

It is said that the French Ambassador is in daily Expectation of being recalled from this Court on account of the Dismission of his Friend, the Duke de Choiseul, from his Post of prime Minister of France.

A Correspondent from Paris advises, that Orders had been sent to Court for Twenty Thousand Troops immediately to surround the City of Paris, in order to quell, if possible, the present Insurgents; and that it was generally thought the Military on this Occasion would not act offensively against the Mutineers, provided they were headed by the Parliament; so that when this Letter came from Paris, all was Anarchy and Confusion there.

A Correspondent gives us the following, as the real Cause of the Duke of Choiseul's Disgrace. When the Family Compact was in the Course of Negotiation, the Duke de Choiseul made it a Point, that if the Bourbon Family should declare War against any European Power, or should be attacked in their respective Kingdoms and Dominions, or War be declared against any one of them, the Enemy should be considered as the common Enemy of the whole Bourbon Family. Choiseul, who never imagined that Spain would be the first to declare War against any Power in Europe, by which general Expression Great-Britain was solely understood; Choiseul insisted upon the Insertion of the above Clause. Being pressed by the Court of Madrid for a definitive Answer, whether France would declare War or not against Great-Britain in Case the Spanish King should first declare War; and Choiseul at the same Time knowing his royal Master's Inclinations to Peace, and the distressful Situation of Affairs throughout the whole Kingdom of France, did, in the last Cabinet Council held at Versailles, declare his Embarrassment, adding at the same Time, that although France was by no Means in a Situation fit to enter into a War, conjunctly with Spain against Great Britain, yet as the Insertion of the above Clause in the Family-Compact was super-added at the particular Request, and pressing Instance, of the Court of Versailles, he thought it concerned the Dignity and Honour of the Crown of France, not to remain any longer neuter, and that he was therefore for War. The King disapproving, not only of the Representation of the distressful Situation of his Country, but being himself totally averse to War, seemed much dissatisfied; and thus the Council broke up, *re infesta*. The Friends of Madam de Barre instantly communicated the Intelligence of the King's Displeasure against Choiseul, and as instantly drew up an Order for the Exile of Choiseul for that Lady to present to his Majesty. The French King, on coming into Madam de Barre's Apartment, was presented with the written Paper; the King signed it with that fatal Word Louis, and in less than Ten Minutes the Duke de Choiseul was sent into Exile; from which, probably, he will never return, at least during this King's Life, it being his Rule never to see any Ministers he has disgraced.

It is confidently said, that Lord Townshend has requested a Reinforcement of 6000 Troops, having received Intelligence that the Spaniards intend to pay a Visit to Ireland.

Jan. 4. On Wednesday a Courier arrived with Dispatches from the Courts of Versailles and Madrid, said to contain Articles of Agreement for an Accommodation of Peace.

It was the universal Report Yesterday upon Change, that there will be no War, which had a considerable Effect on Insurances.

A Report prevailed Yesterday that an Attempt had been made on the Life of the French King, by firing a Musket at him while walking in the Royal Gardens at Versailles.

We are told that the Government has a Design of granting Salaries to all the American Governors to render them independent of the Assemblies. They have already begun with the Governor of Massachusetts-Bay, and will immediately proceed to the same Regulation with Respect to the other Colonies.

The Duke of Grafton, it is said, is at length come into Office, and publicly and avowedly to take upon him the Lead in Affairs.

This Morning Capt. David Ferguson, of the Ship *Beisy*, of Virginia, was hanged at Execution Dock, for the Murder of his Cabin Boy, on his Passage from Antigua.

Harwich, Dec. 21. None of the Ships that were upon the Home Sand are arrived here, and we are informed by the Captain of a Brig, who lost both Anchors off that Sand, that those Ships which beat over sunk in deep Water.

CHARLES-TOWN, (South Carolina) Feb. 5.

In December last, the Agent for Messieurs Willing and Morris, of Philadelphia, Contractors for supplying the Spaniards at Porto Rico with Provisions, was taken into Custody by a Party of Soldiers together with—Marshal, Master of a Vessel in the Contractors Employ, and next Day, by order of the Spanish Governor, they were both sent off the Island in a Danish Schooner for St. Croix, where they arrived and Capt. Marshal in a few Days procured a Flag of Truce which he sent out to look for the Ship *Tyger*, Capt. Johnson, then daily expected with a Cargo from Philadelphia for Porto Rico, where the whole would have certainly been seized: He was lucky enough to meet with Capt. Johnson, who immediately proceeded to Coracoa. The Agent went to Antigua to represent the Affair to the Admiral.

BOSTON, March 11.

In Capt. Robson from London arrived his Majesty's several Commissions, appointing
The Hon. Thomas Hutchinson, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over this Province,
The Hon. Andrew Oliver, Esq; Lieut. Governor,
The Hon. Thomas Flucker, Esq; Secretary.

Capt. Whitewood from London left Dover the 6th Day of January, by whom we learn, that nothing had been done in Parliament relative to American Affairs, and that they had adjourned to the 23d of January.

For all what the great Patriot has said, there are mighty Preparations for War, and the Press as hot as ever, the Protections being no Security, not even to Greenland Men: About 20 Sail of the Line lay at Spithead ready for the sea, some of them it is said are fully manned: But that notwithstanding these great Preparations, it was thought by many that there would be no War, as the Court of France had declared they would take no Part in the Dispute between Great-Britain and Spain: And that an extraordinary Messenger arrived from Madrid the Day before he sailed.

The Captains Luce, White and Stevens, were to leave London for this Place in about a Fortnight after Capt. Whitewood, who about 5 Weeks ago spoke with the Ship *Lord Camden*, from New-York for London, then out 6 Weeks, all well.

NEW-YORK, March 21.

Extract of a Letter from St. Thomas, dated February 6, 1771.

"The Spaniards at Porto Rico, are making great Preparations for a War; they have 3000 regular Troops, and 1000 Militia, doing Duty; their Fortifications are very strong, and they are transporting Cannon every Day, to the Bays where they think an Enemy will land: This Information I had from a Gentleman who belonged to the Factory, and was ordered to leave that Island about a Month ago: He left this Place 10 Days since for said Place; and on his Arrival there wrote a Letter to the Governor desiring Permission to go on shore to settle his Business, as he had been lately made a Burger of Santa Croix. The Governor ordered him to depart the Port the next Day, by the Advice of the Attorney General. This Gentleman sailed from Porto Rico the first Instant in the Evening. Next Morning he met a Spanish Man of War going in, in which a Lieut. General was expected, and more Troops."

By private Letters we hear that Admiral Saunders is appointed to the Command of a Squadron, and has hoisted his Flag at Spithead.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.

Yesterday arrived here Captain Henderson, from Lisbon. The Letters by him, in general, we hear, mention a War as unavoidable. One of the 11th of January says, it is reported that the Duke de Choiseul, and Two of his Sons, or Nephews, are out of the Ministry, and rendered incapable of serving more under the Crown of France, and the Duke d'Aguillon, whom the Parliament of France wanted to have beheaded, is made Secretary at War. And another of January 15, that an Embargo was laid on all Provisions in Ireland.

Extract of a Letter from Lisbon, dated January 14, 1771.

"This Day arrived here the Duke of York Packet, Capt. John Dickinson, in Seven Days from Falmouth, and brings an Account, that they press hot in England, paying no Regard to Protections, of an Embargo in Ireland on all Provisions, except to his Majesty's Dominions, and that Convoys was hourly expected to be appointed for the Protection of Trade."

A Letter of the 19th of January, from Lisbon, says, "By the last Post arrived from Madrid, it seems as if all Matters were settled between England and Spain." The Brig *Kitty*, Lacey, is arrived at Lisbon from Maryland.

ANNAPOLIS, APRIL 4

We are authorized to say, that the House of Commons having voted an Augmentation of the King's Forces, consisting (among other Particulars) of an additional Light Company to every Battalion, and of Twenty Men to every Company on the British Establishment, it being of great Importance, that the several Battalions now serving in America should be compleated to the said Augmentation as soon as possible, General Gage, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in North-America, has issued Orders to the Regiments under his Command, to send recruiting Parties into the several Colonies immediately, for the above Purpose.

For the BENEFIT of Mr. SCHNEIDER, At the ASSEMBLY Room in ANNAPOLIS, Will be a BALL, on Wednesday April 10, 1771. Ticket One Dollar, which admits One Person.

Charles County, March 26, 1771. To be SOLD, at the House of Mr. Timothy Bowes, in Leonard-Town, St. Mary's County, on Tuesday the Seventh Day of May next, for Sterling Cash, Current Money, or Bills of Exchange.

THE following Tracts of Land, all lying in St. Mary's County, and very convenient to St. Mary's River, viz.
Denby, containing 250 Acres
Maiden's Lot, 100
Aberdeen, 128 1/2
more or less. Also a Gritts-Mill, lying in said County, convenient to the River Patuxent.
For Title and Terms, apply to Mr. Archibald Campbell, Merchant in Leonard-Town, or to the Subscriber at *Benedit*. ROBERT YOUNG.

Baltimore, March 28, 1771. Just imported, in the *Industry*, Capt. Carcaud, from London,

A Large and neat Assortment of Spring and Summer Goods, which are to be disposed of by the single Piece, or larger Quantity on reasonable Terms, by
(5w) JAMES CHRISTIE, Jun.

Frederick County, March 20, 1771.

THE Subscriber hereby forewarns all Persons from contracting any Way with Aaron Harris of Frederick County, for a Negro Woman named *Esther*, or either of her Children, as I look on them to be my Property. WILLIAM WATERS.

SPARK, a strong dark Bay Country bred Horse. Fifteen Hands high; he was got by Mr. Thomas Sprigg's pacing Horse, and will cover this Season, at Mr. Jonathan Rawlings's, at Twelve Shillings and Six-pence, the Money to be paid when the Mare is covered.
(w)

RICHARD RAWLINGS.

THE Subscriber continues to take in Horses as formerly; my Pasture is as good as the Season of the Year will admit of; I have exceeding good Corn and Fodder, and Gentlemen may have their Horses fed as they please, by sending Orders with their Horses.
(4w) H. GASSAWAY.

THREE POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living near Annapolis, an English indented Servant Lad, named James Hall, 16 Years old, about 5 Feet 2 Inches high, of a fair Complexion, smooth faced, and has short brown Hair: Had on an old Castor Hat, Cotton Jacket, old light coloured Sagothly ditto without Sleeves, Cotton Breches, Osnabrig Shirt, white Yarn Stockings, and good Shoes with Copper Buckles. Whoever takes up and secures the said Servant, so that his Master gets him again, shall receive, if taken above Ten Miles from Home, Forty Shillings, and if out of the Province the above Reward, and reasonable Charges, if brought Home, paid by BRICE. T. B. WORTHINGTON.

TEN POUNDS REWARD.

STRAYED or Stolen the Fourth Day of April last from the Subscriber, living near Hagar's-Town in Conococheague, Two MARES, one a dark Roan, about Fifteen Hands high, marked AH upon the near Shoulder and M upon the near Buttock; she is a natural Pacer, and about 10 or 11 Years old: The other a Bay with a Star in her Forehead, upwards of Fifteen Hands high, marked M upon the near Shoulder and AH upon the near Buttock, a natural Trotter and about Four Years old. Whoever takes up the said Mares, and secures them, so that the Owner may have them again, shall have the above Reward, or Five Pounds for each, and all reasonable Charges if brought Home, paid by ANDREW HERSHMAN.

Charles County, March 24, 1771.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Creditors of the Rev John Macpherson, that the Subscriber have a Sum of Money in their Hands, and have appointed to meet at Port Tobacco, on the First Day of May next, to distribute the same amongst the said Creditors.

(5w) JOSIAS HAWKINS, GEORGE DENT, SAMUEL LOVETT, Trustees.

JUST PUBLISHED, And to be sold at the PRINTING-OFFICE, THE LAWS, VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, of the Two last SESSIONS of ASSEMBLY.

March 20, 1771. To be SOLD, for Sterling or Current Money,

A Valuable Tract of Land, lying in Frederick County, about Ten Miles from Blairsburg, containing Two Hundred and Seventy-three Acres, through which runs a constant Stream, whereon a Mill may be erected with very little Expence; well timbered, and improved with Dwelling-Houses, Tobacco ditto, Apple, Cherry, and Peach Orchards. Any Person inclinable to purchase, may know the Terms, by applying to the Subscriber, on the Premises. (3w) SAMUEL BAKER.

Baltimore Town, March 25, 1771. Imported, in the *Johnson*, Captain Thomas Wilson, from Liverpool,

A LARGE and general Assortment of Spring Goods; also Glasses, Earthenware, Salt, refined Sugar, Cheese, &c. which are to be sold, wholesale, by ASHBURNER and PLACE. The *Johnson* is a fine stout Ship, mounts Ten Guns Nine and Six Pounders, can carry about 3000 Barrels of Flour, and wants a Freight to any Part of Europe, Spain excepted. For Terms, apply to said (4w) ASHBURNER and PLACE.

THE Subscriber can assure the Publick, that notwithstanding the late inclement Weather, upwards of Forty, from the Age of One Year to Forty-eight, have passed through the Small-Pox by Inoculation, under his Direction, the major Part Ladies and Gentlemen, at his House, which Disorder they have all had in the most favourable Manner, with so little Sickness, as not to lay down or be confined in the House, and are now perfectly well. (4w) H. JERNINGHAM.

March 24, 1771.

THE Partnership of Henry Brown and Co. of Baltimore, being expired, those who are indebted to them, beyond the Time of Payment, are desired immediately to pay, to prevent Trouble; and those who have any Demands, to bring them to be adjusted and paid. (4w)