Service in the said Colony, and in the City of New-Orleans, that the Ecclesiasticks and Religious Houses who have the Care of the Parishes and of the Missions, may continue to exercise their Functions, and enjoy the Rights, Privileges and Immunities granted by their several Charters of Establishments. That the ordinary Judges do continue, together with the superior Council, to administer Justice according to the Laws, Forms, and Usages of the Colony: That the Inhabitants be preserved and maintained in their Possessions: That they be confirmed in the Property of their Estates, according to the Grants which have been made by the Governors and Directors of the Colony, and that all the said Grants be holden and taken as confirmed by his Catholic Majesty, even though not as yet confirmed by me.

" Hoping, above all, that his Catholic Majesty will be pleased to bestow on his new Subjects of Louisiana the same Marks of Protection and Good Will, which they enjoyed while under my Dominion, and of which the Misfortunes of War alone have prevented their experiencing greater Effects; We command you to cause my present Letter to be recorded in the Superior Council of New-Orleans, to the End that the several Estates of the Colony may be informed of its Contents, and may have Recourse thereto when necessary. And the present being for no other Purposes, I pray God, Monsieur D'Abbadie, to have you in his Holy keeping. Given at Versailles, April 21st, 1764. Signed LOUIS, and underneath, Lz DUC DE CHOISEUL."

The Spaniards are actually arrived at New Orleans to take Possession of the City and Colony. Monsieur D'Abbadie told the French Officers they were at Liberty to enter into the King of Spain's Service, and at the same Time informed them, that the French King had no further Occasion for them. It was mentioned in a former Paper that the French were sending off their military Stores, Ordnance, &c. so that very

little, if any, would remain on the Day of the Cession. It is well worth Notice, that the Date of the Act of Cession, is the same with that of the Preliminary Articles of Peace, which shows that our Peace Makers were not so unmindful of the British Interest in America, as the Sowers of Sedition would have us believe.

PHILADELPHIA, February 7.

Capt. Ashmead, from Jamaica, informs us, that several Men of War, with some Troops on board, were ordered to Sea; their Destination not certainly known, but generally believed to be for the Bay of Honduras. And by him we have the following

Extract of a Letter from Kingston, dated Nov. 27.

" The Men of War that arrived lately from England, are ordered (in Number four of the Line) to be in Readiness by Monday next, to take in 500 Troops, that are going down to the Bay of Honduras, for the Protection of our Trade."

ANNAPOLIS, February 21.

We are informed that the *Ann and Mary*, Capt. JORDAN, from *Patuxco*, arrived at London in 33 Days from this Port.

The *Kitty and Maria*, Capt. JOHN JOHNSTON, from *Patuxmack*, and the *Nancy*, Capt. BROOKE, from *Patuxent*, are also safely arrived.

We have heard of several People lately falling thro' the Ice, and being Drowned. Five Persons, at different Times, were lost in *Bush River*.

Saturday Night last a Sailor, named *John Holden*, fell in between a Ship and a Brig in the Dock, and was Drowned. Next Morning his Body was found sticking in the Mud.

We bear that various Reports are spread in the Country relating to the *Small-Pox* being in Town. The real Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth, is this, A Vessel from Jamaica two or three Weeks ago, came in with that Distemper, and one Man who had never had it, went on board, and is now down with it in Town. He is the only one who has it, and he is nurs'd in a House near Severn, remote from others, and the greatest Caution is used to prevent it's Spreading.

THIS is to give Notice to the several Creditors of Messrs. Alexander and Andrew Symmer, That they have conveyed all their Real and Personal Estates, of which they were seized and possessed, in Trust, for the Use of the Trustee, and the Rest of their several Creditors. And whatever Creditor inclines to know the Truths, may be informed of them by applying to *Edmund Key*.

And all Persons Indebted to the Estates of the said Alexander and Andrew Symmer, are desired to make immediate Payment to Mr. Samuel Highters, who will give constant Attendance at the late Store-House kept in *Upper-Marlborough* by Messieurs Symmers.

AS I find myself under an indispensable Necessity of Collecting all Arrearages due to me as late Sheriff of Frederick County, I take this Method to acquaint such Persons as live in the distant Counties, and Others concerned, That I will attend for that Purpose, at the House of Mr. William Reynolds, in Annapolis, during the first and second Weeks of the ensuing Provincial Court; and I flatter myself that those who are disposed to act justly, will then settle their several Accounts with me, as no further Indulgence can or will be given. This public Notice and Appointment, are intended, as well to prevent the frivolous Excuses of being unprovided, losing the Accounts, calling again, &c. &c. as to suit the Convenience of the several Debtors; it is therefore hoped these Gentlemen, whose Affairs may not require their personal Attendance at the Provincial Court, will transmit their Balances by some Friend or Neighbour, as Opportunities at the above public Time may be easily met with, unless by such as are inclined to be ignorant of them. As I am determined that no Complaisance to any Persons whatever, shall induce me to sacrifice my own Credit, or suffer that of my Securities to be impeached, those who neglect paying a proper Regard to this Advertisement, may depend on seeing one more to the Purpose. THOMAS PRATHER, late Sheriff of Frederick County.

Will be Exposed to Sale in Court in April, for Exchange only.

THE HORSE belonging to Mrs. Imported last Summer Capt. *John Carling* an Inch high, of a da Figure, by the best Ju if not superior, to any vince. His Pedigree is Recommendation; and Reader is refer'd to H 1761 and 62.

Likewise, To be Let in Annapolis, with a la House, Stabling for Warehouse 80 Feet in L Mill and Warehouses For further Particulars, Esq; in Annapolis, or of D

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NINETY Acres of v very good Dwelling Saw-Mill, an Orchard, and dy Clear'd. There is also and Out-houses. Likewi and is convenient for Buil Sale to be at XII o'Clock. (72)

ALL Persons Indebted of Buchanan and Hug are hereby desired William Buchanan (the sur first Day of May next, or Accounts with him, and pr giving Bond for their resp wife they may expect to be Notice. And those who h gainst the said Partnership, to bring them in, that they

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