

They write from Cheshire, that a Clergyman, and one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for that County, has been committed to the Castle of Chester, for forging a Promissory Note for 60l. in the Name of a Shop-keeper of that City; after the Manner of the late Mr. William Hiles, by erasing the Body of a Letter, and writing the Note over the Shop-keeper's Name.

London, Feb. 25. Rear Admiral Balchen is gone to Portsmouth to view the Shipping in that Harbour, and we hear that Sir Charles Wager is to command a Squadron of Men of War.

London, March 1. The Right Honourable Mr. Vice-Chamberlain Stanhope has waited on a certain celebrated Dutchess, with express Orders to forbid her Grace's appearing at Court.

This Week died at his House in Tavistock-street, Joseph Hayes, Esq; formerly a Timber Merchant, and was reputed to be worth 30,000 Pounds; a Dissenter, and a very charitable Man.

London, March 3. By a List of Prisoners for Debt in the several Counties in England; there appears to be about Ninety Five Thousand Persons so confined.

London, March 10. His Majesty hath been graciously pleased to order a new Coinage to be made of Farthings and Half-pence of the finest British Copper, as near the Spanish Vales as may be, and that any Profit that shall accrue thereupon shall be paid into the Exchequer for publick Uses. 'Tis thought the present Scarcity of that Sort of Coin is occasioned by its being clandestinely exported into the Plantations.

March 10. Last Friday 200 l. was paid by the Lords of the Treasury to the Persons concern'd in the apprehending of Will. Marple and Tim. Cotton, now under Condemnation in Newgate, for a Robbery on the Highway near Knights-Bridge. The Constable who assisted at the taking them was excluded from any part of the Reward, for not appearing as an Evidence at their Tryal.

Boston, April 18.

His Excellency Governour Burnet sent down the following Message to the House of Representatives at Salem, which was read by Mr. Secretary, in these Words, viz.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

Now, that you are about to return to your several Homes in all parts of the Province, I think it incumbent on me, to inform you, and the whole Country, by your Means, That the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations have done me the Honour of a Letter of the Eleventh of February last, in which are these Words; *We very much approve of your Prudence and Integrity in declining to accept of Money from the Assembly upon any Terms different from those enjoy'd you by your Instructions.* As this Declaration from their Lordships gives me the highest Satisfaction, so I think it may convince you, with how little Reason my Conduct has been complain'd of upon that Head.

You may possibly be desirous to know, why I have not yet sign'd an Order upon the Treasury for your Pay; but if you consider, that next a third Part of the Time of the sitting of the General Assembly since my Arrival, has been render'd useless, by your refusing to do the Business of the Province, it may justly appear doubtful, whether the Towns can bear an Expence, the sole End of which was defeated for so long a Time by that Refusal; Though I confess this does not relate to those worthy Members who were all along of another Opinion.

And since you would not come into any further Consideration of settling a Salary on the Governour at this present Session; I think you cannot wonder that I should defer the Consideration of your Allowances in the same manner.

What has been hitherto done, may be charged on this House of Representatives only; but the Country will now have an Opportunity, by a new Choice, of shewing their Duty and Loyalty to his Majesty, as well as their Faithfulness to their own Constitution.

W. Burnet.

Upon finishing the reading of which Message, Mr. Secretary declared, That his Excellency ordered, That this Great and General Court or Assembly be dissolved, and that the said Great and General Court or Assembly was dissolved

accordingly; and that the Members were discharged from any further Attendance.

Boston, April 28. Writs are issuing out for the Choice of Representatives to serve at the Great and General Court of Assembly of this Province, on the Day of Election the 28th of May next, at the Court-house of Salem; in the County of Essex.

Boston, May 12. On Tuesday last, the following Gentlemen was chosen for Representatives to serve in the General Assembly, viz. *Eliza Cooke, Esq; Mr. Ezekiel Lewis, Mr. Thomas Cushing, and Mr. Samuel Laws.*

On Wednesday last being the Anniversary Election at Newport on Rhode Island, the Hon. *Joseph Jencks, Esq;* was chosen Governor, and the Hon. *Col. John Wanton,* Deputy Governor.

On Friday last, the General Assembly of New-Hampshire pursuant to his Majesty's Instruction, settled a Salary of 2000 l. Sterling per Ann. upon his Excellency Governour Burnet, during the time of his Government.

Extract of a Letter from Jamaica, dated March 5.

The Act for Establishing a perpetual Revenue here, and perpetuating their Laws, has been at home near a Year. It cannot well fail of being confirmed, being exactly conformable in the Substance to the Draught sent hither from home. The Governor has in that 2500 l. per Ann. Salary. The additional Salary, by a Majority of one single Vote, was refused, and in lieu of that, 6000 l. given at once to enable the Governor to live in this dear Place.

New-York, May 19.

His Excellency's Speech to the General Assembly of his Majesty's Province of New-York, the 14th of May, 1729.

Gentlemen;

I have called you together, to concert, and concur with you in advancing the Interest and Prosperity of this Province: And I take this Occasion of acquainting you, that since your Adjournment, I met the Six Nations of Indians at Albany, and I do assure you, with great Pleasure and Satisfaction, that I find them thoroughly attached to our Interest. You will see this confirmed by their publick Conferences with me, which if you desire shall be laid before you.

They think the House at Oswego, which has been builded and hitherto supported by you, of so great Consequence to themselves and us, that they expect you will keep a Garrison there, and we shall appear very contemptible in the Eyes of the World, if you do not seasonably and amply provide for the Maintainance and Support of it, which I earnestly and heartily recommend to you.

The Indians, on their Part, promise to assist us against any Power that dares to attack it.

I am sorry that the Expences of that Place has been so burthenome to the Province, but I believe there will be Methods proposed to you, of doing it at far less Charge, than what it has hitherto cost you; I leave that entirely to your Consideration, not doubting but you will provide for it effectually and the less Expence the Province is at, it will be the more pleasing to me.

I have one Thing more to recommend to you, which is appointing an Agent to sollicite your Affairs at the Court of Great-Britain; and I must take this Occasion of doing Justice to the Gentleman you last employed, by telling you, that to my certain Knowledge, he served you diligently and honestly, and very well deserves the Continuance of the Trust you reposed in him.

J. Montgomerie

Annapolis, June 16. On Tuesday last, George Plater, Esq; was married to Mrs. Rebecca Bowles, the Relict of James Bowles, Esq; a Gentlewoman of considerable Fortune.

And, on Friday last, died Mr. James Carroll, at the House of Charles Carroll, Esq; in this City.

At the Custom-house of Annapolis.

Clear'd for Departure. June 11, 1729.

- Swan of Biddiford, William Mills, Master, for Biddiford,
- 13. Simuel of Maryland, Ashbury Sutton, Master, for Philadelphia.
- 16. Safafrax of Truro, Samuel Stoneman, Master, for Pendrine.
- 16. Charles of London, William Madge, Master, for London.

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