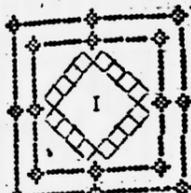


MARYLAND GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1770.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 3.



It is just now reported, that the Russians had already attacked our Fort at the Dardanelles, and greatly damaged One of them, notwithstanding the warm Reception they met with.

DALMATIA, August 12. It is said that Admiral Elphinstone has forced the Passage of the Dardanelles, and got into the Sea of Marmora; but neither the Date nor Particulars of this Event are mentioned.

WARSAW, September 5. The Second Inf. a Courier arrived here with an Account that the whole Crim Tartary had renounced all Alliance with the Turks, and had thrown themselves under the Protection of the Russians, preserving still their own Liberty and Privileges.

LONDON, September 22.

It is amazing how difficult it is to guess at the political Question now in every one's Mouth; Are we to have a War? The Variety of Interests which rule Men here, guide accordingly every one's Opinion: The Stockholder swears it is all a Hum, but trembles at the fall of Three per Cent. The Russia Merchant, from the State of Things in the Mediterranean, thinks the French will be meddling, and consequently we shall be brought in too; because in that Cafe he will get Twenty per Cent. on his Naval Stores; and so it runs from the Change to St. James's.

By the KING. A PROCLAMATION, For encouraging Seamen to enter themselves on board of his Majesty's Ships of War.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS it is our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all such Seamen, who shall voluntarily enter themselves into our Service; we have thought fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to publish this our Royal Proclamation: And we do hereby promise and declare, that all such able Seamen, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, fit for our Service, who shall, on or before the Twenty-first Day of October next, voluntarily enter themselves to serve in our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of our Ships, or the chief Officers on board such Tenders, as shall be employed for raising Men for the Service of our Navy, shall receive, as our Royal Bounty, the Sum of Thirty Shillings each Man; and all such ordinary Seamen fit for our Service, who shall so enter themselves as aforesaid, shall receive the Sum of Twenty Shillings each Man, as our Royal Bounty; such respective Sums to be paid them by the respective Clerks of the Cheque, residing at the Ports or Places where the Ships, into which they shall be entered, shall be immediately after the Third Muster of such Seamen.— And we do declare, that the Qualifications of the Seamen, so entering themselves as aforesaid, shall be certified by the Captain, Master, and Boatwain of the Ship or Vessel where they shall enter. And for Prevention of any Abuses, by any Person leaving the Vessels to which they belong, and entering themselves on board any other our Ships or Vessels, in order to obtain the said Bounty Money; We do hereby declare and command, that such Seamen, belonging to any of our Ships or Vessels, as shall absent themselves from any of the said Ships or Vessels to which they shall belong, and shall enter themselves on board any other of our said Ships or Vessels, in order to obtain the said Bounty, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ships or Vessels they shall leave, but also be severely punished according to their Demerits.

Given at our Court at St. James's, the Twenty-second Day of September, 1770, and in the 10th Year of our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

Sept. 24. By Letters from Gibraltar and Minorca, we are informed, that the Number of Ships of War, belonging to the French, Spaniards, and Venetians, now cruising and getting ready for the Seas about the Mediterranean, amounts to Sixty-seven Ships of the Line, besides Frigates, &c.

Lord North pledged his Word in a certain Place some Time since, that we should have no War for Ten Years.

Great-Britain will shortly have Seventy Ships of the Line in actual Service, including the Fleets now getting ready.

It is assured that some Gentlemen belonging to the Bill of Rights, are determined to try the Validity of Press Warrants.

Letters now in Town assure, that Dispatches have been received by the French Court from the Ottoman Porte, wherein the King of France is most earnestly entreated to afford them Succour, for which, Subsidy, and an Extension of Trade, is offered.

We have it from good Authority, that a Treaty of great Importance is upon the Point of being concluded,

between Russia and Great-Britain, which does not comprehend any other European Power.

We hear that Advice will be sent to all the Sea-Port Towns in England, from the Secretary of State's Office, to examine all Persons, of what Denomination soever, going or coming from Foreign Parts, this Step being judged necessary at this critical Juncture.

It was last Night affirmed at the Admiralty Coffee-House, that Convoys will be appointed for the outward bound Merchantmen immediately, as if War was already declared.

Yesterday Nine Merchant Ships were contracted for in the River, to serve as Government Transports for the Fleets now fitting out at Portsmouth and Plymouth.

It is said a great deal of Spanish Property has this Week been infired in this City, by Foreign Agents.

The Renown Man of War of 74 Guns is ordered to be stationed as a Guard Ship at the Entrance of the River Thames and Medway.

Sept. 25. A Putrid Fever now rages on board the Russian Fleet in the Downs, and carries off great Numbers every Day. The Hospital at Deal is sitting up to receive their Sick.

The Lord Mayor has not signed the Press Warrants. He has had an Altercation on the Matter with the Lords of the Admiralty, and the regulating Captains have been ordered to make a Submission to his Lordship for having dared to appear, or attempt to press any one in the City.

We are assured, that for some Time past a very great Personage has been closely employed in reading Sidney, Locke, and some other celebrated Writers on Government.

The Premier, it is said, is not satisfied with the present Proceedings, and now thinks of throwing up.

It is talked that a Change in all the Departments of State will immediately take Place; a War being on all Accounts now deemed inevitable.

Messengers were Yesterday sent to several Members of the Privy Council in the Country, to repair to Town immediately.

It is reported, that the British Ambassador at Constantinople has been ordered to return home, nor will another be appointed to succeed him at the Ottoman Porte, during the present Troubles in the Levant.

It is reported, that another British Ambassador at a certain Court has received Letters of recall.

It is said that the Lieutenant of an armed Cutter, who attempted to board the Duke of Richmond East-Indiaman, with an intent to press the Men, was shot dead by a Sailor belonging to the Indiaman; and in Revenge the Cutter fired a Broadside into the Indiaman, whereby Four of the Crew were killed.

The Regiments ordered to Minorca, in order to relieve the Troops already there, and which were to have sailed in a few Days, were Yesterday countermanded; and it is thought, they will be sent to Jamaica.

Sixteen Ships of the Line are now building as fast as possible at Plymouth Dock, though many of the old Ships are not as yet put into Commission. This Manoeuvre is considered as a political Deception to Foreign Powers, that they should not imagine we were repairing our Marine too fast.

Advice was received last Night that the Portuguese Minister has concluded a long agitated Treaty with the Court of Madrid.—If this important News is true, it at once cuts off all Hopes of the British Merchants in the Portugal Trade from Redress, and joins an additional Link of Power to the united Strength of the House of Bourbon.

It is asserted at the West-End of the Town, that immediately upon the Press Warrants being issued, the French and Spanish Ambassadors dispatched Couriers with the Intelligence to their respective Courts.

A Report is current, that the Spaniards have a Fleet of Observation before every Port in the Island of Jamaica.

Whether the above be true or not, we are not positively assured; but this is certain, that the Spaniards have a considerable Fleet in those Seas, dispersed in small Squadrons of Three, Four, and more Ships.

Sept. 27. All the Letters received by our Merchants from Madrid, by the last Packet, mention a Report, which prevailed there, of an intended Rupture with England; and that they every Hour expected a Declaration of War to be made there.

Extract of a Letter from Warsaw, August, 10.

Advice has been received at Lemberg, that Gen. Tottleben had gained a complete Victory over the Turks, commanded by 4 Bathaws in Armenia, the Consequence of which was the taking of Erzerum. The Turks lost upon this Occasion 6000 Men, 15 Pieces of Cannon, several Staffs of Command, Horfes, Tails, and a great Number of Tents."

Extract of a Letter from Paris, dated September 6.

"Our Situation becomes every Day more critical. The Laws are trampled under Foot, and we are at the Point of being ourselves in a worse Condition than the Turks of the Russians, with this Difference, that they

preserve their Religion, and that of this Country is extinct. Religion, which keeps the People in Awe, is vanished. At present, our Trade declines, our Finances are exhausted, publick Credit lost, the People are sacrificed to the Rapaciousness of the Farmers of the Revenue, and the fundamental Constitutions are overturned: We groan under the Scourge of divided Ministers, who indistinctly execute their own Schemes without consulting each other; we are oppressed by an hypocritical Officer of the State, who was formerly the Defender of the People, and who now is the Cause of distating Arrets which subvert the Order of the Constitution, and kindle a Civil War not only among the People, but between the King and the Princes of the Blood and the Chief Magistrates: The respectable Officers of Justice, the Defenders and Supporters of the People, are ignominiously treated in Places of Confinement like the worst of Villains, and sacrificed to a vile Set of despicable Jobbers. Great Pains are taken to prevent the Prince, who is naturally of a good Disposition, from being rightly informed of the State of this Kingdom; the wary prudent People are disgraced, and those of a different Character, only, are loaded with Honours and Riches: Every Thing is given up to Corruption, and whoever is capable of inventing new Plans of Tyranny, Oppression, and Debauchery, is sure to succeed. This is our present Situation, displayed in its true Colours, without Exaggeration."

Extract of a Letter from Dublin, September 12.

"Nothing shews the Baseness and ill Designs of Government so much, as the daily Attempts which are made to corrupt and seduce the few honest Men who are in the Interest of their Country. A few Days ago, Neville Jones, Esq; Member for Wexford (who was Engineer General in 1753) was applied to by Lord Townshend. It seems a considerable Sum of Money is due to him by Government, which he has frequently applied for in vain. Lord Townshend made this Proposal to him, "That if he would join the Court, he should have an Employment, which should be struck for him (his Lordship's Phrase;) and all the Money paid, which was due to him by Government." To which Mr. Jones spiritedly answered, "that he rejected the Place, and despised the Money upon that Condition." How is a Man to come at his Right; must he be obliged to give up his Country in order to obtain that which is his own? There are no less than Six new Places making here, in order to become Bribes. They are to be called Commissioners of Accounts. The First Commissioner is to have 7500. a Year; and the other Five 5000. a Year each. The Place of First Commissioner was intended for Mr. Jones. All that these Commissioners are to do has always been, and is now, very faithfully and fully executed, by One of the Clerks of the Custom-House, who thinks himself very well paid at 2000. per Annum."

BOSTON, November 19.

Capt. Hall, on his Passage hither, was chased by a Ship of Force, who fired several Shot at him.

We hear that Benjamin Hollowell, junr. Esq; of this Town, is appointed one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs in America; George Meserve, Esq; Comptroller for this Port, to be Collector for the Port of Piscataqua; and Robert Hollowell, Esq; Deputy Collector at Piscataqua, to be Comptroller for the Port of Boston.

A Letter from Portsmouth, New-Hampshire, dated last Friday says,

"Capt. William McLennan, who arrived at Casco-Bay last Tuesday, informs, that in Lat. 33. Long. 69. on the 3d of November, he spoke with Capt. Stevenson, in a Brig bound from Falmouth to Cape-Fear, out 29 Days, who told him that when he left England, War was expected to be declared every Day against France, Spain, and Portugal, and did not doubt, but in a few Days after he left that Port it took Place.— He further informs, that on his Passage, he was chased a whole Day by a Portuguese Man of War, but luckily got clear.—Many wish here that this may prove true, as no doubt it would make Business brisker, Cash plentier, and perhaps put an End to our Disputes both in England and America. A Gentleman arrived at New-York, by Philadelphia, from Jamaica, informs, That the Plague was broke out in the Island of Hispaniola."

PHILADELPHIA, November 22.

Thursday last arrived here the Ship Warwick, Capt. Davidson, from Bristol, which he left the 30 of October in Company with the Brig Concord, Capt. Volans, for this Port; on his Passage the 13th of October, in Lat. 42. Long. 26. 43, spoke the Ship Polly, Capt. Kelly, from Maryland for London, out Four Weeks and short of Provisions; Capt. Davidson spared him a Barrel of Beef, otherwise all well.— And on the 15th of October in Lat. 40. 28, Long. 28. 46, spoke the Ship Friendship, Capt. Wilson, from Black River, in the Bay of Honduras, for London, 21 Weeks out, Capt. Wilson sick and in want of several Necessaries, which Capt. Davidson spared him.

NOTICES

Upper Marlborough, and has been at and Plantation for near four Years; a red a white Spot in his Forehead, his left and had a Split, and the Split Ear broke 8 Years ago. He may have him again, or proving Property on his own Charges. He is a free Man, and is not indebted to any Person, and is not indebted to the Partnership of Smyth, are likewise called upon to settle soon. DOLLARS REWARD, any from the Subscriber, living in Anne Arundel County, in the Province of Maryland, 13th of August last, a convicted Servant JOHN SHIELDS, alias JOHN WILSON, about Thirty Years of Age, Five or Nine Inches high, round Shouldered, complexion, has a black Beard and shone Hair tied on with a String, in order to talk very broad Scotch: Had on an old blue Cloth Coat, striped Waistcoat, and white Shirts, Country made Shoes, stockings and Felt Hat. It is probable he has his Dress and forge a Pass. Whoever finds the said Servant, and secures him in any way may get him again, shall receive Five Dollars, if taken in the Province of Maryland, and Twenty Dollars if out of the Province. JOHN DORSEY.

NOTICE

Subscriber takes this Method of acquainting his Friends and the Publick, that he has at Mr. James Harris's Store, the Third of the Market-House in Baltimore-Town, manufactured Tobacco of the best Quality for Chew and Smoak; Country of many Kinds, equal to any manufactured in the Continent, viz. Plain Scotch, high Land and Spanish. To keep a constant Supply of those Tobacco at Bladenburg (where the Manufacture is carried on) and at Baltimore, he requests who will favour him with their Custom, either wholesale or retail Way, that they send their Orders to Mr. James Harris, Merchant, and those who are most convenient, to apply to the Manufacturer either by private Contract, Two well improved in George-Town, Frederick County. RICHARD THOMPSON. Shillings per Dozen ready Money, for both at Bladenburg and Baltimore.

NOTICE

AS there came a Man to the Subscriber's House, in Baltimore-Town, on the 20th of a dark bay Horse, 8 Years old, about 15 Hands high, marked on the near Buttock thus O offered the said Horse for Sale, I being at the time he had no right to sell the same, I took him up, but he ran away the 21st of the same Month. Whereby given, that the Owner made use of again, on proving Property any way. WILLIAM LAVELY.

NOTICE

Printed by William C. For further Particulars apply to Robert Smith, junr. in Baltimore-Town.

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PRINTING. Long One Printed most kinds of Blanks, with their proper Bonds of PRINTING-WORK performed