

LONDON, September 13.

THE Dutch seem to be in a worse predicament with their republicanism, than the Americans are with their independence. The latter enjoy peace, at least, while the fine system of government which our patriots have long been attempting to introduce into this country, totters in Holland, even from the foundation, and all the mischiefs of anarchy and civil war seem to hang over the devoted heads of the inhabitants of the seven Provinces.

Sept. 27. The mail from Holland received yesterday, brings the Dutch news down to the 22d instant, but nothing new on the intestine war which is now kindled, and may soon burst into a general flame in the republic. The town of Utrecht and others threatened with their being compelled to receive garrisons, are preparing for the worst, and unless the king of Prussia's letter, which will no doubt speak more plain, does not tame the states of Holland into better temper, there is every reason to apprehend that the present troubles will be attended with the most serious consequences.

Those who are acquainted with the temper of the Dutch, say, that the skirmish at Hattem will prove another Lexington affair. It is the first drawing of blood; which in civil disputes, is always a prelude to very important consequences.

The little town of Hattem, lately taken by the prince of Orange's troops, stands upon the banks of the Yssel, 12 miles from the prince's palace at Leeuwarden, and 5 miles from Albour. It was formerly a strong place, but when the French took it in 1672, they demolished the fortifications. However it has always been considered as a citadel, in the time of war, from its situation, which commanded, or might command the interior country.

The French king's declaration, "that the Stadholder's troops are in open rebellion," must soon draw an explicit and direct opinion from the ambassadors of the other foreign courts, and bring us to a speedy issue the question, whether peace is to continue for some time longer, or whether we are to expect a general war throughout Europe.

On 4. We hear from Chatham, that a detachment of mariners embarked by board the Juniter of 50 guns; Commodore Sir Prebhard Bickerton holds his broad pendant on board, and proceeds in order to the West Indies, and is to take the command of his majesty's ships on that station.

They write from Ireland, that the ship Annable Felicity, Captain de Broesee, arrived in Travaher Bay, in the county of Waterford, in want of water and provisions of every kind, she was from Martinico to Roshelle, with a cargo of sugar in boxes, &c. She had been at sea since the middle of August last, her provisions falling short, the crew consisting of 36 men, exclusive of officers, were for three weeks before they came in on an allowance of two biscuits and four ounces of cheese for twenty four hours; when they arrived they had not ten pounds weight of any kind of provisions on board. Notwithstanding their distressed situation, they all seem to be in good health. The captain is now buying provisions and other necessaries to continue his voyage.

Lately died in the parish of Acksey, at Doncaster, a woman aged 83, who has left the following living issue, viz. 10 children, 42 grand children, and 10 great-grand children, in all 62.

KINGSTON, October 28.

A correspondent informs us, that some counterfeit half guineas are now in circulation. They are quite new, and are in imitation of those of his present majesty, and dated 1784. They are highly finished on both sides, but have an imperfect mintage; are remarkable thick, and appear of a lacquered aspect. They are considerably short of weight, and seem to be worth scarcely a piteen.

NEW-YORK, December 21.

A gentleman who was in the late expedition against the Shawanoe towns, writes, that seven of his, consisting of 250 butts, were destroyed, with a large quantity of corn, beans, cabbages, &c. that fifteen hundred pounds worth of plunder was taken; that ten of the savages were killed, including the king Miantia, and 28 taken prisoners, with our white men. On the side of the Christians, captain Irvine was killed, and four privates wounded, two of whom are since dead.

PHILADELPHIA, January 8.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman on the Mohawk river, to his friend in this city, dated the 2d ultimo.

"I have just time to tell you, that the report which has been published in several of our public papers, respecting JOS. PH. BRANDT being killed, is without foundation. He is now at Niagara in good health, and from what I can learn, totally averse to war with the United States, and does not wish to favour the hostilities. It is no secret to you that I know the man, and that I am well acquainted in Canada and the frontiers of this state (New York) with the six Nations are by no means dissatisfied with Pennsylvania. I can speak from experience. They say "their brother PENN never encroached on their lands."

RICHMOND, January 10.

At four o'clock on Monday morning last, the inhabitants of this city were alarmed by a fire, which broke out at an uninhabited house near Mr. Anderson's tavern.—The wind being up, and the house old and dry, this turbulent element quickly spread its flames around, communicating to houses in three directions, which threw all into confusion, and would have baffled the most expert firemen; a line was formed for the purpose of conveying water to the engine, but through the unsteadiness of many, the line was often broke, and thrown into confusion, and to add to the misconduct, an engine was quitted in the middle of the street, which was nearly destroyed. By active exertions, Byrd's tobacco warehouse was many times extinguished; but at last, the number of fiery coals which fell, put an end to every attempt, being burnt, with about 200 hogheads of tobacco, and 160 were saved.—When the warehouse was burning, the fire was at its height, and the scene truly melancholy, raging with uncontrolled fury; after three hours violence, and destroying a square of

the principal houses and stores, it abated, leaving a dreadful vestige of its dire effects, and several worthy characters in opulence and ease, nearly deprived of their all.—Alas how uncertain are earthly possessions—this young city, about rearing its head in point of trade, &c. receives a check from that unconquerable element.—From a rough estimate, the loss exceeds 100,000l.

The principal sufferers who lost their houses, &c. are as follow:—Anderson, Younghusband, and Rawlins's tavern.—Mrs. Craig's coffee-house.—Dr. Foulher's shop.—Dixon and Holt's Printing-office.—The following merchant stores:—Pennock and Co. Graves, Paine, Duncan, Hollingworth and Johnston, Warrington, Stockdell, Deane's, Quarrier, Nimmo, Rutherford, Groves, Banks, James and McComb, W. Galt, Southgate, Gilliat, Hay, Anderson and Co. and Ganot; which, with private houses, make about 43 burnt. Also some stables and warehouse.

On this disastrous occasion, we can boast of characters, whose benevolence, activity, unwearied exertion, and philanthropic dispositions, dignity human nature; the remembrance of whom, will gratefully live in the minds of their fellow citizens.

At a meeting of citizens, on Monday afternoon, convened at Mr. Trower's tavern, by desire of his Excellency the Governor, who attended, the following paper was read by paragraph, and unanimously agreed to.

*This meeting met sincerely sympathizing in the distresses of the Citizens of Richmond, occasioned by the fire of this morning.—RESOLVE,*

1st. That they will relieve their suffering brethren as far as they can, and will labour to provide houses for such, as are unable to provide for themselves.

2d. That it is the duty of every citizen possessing houses to be rented, to reduce, rather than to increase the rent on this melancholy occasion.

3d. That Col. Harvi, Col. Adams, Mr. A. Ronald, and Mr. K. Mitchell, be appointed to receive donations from citizens and others, for the relief of such of the sufferers as will give in their names.

4th. That the same gentlemen be a committee for the purposes of distributing the donations.

5th. That the said committee ought to divide the goods saved among those entitled, where no owner can be ascertained.

ANNAPOLIS, January 25.

On Saturday last the General Assembly of this state adjourned, the house of delegates to the 20th of March, and the senate to the 20th of April next, after having passed fifty-four laws, a list of which will be in our next.

*The conclusion of Mr. Duwall's publication is unavoidably postponed. Advertisements and articles of intelligence omitted this week will be inserted in our next.*

January 15, 1787.

THE subscriber having leased the plantation of the late William Thomas, Esq; at the mouth of South river, known by the name of Hill's Deight, hereby forewarns all persons whatever from hunting with dog or gun within the enclosures of the said plantation, or from halting the gun at any of the fishing landings, as he is determined to take legal steps to make those pay for it who shall be found trespassing upon him in either way.

RALPH FORSTER.

NOTICE is hereby given, that H. Adison, of the county of Prince George, clerk, and his son, propose to petition the honourable general assembly, at their next session, touching certain confiscated property of the said Adison.

THREE POUNDS REWARD.

January 16, 1787.

WENT adrift from my landing the 4th of December last, a flat bottomed oaken-work BOAT, about 25 feet in length, and five or six in breadth, on a low months old, and had received a coat of tar about six weeks before I lost her; she has a remarkable wide stern for the convenience of laying a sea out, and her head is very singular, the stanks over-jutting and hiding the stem, and their ends secured by a rib of iron a few inches wide, which extends from the top to bottom, and is put on cumfity; she rises very much at the head and stern, can be rowed with six, and is uncommonly light for her size; her timbers are chiefly of mulberry, and her plank of oak. Whoever will inform me by letter, to be left in the post office, at Annapolis, where I may get her again, shall receive a guinea for his trouble, and if the boat is delivered at my landing upon Kent Island, about four miles above Kent point, which may be conveniently done by any vessel passing up or down the bay, the person or persons delivering her shall receive the above reward, and any other reasonable charges, from

PEREGRINE FITZHUGH.



TAKEN up as a stray, by Henry Brookes, living in Montgomery county, a black HORSE, about thirteen hands and an half high, nine or ten years old, branded on the near buttock imperfectly, but supposed to be with the letters R W, paces, trots and gallops. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 10/7/6

November 25, 1786.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to prefer a petition to the next general assembly of the state of Maryland, to pass a law to enable her to sell and dispose of a tract of land in Worcester county, known by the name of Philip's Adventure.

HANNAH BISHOP.

Calvert county, January 4, 1787.

Will be SOLD, at PUBLIC SALE, on Wednesday the 31st inst. if fair, if not the next fair day, at the dwelling-house of Thomas Johnston, Clerk, late of the county aforesaid, deceased,

SUNDRY negroes, consisting of men and women; likewise horses and cattle. Six months credit will be given to the purchaser, on giving bond with security, if required. It is requested that all persons that have claims against the estate of said Johnston will bring their accounts in legally authenticated on or before the day of sale.

MARY CLEAVRLEY JOHNSON, executrix of Thomas Johnston.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

Upper Marlborough, Prince-George's county, September 12, 1786.



RAN away from the subscriber, on the 4th of June, a negro man named CHARLES, twenty-five years of age, a short thick fellow, about five feet six inches high, has a short flat nose, a very bony head of hair, thick lips, with a lump on the upper one, he is a handy fellow, and works well at the whip law; had on when he went away his common working dress; I have reasons to believe he has other cloaths with him, but cannot particularly describe them, therefore he probably may change his apparel. As I purchased him of Notley Young, Esq; on Patowmack, I apprehend he is lurking about in that neighbourhood. Whoever takes up and secures the said fellow, so that his master may get him again, shall receive if above ten miles from home thirty shillings, if out of the county forty shillings, and if out of the state the above reward, including what the law allows, paid by

WILLIAM BOWIE, 3d.

TEN POUNDS REWARD.

November 24, 1786.

STOLEN out of my pasture, on July 24 last, at night, a black HORSE, about 13 hands two or three inches high, nine years old, has a star in his forehead, his jaws much cut with the bridle bit, a natural pacer, trots up hill or in heavy ground, is neither docked nor branded, strong made; he was some time ago at Mr Thomas Baiding's, but Mr. Baiding says he was stolen out of his pasture. Whoever brings said horse to me, living near Bladensburg, and makes the thief known, or who has made way with him, or gives intelligence so as I get him again, shall be entitled the above reward upon conviction, or six dollars for the horse only, paid by me

GERARD BOARMAN.

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Howard's-Hill, January 1, 1787.

THE partnership of RIDLEY and PRINGLE having expired, all persons indebted to them are requested to make immediate settlement of their accounts.—The ardent desire they have, and the urgent necessity there is for winding up all their old affairs, compel them to call on every one without distinction. A longer indulgence than that already given, must not be expected; and therefore all those who neglect this notice, may depend on actions being brought against them to the ensuing courts.

They have on hand, a large quantity of dry goods, which they will sell for cash, tobacco, flour, de-preciation or other state securities, or at a short credit. Any person desirous of purchasing, may find their advantage by an early application for the above goods.

M. RIDLEY, M. PRINGLE.

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January 6, 1787.

I HEREBY forewarn all persons from taking an assignment on my bond to Edward Norcraft, for three hundred-pounds current money, payable the last day of August, 1786, on account of his having repeatedly refused to give my bond credit for money and tobacco paid in discharge thereof, near the amount of the aforesaid bond.

WILLIAM WATERS.

November 29, 1786.

MADE their escape last night, by burning the way, the three following prisoners, JAMES DUGLASS, about thirty-five years of age, he is a stout well-looking fellow, fair complexion, with black hair, and red beard; VACHEL NIGHT, a stripling, about seventeen years of age, speaks quick, and is apt to stammer when in a hurry; negro DICK, the property of Mr. John Parker, about twenty three years of age; had on a blue duffel jacket and overalls, old shirt, old shoes and stockings, and a half worn felt hat. Whoever will apprehend the said prisoners and deliver them to me, shall receive ten pounds reward, or three pounds for either of them.

NICHOLAS BLACKLOCK, Sheriff of Prince-George's county.

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Annapolis, January 1, 1787.

BRILLIANT,

IS now in fine order, and for sale, his pedigree the best, his merits on the turf with that of his stock (as far as they have been tried) equal to any horses in the state of Maryland.

If Brilliant is not sold by the 15th of February next, he will cover mares the ensuing season in Queen-Anne's county, at three guineas the mare, where there will be good pasturage at the usual price; those gentlemen who favour Brilliant with their mares from the western shore shall not be chargeable with the expence of crossing and re-crossing the bay, and may be assured that every care and attention to and from the other shore shall be paid to those addressed to the subscriber, in Annapolis. Apply for terms of sale to Robert Wright, Esq; of Chester-town, Kent county, or the subscriber.

JAMES RINGGOLD.

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