

pected. This bold and active Commander has done the French prodigious Damage in their Fishery, having destroy'd above a Thousand of their Shallops, with other Utensils for Fishing, and has had in his Custody upwards of a Thousand Prisoners.

NEW-YORK, November 19.

Capt. Bryant, who is just arrived from London, who informs us, that on the 21st of September he left in the Downs the rest of the Ships bound hither, and 140 Sail of Merchantsmen, under Convoy of two Men of War, who were to sail to Spithead, in order to join a larger Convoy, all bound to the Westward.

ANNAPOLIS, January 5.

Last Week arrived here from Barbadoes the Schooner Hope-well, Capt. Johnston, by whom we are informed, that Commodore Warren brought in there, on the 29th of November last, a French Privateer, with 75 Men besides 15 Negroes: The Commodore fired above 100 Shot at her before she struck. The Governor of Martinico has offered 10,000*l.* to any who shall be so fortunate as to take that brave Commander.

The Beginning of last Month died much lamented, Major Henry Trippe, of Dorchester County, a Gentleman who had been many Years a Member of the House of Delegates, and Deputy Commissary for that County.

About the same Time died in Calvert County, Major Thomas Crompton, a Gentleman remark'd for his Good Nature and Hospitality; and his Death is much regretted by all who had the Pleasure of his Acquaintance.

We hear from Virginia, that on the 6th of December last they had a most violent Storm of Wind at N. E. accompanied with Rain, which raised the Tide 7 Feet perpendicular above High-water Mark. In Norfolk only, the Damage is computed at 3000*l.* Several Negroes living on the low Lands, with 5000 Head of Cattle, Horses, Sheep, &c. were drowned thereby; great Quantities of Tobacco were damaged in the Inspecting-Houses, many Wharffs carried away, and Vessels drove ashore. Several Vessels, which were out at Sea when the Tempest began, were drove into Hampton without Masts or Bolt-sprits; a great many others were forced over Board, 6 or 7 Miles, whence it is impossible ever to get them off; and the station'd Ship was drove two Leagues from her Moorings. The Gale continued thus about 12 Hours, when the Wind veered W. with Snow.

January 6. By a Gentleman arrived here from England, via New-York, in Capt. Griffiths, who left Portsmouth the 18th of October last, we have certain Information, that Admiral Balchen, with the Fleet under his Command, who had been conveying the Stores for Admiral Matthews to Lisbon, in their Return homewards met with a violent Storm, whereby the said Fleet was dispersed; however they all weather'd the Gasket [the most westerly Point of France], and got safe to Portsmouth, except the Admiral's Ship the Victory, which had been missing a Fortnight after the rest arrived, and was not heard of when this Gentleman came away. The Ship which last saw her says she had left her Foremast, and drove to Leeward (towards the French Coast) full out of Sight; which makes most People conclude she is lost. The Victory is a fine new first Rate Ship, mounting 112 Brass Guns, and had on board 1350 Men; and is said to have cost 112,000*l.* Sterling. A Misfortune indeed great; but was vastly enhanced by the additional Loss of so bold and experienced an Admiral, and such a Number of brave Englishmen.

January 16. The above Article is confirmed by a Ship just arrived here from England, who further assures us, that several Masts, Yards, Oars, &c. have been drove ashore in the Island

of Guernsey, marked VICTORY; and amongst other Things, a Pair of Leather Bags were wash'd ashore, which are certainly known to belong to a Lieutenant of the said Man of War.

January 8. This Day arrived here a Messenger from the Governor of Virginia, to take and carry with him two Frenchmen, now on board of Capt. Hutchinson in Wye River, in order to be tried with some others, now in Virginia, for Murder and Piracy. The Circumstances are, That Capt. Mansfield, at the King's Meadow, bound from Jamaica to London, having on board three Frenchmen and a Spaniard (who were Prisoners of War in that Island, and whom the Captain had received into Pay as Sailors), departed from thence in the Beginning of October last. That the said Fellows having conspired with the Ship's Crew, consisting of eight Irishmen, to murder the Captain, and run away with the Vessel, they did accordingly kill the Captain on the 10th of the same Month. That on the 29th following they murder'd the Mate, and stood away for the Canaries; but were luckily met by Capt. Lony, bound to Virginia, who putting his Mate Captain of the King's Meadow, sent the eight Irishmen in Irons to England, there to receive the just Reward of their Villainy; two of the Frenchmen he put on board Capt. Hutchinson, bound for Maryland; and the other Frenchman and the Spaniard he brought with him into Virginia.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Stolen or strayed, but supposed to be stolen, some Months ago, from the Subscriber living in Annapolis, a large Bay Stallion, which formerly belonged to Mr. Rezin Hammond, of Anne-Arundel County. Whoever will give Notice of the said Horse, so as he may be had again, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward; and if the Person who stole him be apprehended and brought to Justice, Five Pounds.

William Reynolds

The said Reynolds has just imported a great Variety of European and India Goods, which are to be sold at his Store in Annapolis, at the most reasonable Prices.

Lent some Time ago, but to whom is forgot, a bound Book in Octavo intitled, News from the Dead, or True Intelligence from the other World: On a Leaf preceding the Title Page is wrote, *The Wicked borrow, and never return.* The Person who has it is hereby desired to consider that Text, and restore the Book to the right Owner.

Now in the Press, and shortly will be published.

A Protest against Popery, shewing the Purity of the Church of England, the Errors of the Church of Rome, and the Invalidity of the most plausible Objections, Proofs, and Arguments of the Roman Catholics: Humbly addressed to the Inhabitants of Maryland. By Hugh Jones, A. M. of Jesus College Oxford. Beware lest any Man spoil you through Ebibisby's vain Deceit, after the Tradition of Men, after the Ruminants of the World, and not after Christ. Colos. ii. 8.

It will be published.

THE Vade Mecum, or a Companion for Merchants, Planters, Traders, &c. containing exact and useful Tables shewing at one View the Value of any Quantity of any Commodity, whether in Yards, Pounds, Gallons, &c. in any Number from One to A Hundred Thousand.