

will not only avail herself of the immense Naval Stores and shipping of that once flourishing Republic, but will also make Great-Britain become an Annual Tributary Power to France, to the yearly Amount of 1,300,000l. that Sum being nearly the Interest annually paid to the Dutch for their principal Money in our Funds; but perhaps the Duke de Choiseul may find himself mistaken in the latter Part of his favourite Plan, and probably may only hasten the spunging off so much of the Debt of Great-Britain.

We congratulate our Ministry that they have hitherto withstood the pressing Solicitations of many of the European Powers to enter into a continental War, though by such their patriotic Resolution they have given great Umbrage to the most powerful Potentate in the North.

The Reason for the Earl of Bute's unexpected Return at this Time is that his Lordship might have a Conference with his noble Friend Lord Holland, before this Nobleman goes abroad, to which Conference his Grace of Grafton is admitted, as both Lord Bute and Lord Holland cannot be well spared out of the Kingdom again together. Great Things are expected at the West-End of the Town to result from the Conference of this great Triumvirate.

July 31. A Nobleman of great Consequence offered a Bet of 1000 Guinea, with a Nobleman out of Administration, that Lord Bute would lay down and adhere to such a conciliating and patriotic Plan as, in the Space of a Year from the Day of his late Return, to become as much the Favourite of the People as ever his Lordship was supposed to be of his Sovereign; and so sanguine was the Peer of the full Completion of his Prophecy that he even offered to leave the Decision of the Bet, on that Day Twelvemonth, to the Opinion of any one Gentleman of either Party, whether in or out of Administration, whom his Antagonist should now think proper to name. Whether from Conviction that the Noble Traveller had now learned a more salutary System of Politics, or from what other Cause, we know not; but this really generous and candid Bet was declined being accepted.

A Motion was lately made, in a private Assembly, for entirely submitting the Formation of a new Ministry to the Earl of Chatham; but this Motion was directly over-ruled, by Two great Officers.

In the North Briton, of July the 15th, an Account is given that in a public Office, the Deputy Clerk, soon after his coming into Office, found in a Painter's Bill of 103l. made out by the Overseer of the Works, an Overcharge of 60l. 10s. 6d. in a Plasterer's Bill of 42l. 19s. 7d. an Overcharge of 22l. 18s. 4d. He positively refused his Certificate to these Bills, but he was obliged by his Superior in that Office to do it. In the Smith's Bills he found an Overcharge of 10,300l. which the Smith was brought to acknowledge. However, he was continued in the Office, and the Deputy Clerk turned out for his Integrity, which was deemed as Impertinence. If the Public is thus robbed, it is not to be wondered at that it is sinking under the enormous Weight of Taxes! And is it not high Time for the Public, as one Man, to call for a Redress of such Enormities?

ST. JOHN'S (in ANTIGUA) August 23, 1769.

Last Thursday, about Three in the Afternoon, a most dreadful Fire broke out at the North-East Part of this Town, occasioned (it is reported) by a Negro throwing into an Oven (when heating) some Staves of a Pitch Barrel, which immediately flamed up to the Roof of the Kitchen, and set the same into a Blaze; the Fire instantly communicated itself to the neighbouring Buildings, with the most raging Fury. The Alarm Bell was rung, and Multitudes assembled to extinguish the Fire, and pulled down several Houses to the West, in Hopes of stopping its destructive Progress; but all was in Vain, the Wind blowing very fresh from East North-East, carried the fiery Shingles along with it, and scattered them on the Roofs of several Houses; in about 15 Minutes the Store of Messieurs Hay and Kingsley, to the North of the Parade, became an entire Flame, and set all the Buildings on the Parade, and Stores on the Wharfs, in the same dreadful Conflagration. Having thus destroyed every Thing to the West, down to the Sea, it turned its Fury to the East, and burnt all the Buildings from the Parade up to the Guard-House, and from the Guard-House, in a direct South Line to Mrs. Martin's House, near the Pasture (the Guard-House and Court-House only excepted) to prevent its farther running Eastward, it was judged necessary to blow up Mrs. Martin's and Mrs. Grice's Houses (two very large Buildings) and several others, which happily checked its Fury, and stopt its Progress in that Quarter; yet it still raged in the Center of the Town with great Violence, threatening the Destruction of the remaining Buildings to the East; to hinder its Progress, the Houses belonging to Mr. George Dalzell and several others, were blown up, which, with a large Stone Building on the other Side of the Street, through the Mercy of God, set Bounds to its Fury, and prevented its farther Devastations.—Dreadful was the Day and Night! The devouring Flames, the Destruction, Confusion and Distress, and Lamentations of the Poor, destitute and ruined Inhabitants, was a Scene too melancholy to represent.—The Alarm Guns were fired at the Forts, and the Country Gentlemen exerted their Assistance with their Persons, Carts, and Slaves, to carry what could be saved from the Flames, whilst the Boats in the Harbours, contributed to the same kind Purpose; but the Rapidity of the Fire would not admit Time to get much out of the Stores, so that the Loss was immense. The Custom-House, Arsenal, Jail, and all the Warehouses on the Wharfs, were entirely consumed. The Fire continued with much Violence until Three the next Morning. It is computed that near 300 Houses and Stores are consumed, and that the whole Loss, by the best Computation that can at present be made, amounts to £.400,000 Currency. All our Provisions, Lumber, &c. are destroyed, and our Distress is truly deplorable. Two white Men, and a Negro, were killed, and another white Man miserably mangled by the Explosions. The Magistrates met the next Morning to give Direction for preventing any farther Damage that might be sustained by the Fire, which still raged in several of the Houses that were not

quite consumed, and the Council and Assembly met on Monday, Tuesday, and this Day, to consider what Measures should be taken to alleviate the Distress of the unhappy Sufferers. We hear they have voted their Thanks to the Officers of his Majesty's 68th Regiment, for the Zeal and Activity they exerted to preserve the Town, and have also voted a Sum of Money to the private Soldiers of said Regiment, as an Acknowledgement for their Services on that Occasion.

CHARLES-TOWN, (South-Carolina,) August 14. We hear his Majesty's 21st Regiment will embark next Week for St. Augustine.

Letters received over Land from Mobile, of the 12th Ult. inform us, that the Indians in that Quarter behave with much Insolence since the King's Troops have been withdrawn. The Assembly of West-Florida is broke up, but nothing is done towards regulating the Commerce, with those Indians now in great Disorder.

Aug. 18. We are told the Company of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, now here, under the Command of Capt. Gosling, will embark at the same Time with the 21st Regiment for St. Augustine, the Barracks there being completed.

Aug. 30. On Friday last, the Company of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, under the Command of Capt. Gosling, embarked on board the Schooner Expedition, John Doran, Master, and the next Day sailed for St. Augustine.

QUEBEC, August 31.

Friday Night last, about 11 o'Clock, as a poor Man, his Wife, and Two Children, were departing from this City, in a Canoe, to their Farm up the Country, they unluckily run thwart a Ship's Cable in the River, which immediately overfet the Canoe, when, happily for them, the Man instantly catch'd one of the Children with his Teeth, and got hold of the Cable with his Hands, where, with his Wife hanging round his Body, he supported himself and them 'til taken up by some Boats: The other Child was taken up, at some Distance from them, floating on the Water, borne up only by the Blanket, in which it was lying when the Canoe overfet; so that they were all miraculously sav'd, but lost every Thing they had in the Canoe.

ANNAPOLIS, October 12.

A Gentleman from Philadelphia, reports, that while he was in that City, a Ship arrived from Hull, loaded with British Manufactures, which being shipped directly contrary to the Spirit of the American Associations, were not suffered to be landed there; and, that before he left Philadelphia, the Ship was actually failed for this Province, where, when she arrives, it is hoped she will meet with the like Reception.

Boston, September 19, 1769.

TO THE PUBLIC. WHEREAS I the Subscriber, did on the 10th Day of last May, purchase of William Hambleton Scholar, a Bank-Bill of England, and Two private Bankers Promissory Notes, to the Value of Fifty-one Pounds Ten Shillings Sterling; which Bills did remit to my Correspondents at London, since which said Bank-Bill and Promissory Notes have been publicly protested as absolute Forgeries, by Gyles Loare, principal Notary of the City of London: And I am therefore authorized and requested by the Governor of the Bank of England, to advertise said William Hambleton Scholar, as a notorious Cheat, and use my best Endeavours that he may be apprehended, and secured in any of his Majesty's Jails in America, that he may be brought to Justice.

The Company of Bankers also request the Publishers of the several News-Papers, through the several Provinces, to publish this Advertisement, as the Public are greatly interested in this Affair, as said William Hambleton Scholar, has about fifty Bank-Bills, all struck off of a Copper-Plate in the neatest Manner, and so near the true ones as to be hardly perceivable except by those who are used to them; and it is uncertain which Way he may travel, therefore it is presumed that the detecting so great a Villain will be doing a great Service to the Public. He has been Twice transported, and the last Time upon pain of Death if ever he returned. Yet had the consummate Impudence to pretend that he was Captain of a Brig named the William and Mary, and that she was wreck'd near New-York, also shewed me a Protest for the said Brig, signed by Two Justices of the Peace belonging to New-York, whose Names I can't remember, which is an entire Falshood, and the Names forged.

PHILIP FREEMAN, junr.

N. B. The said William Hambleton Scholar, is a young Man, of about 23 Years of age, 5 Feet 4 Inches high, wears his own Hair; when I purchased the Bills he had only Two Suits of Cloaths, the one a light mix'd Broad-Cloth trim'd with black, the other a Pompadour colour trim'd with the colour of the Cloth.

Annapolis, October 10, 1769. To be SOLD, at PUBLIC VENDUE, on Friday next,

ABOUT Ten or Twelve Men and Womens Times (Redemptioners).—They have a Quantity of West-India and Country made Rum very low. Barrel Pork. A Variety of European and India Goods as usual, by

THOMAS WILLIAMS, & Co.

RAN away from the Subscriber living in Frederick, an Apprentice Boy, named RICHARD KEEN, by Trade a Breeches-maker, about 19 Years of Age, 5 Feet 10 Inches high: Had on, when he went away, a green napped Coat, with yellow Buttons, and bound with green Binding, a red lappelled Waistcoat, a Pair of Leather Breeches, good Shoes and Stockings. Whoever takes up said Apprentice, and brings him to his Master, in Frederick-Town, shall have Thirty Shillings Reward, paid by

LUDWICK WELTNER.

PENKNIVES, RAZORS, SCISSORS, LANCET, FLEAMS, &c. ground by the Subscriber at his House near the Governors, in Annapolis.

(4w) PHILIP WILLIAM N. B. He carries on the Cabinet Business as usual. To be trased for a certain Number of Years, and enter upon at Christmas next,

THE Plantation called, POINT-PATIENCE in Calvert County, and joining to Patuxent River. The Improvements thereon, are, a good Brick Dwelling-House, and every other House commonly wanted in Repair, with Apple, Peach and Cherry Orchards. There are also Thirteen working Hands, Plantation Utensils, and a Stock sufficient of every Kind, to be rented out at the same Time. The Richness of the Soil, and the Pleasantness of the Situation, has always been admired by every one who has had the Pleasure of seeing this agreeable Place. The Advantages for raising Stock are considerable, and the disposing of them, and other Commodities very convenient, as Vessels of any Burthen can come close to the Point. There is also a Ferry kept there, much frequented, with a new Ferry Boat, fit for carrying Passengers, Carriages and Horses. Fish and Oysters to be had in great Plenty and with little Trouble. For Terms apply to the Subscriber who lives on the Spot.

(3w) IGNATIUS TAYLOR.

To be sold, to the highest Bidder, by the Subscriber, on Friday the 27th Instant, for Sterling Cash, Current Money or good London Bills of Exchange.

A VALUABLE Parcel of Land, being Part of a Tract of Land, called, Warfields-Range, lying in Anne-Arundel County, in the Fork of Patuxent, about 6 Miles above Snowdens Iron-Works, containing about 160 Acres, whereon are valuable improvements. At the same Time and Place will be sold a very valuable Negro Man, Two white Servants, sundry Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Hogs, with Household Furniture and Plantation Utensils. Likewise a Crop of Indian Corn and Tobacco, with many other Things too tedious to mention. The Sale to begin precisely at 12 o'Clock, and continue 'til all are sold. (w2) EDWARD HALL.

LOST in the late Storm, on the Eighth of September, under Sharpe's Island, an Anchor and a Nine Inch Cable.—The Anchor weighs 500lb. and as Two large Spars were lashed to the Cable, and a proper Buoy only that it would not catch, it must certainly have been taken up by some Vessel.

If the Taker up will deliver the said Anchor and Cable to Messieurs Lux and Borow, of Baltimore-Town, or to Mr. James Mills, at Urbanna, on Rappahannock, he shall receive a Reward of Five Pounds. (4w) THOMAS HODGE.

THE Subscriber being confined in Baltimore County Jail for Debt, hereby gives Notice to his Creditors, that he intends to apply to the next General Assembly for Relief.

JOSEPH MILLER.

WHEREAS Mary Skinner, my Wife, has, after all the Love and Tendernefs which could possibly be shown by Man to a Woman, polluted my Bed, by taking to her in my Stead, her own Negro Slave, by whom she hath a Child, which hath occasioned so much Disgrace to me and my Family, that I have thought proper to forbid her my Sight any more, and take this Opportunity to forewarn all Persons whatsoever, from having any Dealings with the said Mary Skinner upon my Account, for I hereby declare, that I will not answer any Debts she shall contract in my Name. Given under my Hand this 6th Day of October, 1769.

WALTER SKINNER.

October 1, 1769. COMMITTED to Calvert County Jail, a few Days ago, as Runaways, the following Men, viz. JONATHAN MARTIN, who says he is a Freeman, and a Bricklayer by Trade, and has for some Time past work'd for Mr. John Hyde, in Annapolis. JOSEPH WARD, who says he is of the same Trade, and belongs to Samuel Chase, Esq; Attorney at Law. Also Negro TOM, the Slave of Mr. Zachariah M'Kubin, of Baltimore County.—The Owners of said Runaways, are requested to take them away and pay Charges, by

JOHN WEEMS, junr. Sheriff.

To be sold, by the Subscriber, at Public Vendue, on Wednesday and Thursday of next November Court, at the House of Jacob Myers, in Baltimore-Town,

NEAR Two Hundred very valuable LOTS, on Philpot's-Point, and sundry valuable Plantations in Baltimore Forest, Part of the Estate of Brian Philpot, deceased, and sold to pay off the Creditors of said Deceased's Estate. As it is not probable that the whole can be disposed of at that Time, the Sale of what shall remain unsold, will be continued as aforesaid on the Wednesday and Thursday of every succeeding Assize and County Courts, 'til the whole are sold. Attendance will be given at the before-mentioned Time and Place, by the Subscriber, who is duly authorized by Mrs. Mary Philpot, Executrix of said Estate, to manage the Business and settle the Accounts thereof.

(1aw) JAMES KELSO.

* Those Gentlemen who have bought Lots at the former Sales, are once more requested to call for their Deeds.

TEN PISTOLES R

STOLEN the 4th of this Instant Mr. Dick's Stable, at London, called black, with a Star in his Fore-rick'd and dock'd, he is partly En discovered in his Appearance. been used to a Carriage, and tro his natural Gait, but he paces though very awkwardly; his Tail Nicking, and hangs in a very part has lately been fired in one of his occasions one Ankle to be bigger than his off hind Hoof is very remarkable with dragging in his P foresees the Horse and brings the so that he be convicted, shall be Pistoles; or, whoever brings the Dick, at London-Town, or me at rewarded for their Trouble.

ANTHO

N. B. It is supposed the Horse low, who that same Night rob this City, of some Money, at Saddle and Bridle: He induced in Mr. Maybury's Shop, to open him in, from whence he stole the suaded the Boy to go with him, in Baltimore, who is since returned

DROVE to the Subscriber a Butcher, a small red Heifer, a white Tail and Rump, and fo Belly. The Owner may have her ing Property and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantati breze, near Daniel Annel as a Stray, a black MARE, a 13 Hands high, branded on the Buttock R, and on the off Shou in her Forehead, a Blaze in white hind Feet.

The Owner may have her agerty and paying Charges.

To be SOLD, by the Subscriber Pig-Point, on Patuxent Ri ABOUT £.950 first Cost of A Money, Sterling Bills of Credit, on very reasonable Terms. STE

WILLIAM CLOCK AND WAT At the CROWN AND DIAL, near Street, ANNAP

BEGS Leave to inform the l gaged Two exceeding good whom has been a Finisher leve brated Mr. Allan) and carries o in all their various Branches.— smiths and Jewellers Business k neatest and best Manner.—He ders he may be favoured with fo lately supplied himself with a has now for Sale, several I black Walnut Chairs.—Tho honour him with their Comman ing faithfully served on reason the utmost Dispatch.—He cor having supplied himself with th and Oats, where Gentlemen Treatment and the best Acco selves and Horses, from Their very humb

N. B. He gives ready Mone for old Gold and Silver

To be SOLD, by the Subscriber Friday the 20th Instant, fo good Bills of Exchange payabl

PART of a Tract of Land lying in Anne-Arundel Co Miles of Pig-Point, containi are a Frame of a good Dwelling ling-House, a good new Tob convenient Out-Houses too t Hundred Acres of which, is with great plenty of good Ti (w2)

HERCULES C CARVER AND FROM L O

INFORMS his Friends and undertakes all Manner of C in the newest Taste, at his H tween Chestnut and Walnut-Str N. B. He is determined to be in his Charges, and to ex the utmost Diligence.

THE Subscriber being app tors of the Last Will: Norman, late of Anne-Arundel gives Notice to the Public, t Calk, of the said County; h tend at the late Dwelling-E every Saturday) to act and do ters relative to the said Est indebted to the said Estate, to to the said John Calk, whoe gainst the Subscriber, as one otherwife Suits will be comm out Distinction. (w2)