

CHARLESTON; (South-Carolina) December 9.

The Catharine, captain Henderson, arrived in our port yesterday from Antigua. The above ship is in ballast, and sailed purposely for lumber. From this circumstance a judgment may be formed of the oppressiveness of the late prohibitory and restricting order of England. We are happy however to see (and the people of America congratulate the inhabitants of the islands on the occasion) a proper spirit of remonstrance and complaint has been excited among them; the consequence of which will be, England must go to the old work of rescinding; the islanders are determined, at every risk, not to be disappointed in their ardent wish of a free intercourse with the continent, to natural and necessary to them. We venture to predict, if England persists in their injurious restrictions, that the separation of the islands from her is at no very distant period; for the late order of the privy council of England contained the seeds of revolt.

HALIFAX, (Nova-Scotia) February 6.

Since our last several transports have arrived here from Annapolis, Shelburne, and Port-Mutton. Upwards of 1200 houses are now erected in the town of Shelburne, and several of them very elegant; nearly as many it is said, are erected in Carleton, on the river St. John's; a number of houses are likewise erected at Legion-town, Port Mutton; and a number more are to be erected for the reception of those loyalists who have remained in New-York, in case the rebels should not content to their becoming subjects, to their detestable government; or in case the insensate exiles who returned from the country, should render their situation disagreeable and uneasy.

WORCESTER, March 4.

A gentleman in Boston, a few weeks ago, received from his friend in France, who is a native of Bolton, a model of an air balloon, which we are told is exceedingly curious, and gives the beholder a just idea of the construction of this new invented machine, which now engrosses the attention of the greatest philosophers of the present day.

NEW-YORK, March 13.

By advices from the West-Indies, we learn that captain Jocelin, belonging to New-Haven, is arrived at Martinico, and conducted in there a vessel he met with on his passage, which had been blown off the coast. There were only three persons on board, viz. the owner, his daughter, and a negro. She was bound from the West-Indies to Nova-Scotia, with a family of refugees, all of whom, excepting the above, with the crew, were washed overboard in a violent storm, a few days before they met captain Jocelin. Her cargo consists of West-India produce and household furniture.

March 17. We are informed that Mrs. Farmer, of this city, has presented an excellent original picture of the celebrated Christopher Columbus, discoverer of the American continent, to the house of assembly of this state, which has been received by that honourable branch of the legislature, with expressions of their thanks for so valuable a present. The house have ordered it to be placed in their convention room.

March 19. There is at this time in London, a celebrated Chinese philosopher, who has attained the wonderful art of preparing looking-glasses, so as to receive a lasting impression of any person standing before it. The exact likeness, dress, and every the most minute attitude of the object, male or female, will be forever preserved as at the moment of appearance, nor can it be effaced but by the breaking of the glass; a single minute will perfect the operation. His price is fifty guineas for a whole length.

On the 7th of January last, the island of St. Christopher was given up by the French to the English, agreeable to treaty; and Nevis on the 10th. The French in their hurry of business, neglected carrying off their king's arms that had been put up in the court-house, in St. Christopher, which the populace, (to shew their gratitude) burnt with every token of intamy.

Wednesday arrived here the Nancy, captain Drummond, in seven weeks from Glasgow.

NEW-BRUNSWICK, March 9.

By a vessel arrived at a neighbouring port from Europe we learn, that portraits of all the royal family of France were on board a vessel bound to this continent, to be presented to congress.

PHILADELPHIA, March 13.

Extra of a letter from St. Kitts, dated January 24, 1784. "I am happy to tell you, that by the last ships from England we are informed, that we are to have a free trade with North-America, with this single restriction, that they shall not be carriers of any of the produce of the British islands to Great-Britain."

Extra of a letter from Paris, dated December 26.

"The French cabinet have in contemplation some new arrangements, favourable to our intercourse with their West India islands. The articles of their export already exceed the European consumption, and renders it expedient that a new market be opened to encourage their sale. The marquis la Fayette continues unwearied in his endeavours to serve us. I am just told that he has stated in a masterly manner to his court, in a memorial written by himself, the advantages and necessity of new privileges in our favour. Indeed the nobility in this country seem to look upon the study of the principles of commerce, as essential to their political rise, although commerce still wants that consideration which it enjoys in England.

"The aerostatic globe is every day becoming more interesting, and experiments are multiplied, to increase its levity and make it more commodious for travelling. I will not venture to predict of an invention in its infancy, or say whether it may not prove more injurious than useful to society. Had the knowledge and ap-

plication of gunpowder been confined to one nation, that nation would have subdued all others: its being known to all gives no one an advantage over another, or no advantage they would not have had without it. Small journies have already been performed by its means, which may lead to the undertaking of greater. Mountains which have remained inaccessible since the beginning of the world may now be explored. Tracts of countries may be traversed, and new nations and new seas discovered. The sick may be suddenly removed from an unhealthy atmosphere to one the most salubrious, and new lights thrown upon the cure of diseases. It may render the whole atmosphere the subject of new experiments, and may open to the astronomer new paths to the planets. It may lead also to a change in the system of war, and enable those who cannot live in peace to destroy fleets, cities and camps at a very inconsiderable expense. I wish to see England take up the invention with spirit, because emulation might hasten improvement."

March 18. Monday morning last, about two o'clock, the ice on the Schuylkill (which had been fixed by the severe weather since the beginning of December last) suddenly gave way, and a vast quantity of it having collected near the Middle Ferry, soon formed a dam, by which a great extent of ground became overflowed; the water rising ten feet higher than was ever known before, and carrying with it large bodies of ice, almost every thing was swept from off the place; some horses and cattle were drowned, and Mr. Ogden's family were forced to retire to the second floor, all the lower part being under water; one horse was saved by going into the house and following the family up stairs. It was day-light before any assistance could be given them, when they were brought off in boats. About four o'clock in the afternoon the water subsided, and left a great number of large cakes of ice at such a distance from the river, as the height the flood had risen to, and affords a spectacle curious and interesting, which will probably remain for some time, as there must be a good deal of warm weather before the high banks of ice which are formed on both sides the river can be dissolved.

We have not yet heard whether the country has suffered from the late thaw, which has been very gradual, and we hope favourable.

Extra of an official letter received by a gentleman in public session in this city, dated Versailles, December 27, 1783.

"It has been fixedly determined that consent shall be the free port for the navigators of the United States, but the edict of the king is not yet published, as his majesty wishes to give to that establishment all the extension which it can receive without injuring our own trade, and the revenues of the state."

"In the mean while that place enjoys already full liberty with respect to importation of goods of American produce, and re-exportation of the same, in case the merchants and navigators find convenient to re-export them. Maritimes and Dunkirk will continue to be upon the same footing."

March 20. The navigation of the Delaware, which has been stopped by ice since the 26th day of December last, is at length revived, and a number of vessels which were obliged to continue in a distressed situation in different parts of the bay and river, have, within these few days past, come into our port. In the course of this severe season, the ice formed a very secure bridge opposite the city, so that that necessary article, fire wood, has been brought in great quantities from the Jersey shore, which proved a great relief to this city. But we are sorry to hear that the thaw has been fatal to many settlements on the schuylkill. At the Falls, about five miles from this city, the water rose to an amazing height, and great bodies of ice floating with it, carried away a number of buildings, &c. among which are barns, stables, fishing houses, fences, and some dwelling houses; one paper mill near the river has been entirely destroyed, and other manufactures of that useful article have been much damaged. These distresses, added to the hardships incident to a winter, which for severity has not been equalled these forty years, have made the case of the poor hard indeed, while many whole means of living were thought sufficient, have got through the winter with difficulty.

March 23. The Commerce, captain Truxton, left the Downs the 20th of January, but does not bring prints of so late a date. Before she sailed accounts were received on board, that another change in the English ministry had happened, and that Mr. Pitt, with a number of others, had resigned their places, after having continued in office less than a month.

This was said to be in consequence of a resolution of the house of commons, that ministers neither had, nor ought to have, the confidence of the people.

The affairs of the nation were in a very distracted state, particularly with respect to their eastern possessions. Of this the following extract may give some idea, although it was written in haste, and when there was but a chance of the letter reaching the ship.

Extra of a letter from London, dated January 17, 1784.

"This country, torn by factions and dissensions, is going to the devil, Jehu like."

"The new ministry lost every thing yesterday in the house of commons."

"The king, I think, will either restore Mr. Fox or dissolve the parliament."

It does not appear that any thing permanent had been fixed for governing the commerce between America and Great-Britain; although the order prohibiting American vessels from carrying the produce of the British West-Indies, had been renewed.

The Commerce, on her passage, met with very bad weather, by which she suffered some injury in her top-masts and rigging.

The Olive Branch, captain Willet, is arrived in London from this port.

The captains All, Smith and Frost, in vessels bound to this port from London, may be daily expected.

The Active, captain Lyde, arrived at Portsmouth from Boston, the 25th December, after 33 days passage.

The Iris, captain Caldeleugh, arrived safe in the Downs, from New-York, after 29 days passage.

The ship Fame, captain Roblin, is arrived in the river from Bristol, but left from St. Christopher.

We are sorry to hear, that in the night of the 10th instant, the ship Maria Johanna, captain Pieter Yalings Bönk, from Amsterdam, in a gale of wind, was drove ashore on the inside of Cape Henlopen, where the loon beat to pieces, and all on board, 22 in number, except the supercargo and his clerk, who drifted ashore on a piece of plank, perished.

ALEXANDRIA, March 18.

A correspondent from Leesburg has sent us the following singular intelligence: "A farmer's wife in this neighbourhood, being four months pregnant, had a miscarriage of a male child, and in five months afterwards was delivered of another, who is now alive and well."

Sunday last the ice in the river Patowmack began to break up, and on Monday ran very rapid, exhibiting an appearance of such vast bodies of ice and timber as was never known by the oldest inhabitants here. Our apprehensions for the shipping, wharves and stores were great; but luckily neither have received much damage, and we are in hopes the river will soon be clear.

We hear that much damage has been done at Georgetown by the breaking up of the ice in this river.

The ship —, captain Atwood, from Bolton, and the sloop —, captain Brown, from Providence, Rhode-Island, are arrived here. They have been a long time in the bay.

ANNAPOLIS, April 1.

This morning the ship Liberty, captain Outram, arrived in this port from London.

By her we learn, that the following vessels were arrived in England, viz. ship Hellen, Alicorn, from Alexandria; ship Harford, Richardson; ship Willing Tom, Stewart; ship Peace, Thomas Moore; brig John, Green; and brig Peace and Plenty, Bradstreet, from Maryland.

Annapolis, April 1, 1784.

To be SOLD at PRIVATE SALE,

THE houses and lots now occupied by the subscriber, in the city of Annapolis. Credit will be given, if required, for the purchase money. For terms apply to

NATHANIEL RAMSEY.

Upper Marlborough, March 30, 1784. To be SOLD at PUBLIC VENDUE, At Mrs. Urquhart's tavern, on Monday the 26th day of April next.

HALF an acre of land, and the store-house and other improvements thereon, erected at the Indian-Landing, in Anne-Arundel county, late the property of Ralph Foster, Esq;

FRANK LEEKE.

To be SOLD, on Wednesday the 21st day of April, to the highest bidder, at the plantation of Lewis Lee, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, About four miles from London-town.

ALL the personal estate of the said Lewis Lee, consisting of a variety of negro slaves, men, women, boys, and girls; horses, cattle, and household furniture.

All persons who have any demands against the estate of the above mentioned Lewis Lee, are hereby requested to bring them in that they may be adjusted, and those who are indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment to

ALLEN QUINN, executor.

Washington county, state of Maryland, March 18. To be SOLD at PRIVATE SALE,

A VALUABLE plantation, three miles from Hagar's-town, where the county court is held, containing 644 acres; the land is of the first quality in the county, and has on it two tenements; one of them is a large lime-stone dwelling house, with a large barn and other out houses, and twenty acres of meadow, with fruit-trees of all kinds; the other is a large dwelling house, with barn and other out houses, and about twenty acres of meadow, with a stream of water running through the same, and about 130 good fruit-trees.

Likewise to be sold, a grist and saw mill, with three pair of stones, and 82 acres of land, on Antecatum, on which are two lime-stone dwelling houses, a large barn, blacksmith's and cooper's shops, and several other out houses; the mill house is 41 feet by 51, as convenient for merchant work as any one in the state, with about 12 acres of meadow, and 200 good fruit-trees.

Credit will be given for great part of the money, or a good bargain had for ready cash; wheat-flour or tobacco delivered in Baltimore will be taken in payment as cash. For further particulars apply to Nicholas or Conrod Swingle, living on the premises, George Swingle, senior, at the Little Falls, or the subscriber in Baltimore-town.

GEORGE SWINGLE, junr.

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