

If they could possibly mean that which is expressed, could acquit the Defendant, he ought not to be concluded by this Verdict.

It is possible some of them might mean not to find the whole Sentence and Explanation put upon the Paper by the Jurors in the Information.

It is a doubt arises from an ambiguous and unusual Word in the Verdict, the Court ought to lean in Favour of a *Venire de facto*.

We are under the less Difficulty, because in Favour of a Defendant, though the Verdict be full, the Court may grant a new Trial.

And we are all of Opinion, upon the whole of the Case, that there should be a new Trial.

Dec. 22. Wednesday Sir E—d H—ke, in the Lower Room of the Robinhood Society, declared 30,000 Seamen and Marines were scarce sufficient to protect our Coasts.

*Extract of a Letter from on board the Glatten East-India-man, Capt. Dröton, at Gravesend, Dec. 25.*

"On Thursday last a Note was received from the Shore, informing us, that in a few Hours an Attempt would be made to press all our Hands; which induced the Ship's Company to demand of the Commanding Officers the Keys of the Arm Chests; and that they would retire to their Cabins, as we were determined to defend ourselves to the last Extremity. Accordingly, at Midnight, the Watch upon Deck gave the Alarm, that a Number of Gallies were coming down, who soon after attempted to board us on all Sides; but our Men having loaded the Great Guns with Grape-Shot, hailed them, and commanded them to stand off at their Peril, or we would sink them along Side; they attempted it however, but after discharging several Rounds of Small Shot and Pistols, they desisted. The next Morning the Captain of the Wasp Sloop, in his 22 oared Barge, and 4 others, came along Side, and made a second Attempt, but all in vain; our Men desired him to stand off at his Peril. They have now stopped all Communication between the Ship and the Shore, suffering no Provisions to be brought on board, and we every Minute expect a 36 Gun Frigate along Side; but we are determined to stand to our Guns, and perish every Man, before we will submit."

Five Officers from each Regiment of Guards are ordered on the recruiting Service.

L—d G. G. is to take the Lead in Opposition, at the Meeting of a certain Assembly, after the Holydays.

They write from many Places on the Coast of Norfolk, Lincolnshire, and Yorkshire, that Chests, Cloaths, Sails, Masts, Yards, and dead Bodies, are daily thrown in upon the Beaches, and present a very melancholy and affecting Scene.

Dec. 24. It is said that if the Ships fitting out should be ready before Hands sufficient are got together to Man them, all Protections, of every Kind, will be recalled.

Orders are given from the Navy Office, to engage as many young Gentlemen for Surgeons Mates, as are found any Ways capable. This has the Appearance of a speedy Rupture.

Allowing some Truth in the Report of several Ships in the Royal Navy being out of Repair, we have it from one who ought to know the Truth, that there is a sufficient Number to cope with the Spaniards, or any Power that may assist them. Our Navy consists, by the Lists, of about 150 Ships of the Line, and as many lesser Ones; and supposing, though not allowing, One-Third of them to be out of Repair, we shall then have 100 Ships of the Line, and 100 lesser Ones, which will be much more than sufficient to deal with our Enemies.

By an Estimate just come to our Hands, we are informed, that the Expenses to the Russians, since the Commencement of the War, have amounted to Twenty Millions of Rubles, 4,500,000l. Sterling.

Some Dutch East-Indiamen have lately destroyed and taken a great Number of armed Grabs, belonging to the Marattas, whose Piracies become every Day more daring and frequent in the East-Indies.

Dec. 28. The City of Dublin, in their Bounty to Landsmen, for entering on board the Royal Navy, exceeds that of London by 10 s. per Man. Upon which a Correspondent asks, If refusing to redress the intolerable Grievances of that City, and the whole Kingdom, is a proper and grateful Return for the Loyalty of his Majesty's Irish Subjects?

*[Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth, December 25.]*

"The Portland Man of War, of 50 Guns, Captain Elliot, is ordered to take on board Nine Months Provisions. It is said she is to convoy the East-Indiamen to St. Helena.

"Last Night Admiral Geary gave Notice to the Masters of such Ships as were bound to the Mediterranean, not to sail without a Convoy, which would be immediately appointed.

"A Train of Artillery is ordered to this Garrison, which is expected every Day."

A Report is current, that his Majesty's Frigate Mercury is taken by a Spanish Man of War, and carried into some Port in Spain.

The Centurion of 74 Guns, is put into Commission at Portsmouth, and the Command given to Captain Wilson.

His Majesty's Ship Egmont, a new Ship of 74 Guns, now at Chatham, is put into Commission, and the Command of her given to Capt. Matthew Whitwell.

Yesterday Sir Charles Knowles, lately appointed Chief President of the Admiralty to the Empress of Russia, set out with his Family and a grand Retinue for Petersburg, by the Way of Calais, to take on him that important Office.—Under whose Council the present Empress will endeavour to raise the Glory of her naval Force, so as to command Respect from all the Powers of Europe.

By the Discoveries which the Russians have made, and are continually making, from Kamtschatka, in the North Part of the South Seas, they have opened a Door into the Spanish Dominions in North and South America; and should the Spaniards attempt, in any Shape,

to annoy the Russian Fleet in the Mediterranean, a Blow might soon be struck at the Spanish Territories in America that would astonish all Europe.

Jan. 1. Some Letters from Paris mention the Duke de Choiseul's being exiled, and succeeded by the Duke d'Orleans; and add, that the Duke de Praslin is also banished.

We are well assured that the French are making great Preparations for a War, at all the Sea-Ports in the Kingdom. At Rouen, they are taking all the Merchant Ships for Transports, and sending all their Sailors from the different Towns to the King's Ships.

Jan. 2. Friday last a Press-Gang was very busy at Newington-Butts, and having impressed a poor Countryman from his Wife and Children, the distressed Woman followed her Husband with Lamentations, which induced many Women to fall from their Houses; among the Amazons was the famous Hannah Snell, who immediately demanded the Captive from the Lieutenant; he refusing, and bad Words ensuing, she collared and snatched him; Two Sailors advanced to rescue their Officer, whom the beat, and challenged to fight any of the Gang with Fists, Sticks, or Quarter-Staff, only let her be permitted to put off her Stays, Gown, and Petticoats, and put on Breeches, declaring, that she had sailed more Leagues than any of them, and if they were Seamen, they ought to be on board, and not sneak about as Kidnappers: "But if you are afraid of the Sea, take Brown Bells on your Shoulder, and march through Germany, as I have done: Ye Dogs, I have more Wounds about me than ye have Fingers. By G-d, this is no false Attack; I'll have my Man," and accordingly took the poor Fellow from the Gang, and restored him to his Wife. Thus did the long Petticoats, headed by a Veteran Virago, overcome the short Trousers.—Mrs. Snell has a Pension of 50l. per Ann. left by the late Duke of Cumberland, for her manly Services by Sea and Land.

We are credibly informed, that in a Conference which was held on Monday last, between the French Ambassador and our Ministry, he declared, there was no Change in their Ministry, there would be no Change of Measures; that the King's Matter continued in the same pacific System, and would act to the utmost of his Power to compromise the present Disputes between our Court and Spain.

Tuesday Mr. Arnold, Watch-maker, in St. James's Street, presented to his Majesty a small repeating Watch in a Ring. One of the like Kind, made by him for his Majesty some Years since, had been sent him to clean, a few Months ago, when, on examining, he found the Cylinder worn out: This determined him to make one of an Oriental Ruby, which, to the Astonishment of the mechanical Gentlemen, he has completed, and its Diameter is the 54th Part of an Inch, its Length the 47th Part of an Inch, and its Weight something less than the 20th Part of a Grain.

Jan. 3. A Letter from Paris, dated Dec. 24, mentioning the Exiles of the Dukes de Choiseul and Praslin, says, that the former was ordered to retire to his Seat of Chantouy; and the latter to his Estate near Fontainebleau. It confirms the Account of the Parliament having ceased its Functions; and adds, it is rumoured that if they persist in their Resolution of not proceeding on Business, several of the Members will be also banished.

*Extra of a Letter from Dover, Dec. 30.*

"A Vessel arrived Yesterday from Calais, brought the News that the Inhabitants there were making great Preparations to illuminate their Houses, a Courier embarking for England with the News that a Peace, and not a War, was the ultimate Resolution of the Courts of England, France, and Spain."

It is said that several Scotch Peers will appear on the Side of the Minority, at the next Meeting of a Great Assembly.

Jan. 5. Yesterday after breaking up of the Levee, at St. James's, Lord North, Lord Hillsborough, and Lord Barrington, had a long Conference with his Majesty on Affairs of Importance.

It is asserted that the Government has already contracted for 25,000 Barrels of Irish Beef and Pork.

Letters from Florence say that the Earl of Bute has again relapsed into his old Disorder.

A new System of Regulations for the American Colonies, has lately been submitted to the Inspection of a great Number of respectable Merchants; and we are informed will certainly be taken into Consideration of Parliament soon after the Adjournment.

General Paoli has for some Weeks past had very frequent and long Conferences with his Majesty, which has given Rise to a Conjecture, that he will be honoured with an important Command if a War should take Place between Great-Britain and any foreign Power.

April 10, 1770

To be sold at Publick Vendue on Wednesday the 17th Instant, at the House of Mrs. Anne Stewart, near South-River Church, for Current Money,

SUNDRY Goods and Chattels, late the Property of David Stewart, deceased, and desire all Persons who have any Claims against the Estate of the said David Stewart, to bring them in legally authenticated, and those who are indebted to his Estate, are required to make Payment, to

THOMAS GASSAWAY, Executor.

To be sold at publick Vendue, on Monday the 9th Day of June next, to the highest Bidder, on the Premises,

TWO Tracts of Land, adjoining, situate and lying on Elk-Ridge, within about Five Miles of Elk-Ridge Landing, called and known by the Name of Adam the First, and the Weavers Lot, containing Two Hundred and Seventy-nine Acres; the Soil is good, there are some Improvements, a very good Apple Orchard, and some Meadow Ground ready cleared; the Land is well timbered and watered. Any Person inclinable to purchase may view the Premises before the Day of Sale, by applying to the Subscriber, (7w) WILLIAM JEAN.

Dorchester County, April 6, 1771.

To be sold, or leased for a Term of Years not less than Seven, and to be entered on either next Fall or next Spring.

THE Place whereon the Subscriber now dwells, situated on and near the Head of Hagers River, in the most publick and Best Place for a Store and purchasing Lumber in those Parts. It contains 29 Acres, including 7 Acres of Marsh Pasture; it has the following Improvements on it, viz. A dwelling House framed, 48 by 28, Six Rooms below with Five Fire-places, 3 Rooms above, a Kitchen, Quarter, Warehouse, Stable, &c. &c. a Brick Store House 18 by 16 Feet, with a Cellar underneath, a Garden, containing near an Acre, well laid out, paved, railed, &c. an Orchard containing about 160 Fruit-Trees 5 Years planted, a rich Meadow Ground 4 or 5 Acres, filling full with Clover and other Grasses, and about 4 Acres high Ground, sowed down with Clover last Fall, the whole in good Order and Repair, it being but 6 Years since first settled; for Terms, &c. apply to

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JOHN BENNETT.

N. B. Time will be given for Payment, on paying Interest and giving Security, if required.

ALL Persons having any just Claims against the Estate of Thomas Brown, late of Anne-Arundel County, deceased, are desired to bring them in legally proved, that they may be adjusted; and all Persons any Ways indebted to the said Estate, are desired to make immediate Payment, to prevent Trouble and Expence to themselves.

MARGARET BROWN, } sworn Administrators.

JOHN BROWN, }

N. B. I keep publick House as formerly, and shall be obliged to all Persons for their Custom.

(w3) MARGARET BROWN.

W A N T E D,

A Diligent, careful young Man, who writes a good Hand, and is a complete Master of Book-keeping; such a Person, whose Character for his Honesty and Sobriety will bear the strictest Examination, will be paid at the Rate of £.100 Current Money per Annum, for his Services. Though constant Attendance will be required, yet his business will not take up half his Time. Enquire at the Printing Office. (3w)

N. B. If he behaves well, he will meet with further Encouragement.

A Young Man, brought up to a very genteel and profitable Business, is willing to article with any Gentleman or Merchant for a Term of Years, on advancing some Money. Any Person this may suit, may depend on finding a Person perfectly qualified, to their great Advantage. For further Particulars enquire of the Printer.

Patuxent Iron-Works, April 3, 1771.

WHITE-FOOT,

A Fine Country bred Road Horse, just brought from the Northward, Five Years old, Fifteen Hands high, and a fine Bay, will cover this Season at Twenty Shillings.

P E A C O C K

STANDS at Mr. Thomas Sprigg's, on West-River, Covers at Forty Shillings a Mare if pulsed, otherwise at Thirty the Season; the Money to be sent with the Mares, no one will be taken in without.

Frederick County, January 11, 1771.

WHEREAS I find it is not in my Power to satisfy all the Claims that are against me, and I have many Times offered my last Parting to my Creditors, I hereby give this Publick Notice, that I shall petition the next General Assembly of this Province for my Release from the Sheriff of Frederick County, which I am now in.

W. PARKER.

George-Town, Frederick County, April 3, 1771.

RAN away from the Subscriber, Two Convict servants, viz. JOHN KELLY, an Irishman, about 5 Feet 8 or 9 Inches high, a likely rudy Complexion, and an artful deceitful Fellow: His Cloathing is uncertain, as he has many, and some that are very good, and believe he hath Cash. I do not know that he professes any Branch of Trade, and is very handy in or out of Doors. He probably will forge a Pass, in the Name of Andrew Heugh.

The other named ANNE BAILEY, a small likely Huzzy: Her Apparel at home was a check'd stuff Gown, but its supposed she has taken some others.

Whoever takes up and delivers them to the Subscriber, shall receive for the Man Fifty Shillings, and for the Woman Thirty, paid by

JOHN ORME.

April 2, 1771.

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.

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RICHARD RAWLINGS.

April 1, 1771.

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.

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H. GASSAWAY.