The great Regard which the Government has shewn to the Laws of the Land, and their Unwillingness to take any Step that seemed contrary to them, is very manifest in their Orders about preventing the further Exportation of Corn, and must give a very sensible Pleasure to all true Englishmen. Nothing but the Preservation of the People from the dreadful Misery of a Famine, could induce the Government to exert the Power of the Royal Prerogative, and prevail upon them to lay an Embargo on all Ships laden with Wheat and Flour; and the Necessity of such Measures is so very apparent, that even those who may be injured by it, cannot but own the Rectitude of it. Never was the Royal Prerogative more apparently exerted for the Good of the People than on this Occasion, as the happiest Consequences may be expected from it. The Price of Corn will of Course immediately fall considerably, and the Poor, who were induced by their Distresses to rise tumultuously in almost every County, to the Danger of their own Lives, and the Loss of all Order, will now be able to get Bread at a reasonable Rate, and, consequently, we shall hear no more of such dangerous Riotings. May every future Government shew the same tender Regard for the Laws as the present have done; and may the Royal Prerogative be ever exerted on the like Occasions, for the manifest Good of the People, as it hath been now.

It is said the Sum of £. 15,000 per Annum, which the late Duke of Cumberland enjoyed before the Rebellion, will be settled by Parliament on the present Duke.

It is worth Observation, that in all human Probability, the Attention of Parliament will be little less deeply engaged the next Session, with the Affairs of the EAST, than it was in the last with those of the WEST; as well as, that the *Honor* and *Right* of *Great-Britain* will be the principal Points in Agitation in the ensuing Enquiry, as they were in the former One.

A Scheme is said to be under Consideration for introducing an equitable and easy Land-Tax throughout the British Provinces in North-America, which, without distressing the Subjects, will more than compensate for the Repeal of the Stamp-Act.

One Robert Webber, capitally Convicted at last Maidstone Assizes, for a Robbery on board the Medway Man of War, but reprieved by his Majesty to be Transported, made strong Instances to be rather Hanged, promising to make great Discoveries were he permitted to die: However he was Transported with other Convicts, and left behind him the following Confession.

Maidstone Goal, *Sept.* 11, 1766.

"This is to Certify whom it may Concern, that I would have made a full Discovery of the Destruction of the temporary Bridge in April 1758; and in 1757 of a Burglary committed in the House of Mr. Christopher Hay, now Keeper of the Poultry Compter; and of another Burglary committed in the House of Mr. P. W—ll, for which Sir John Fielding offered a Reward of £. 40, it was committed in January 1764; and another Burglary committed on the 5th of January 1765, in the House of Mr. Moses Christaine, a Jew, in Leadenhall-Street, for which a Reward was offered by Sir William Stevenson of £. 100 from the City, and £. 50 from the Loser."

OB. 14. By an Express arrived on Friday from our Ambassador at Paris, Prince Ferdinand has refused every Thing the French had offered him, viz. the same as Marshal Saxe had, Generalissimo of the Army, and Prince of the Blood.

His Majesty has been pleased to allow his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland 9000 l. per Annum out of the Civil List, to commence from the 10th of this Instant October.

There is Advice from Berlin, of the 30th of last Month, that his Prussian Majesty had not only confirmed Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick, in the Dignity of Dean of the Church of Magdeburgh, but had likewise granted to that Prince, who was already Provost of St. Sebastian's, in the same City, the Ensigns of a particular Order, being a Golden Cross, enamelled with white, and crowned; charged on one Side with four sable Crosiers, and on the other with a Figure of the Patron of the Church. At each of the four Extremities of the Cross is his Majesty's Cypher.

Private Letters from Hamburgh mention, that a fresh War between the Houses of A—— and B—— was expected soon to break out, and it is conjectured that S——a is the Bone of Contention between those two Powers.

Letters from Constantinople, by the Way of Leghorn, advise, that the Porte were no longer under any Apprehensions from the Georgian Rebels, having received undoubted Intelligence, that Prince Heraclius had retired to the Deiles of his own Country, on the Approach of a numerous Body of Turkish Troops.

A Minister from the Emperor of Morocco is daily expected in Town from Gibraltar, on Affairs of Importance.

CHARLES-TOWN, *(South-Carolina) Nov.* 24.

Tuesday last, about One o'Clock P. M. a very uncommon Phænomenon was observed in the Air, by many People here, and many other and distant Parts of the Province. It was first observed as a large Ball of Fire, projected along, with great Velocity, in a Direction from S. E. to N. W. and then to break or burst, when a large Body of Smoke and Vapor was seen to be thrown up higher in the Air. When it burst, it seemed to be about 50 or 55 Degrees of Altitude; and from the Time that the Explosion was seen, to the Time that the Report was heard, several Minutes passed, some say 5, some 6, and others 7 Minutes, but as no one made any accurate Observations, there can be no certain Time fixed on. The Medium, however, of the several Conjectures, as to the Time between seeing the Ball or Fire burst, and hearing the Report, makes the Distance, by the common Computation, at least 70 Miles from Charles-Town; and yet so great was the Effect of this Explosion in the Air, at that great Distance, in shaking all the Houses so severely, as to make many think it was an Earthquake, particularly those who had been accustomed to the peculiar Noise of Earthquakes. The Noise of the Explosion seemed like the Report of two very large great Guns, at no great Distance, very quickly fired one after the other.——We learn that it was heard, equally loud, 70 Miles S. W. and W. of Charles-Town, and the same Distance N. and every where surprized People, with the uncommon Noise and violent Shake of the Houses; and that the Cattle scattered about in the Fields and Woods, were observed immediately to collect themselves together in Bodies.—What this extraordinary Meteor was, or whence it arose; whether it broke upwards from the Earth; or, whether it arose from some fortuitous and sudden Congestion of igneous and inflammable Materials in the Atmosphere, we have not as yet, Date enough to determine exactly: But shall be glad to receive further Information and Observations from the Curious.

Dec 1. A Beacon is forthwith to be erected upon Middle Bay Island, near the Bar, to be built of Brick, 115 Feet high, with a Lanthorn on the Top, so that it may occasionally serve as a Light-house, which will be of very great Service to the Navigation.

It has been lately reported in the Cherokee Country, that the Chickesahs have joined the Chactahs in their War against the Creeks, and surprized and destroyed three of their Upper Towns, with all the Inhabitants. But this Report, at present, seems to want Confirmation.

QUEBEC, *November* 24.

Friday last were brought to this Town, by the Provost Marshal of the District of Montreal, six Persons of considerable Note in that Place, as well English as French, charged with having been concerned in the Assassination of Thomas Walker, on the 6th of December, 1764. We hear there are Orders issued for apprehending several others.

HALIFAX, *November* 28.

Yesterday Evening arrived in the Glasgow Man of War, his Excellency the Right Honourable William Campbell, Captain-General and Governor in Chief of this Province; and this Day his Excellency was sworn into the Government with the usual Solemnities.

BOSTON, *December* 11.

We hear that on Saturday Evening last, the House of Mr. Tucker, of Cumberland, near Providence, was consumed to Ashes, and himself and Two Children burnt therein. It is thought the Fire was occasioned by a Candle left with the Children when put to Bed: There was a Quantity of Flax in the Room, and the Children calling out Fire! Mr. Tucker went up and threw some Water on the Flax, which occasioned so much Smoke, that it suffocated him and the Children.

Saturday last the Bill, intitled as follows, An Act for granting Compensation to the Sufferers, and of free and general Pardon, Indemnity and Oblivion to the Offenders in the late Times, passed both Houses of Assembly now sitting here; to which his Excellency was pleased to sign his Consent the same Day.

The House it is said passed Resolutions to the following Effect, previous to sending up the Bill. That the Grant was made in loyal and grateful Regard to his Majesty's mild and gracious Recommendation, for the sake of internal Peace and Order, but without any Regard to the Governor's Interpretation, and under a full Persuasion the Sufferers had no just Claim or Demand of Right against the Province; and that those of them who applied Home, instead of first applying here, are very reprehensible. That the Resolves of Assembly here last Year could not be the Occasion of Riots two Months preceding.

We hear the Assembly were almost unanimously for the Dismission of Richard Jackson, Esq; from the Agency of this Province. The Vote in the House was carried by 81 against 6, yet the Governor has not assented. So hard is it to get rid of an Agent. This should serve for a proper Caution for the future.

NEW-YORK,

December 18. We are well assured from New-Jersey, that upon the News of the several Ships coming from England to Load Wheat, and its raising the Price to a Dollar a Bushel, that one single Farmer at Rariton, brought to Market One Thousand Bushels:—This proves that there might be Plenty of Wheat in this Country, if we had but Farmers enough.—And notwithstanding the Dearness of Provisions in general here, it shews only Money is wanting to procure them: For several of those Ships are already loaded and sailed with Wheat, both from this Place and Philadelphia, and it has been brought to Market since in such Plenty, that the Price has fell considerably.

By the Packet we have the following melancholy Advice, relating to Captain Brigstock, of the Brig Bristol Packet, bound from this Port for Amsterdam, who on the 3d of September last, seven Days after she left this Place, in a hard Gale of Wind, shipped a large Sea, which washed Captain Brigstock, with three of his Men over board; the next Sea two of them got in again, but the Captain, with one John Brown, a Seaman, were drowned: The Brig was hove on her Beam-ends, lost her Main-top-mast, and was otherways distressed.—She arrived at Falmouth, three or four Days before the Packet sailed.

By Letters from Africa, via Dominica, we learn that the Soldiers at James's Fort, on that Coast, had formed a Design in August last of seizing the Fort, and murdering the Officers, and other Residents there; but the horrible Conspiracy was discovered by a Soldier to the Commanding Officer, the Night before it was to have been put in Execution, who immediately put the Ringleaders in Irons, and sent them by Commodore O'Hara to Senegal, to take their Trials; that Governor M'Pherson died in August; that two French Snows were lying within Gun Shot of James's Fort, trading for Slaves, without the least Interruption, tho' detrimental to the English; that the Commandant of James's Fort receives, for the Benefit of Governor O'Hara, for the clearing of Vessels, as follows, *viz.* for a Ship, £. 11 : 11 : 0 Sterling; for other square-rigged Vessels, £. 10 : 10 : 0; and for a Sloop or Schooner, £. 8 : 0 : 0.

ANNAPOLIS, *January* 1.

Last Week a large Fodder-House, about 7 Miles off, belonging to a Gentleman of this Town, was wilfully Burnt down, by some Wretch not yet discovered.

About the same Time, a House uninhabited, near the Head of *Severn*, was likewise wilfully Fir'd and Burnt.

This Morning, the Commissioners for Paying off the Public Claims, deposited about 18,000 *l.* of the New Bills of Credit, in the Iron-Chest at the Paper-Currency Office, being Part of what is appropriated for that Purpose.

Annapolis, January 1, 1767.

To be SOLD *by the* SUBSCRIBER, *on very cheap Terms, for Cash, at the Store lately kept by Mr.* Bennett Chew, *the following Goods,* viz.

VARIETY of Broadcloths, *Irish* Ratteens, Worsted Breeches Patterns, Stuffs, Poplins, Crapes, Thread, Sattins, *Irish* Linens, Cambricks, Checks, Osnabrigs, Mens Shoes, and best Milled Hose, Cane Spirit, best *West-India* Rum, *Madeira* Wine, Molasses, White-wine Vinegar, Loaf and *Muscovado* Sugar, Hyson and Bohea Tea, Coffee, Raisins and Currans, Rice, *French* Barley, Anchovies, and all Sorts of Spices, with sundry other Articles too tedious to insert.

(3w) JAMES NEVIN.

N. B. He keeps a COOPER at Work, and will supply all Persons that may want Jobs done in that Way, very reasonably.