

that Court, that M. de Dieu, Minister from the States General, has not the least Hopes of succeeding in the Negotiation with which he is charged, to obtain a Treaty of Commerce between Russia and the United Provinces. There was a Time when this Affair might have been brought to a final and favourable Conclusion for the Dutch: But the English Merchants, as well as my Lord Hyndford, being jealous of one Day seeing the Dutch enjoy the same Advantages of Commerce in Russia as the English Nation now does, have spar'd no Pains of thwarting M. de Dieu, and of gaining by Dint of Guineas the People in Credit, and those who were most inclined towards the Dutch. As to the great Military Preparations which are making in this Empire, few know certainly against whom they will be made Use of; There is nevertheless some Likelihood that it will be against the King of Prussia, if, as it is assured, this Prince is hardy enough to hazard the Enterprize which he is meditating against Russia, in Favour of a Northern Court."

York, March 4. Yesterday upwards of 100 of the Scots Rebels were remov'd from the Castle, in order to be convey'd to Lincoln Castle. There were six Parties, each led by a Trooper, consisting of five Couple tied together in a String; and one Party of five only: They were guarded by a Detachment of Marshal Wade's and Montague's Horse; and the Sick were convey'd in three Waggon.

B O S T O N, May 12.

On the 4th Instant near Sun set, at a Plantation call'd Con-tocook, bordering upon Rumford, Five Persons being about a Mile from the Garrison in search for their Cows were surpris'd upon by the Indians, and one Mr. Cooke and a Negro Man belonging to the Rev. Mr. Stevens were kill'd, and one Mr. Jones being missing, is suppos'd to be carried off by them; the other Two being at some Distance, made their Escape to the Garrison.

We also hear from Sheepcut, that about a Fortnight ago, six Indians were seen to chase two Boys in a Field, who took them and carried them off.

By Express from the Westward we are informed, That the Indians kill'd a Man who was going Home from Lunenburg to Northfield, about a Fortnight ago; but not found until last Monday: — He had been to Boston, and was on his Return home, with about Four or Five Hundred Pounds with him, in Paper-Bills, which he was carrying up to Northfield to pay the Billiting of Soldiers. — And that at N^o. 4 another Man was killed last Friday se'nnight, the Circumstances of which is pretty remarkable. — Maj. Willard, with several Soldiers went as a Guard to some Women, not far from the Fort, who went out to milk their Cows, Two of the Party having separated to go to the Barn, one of them seeing a Door of the Stable open, ran before to shut it, fearing the Cattle might have got in there; and just as he had got to the Door he saw about 7 or 8 of them in the Stable: Upon which he cried out, *The Stable is full of Indians!* They not minding it, the Indians rushed out and fired upon them and shot this Man. The Major and Guard hearing the Guns, call'd the Men to Arms, and advanc'd in haste towards the Enemy; but before they got nigh enough, they saw one of the Indians, a very stout Fellow, run up to the Man they had shot and strike him with a Hatchet on the Head, which entirely dispatch'd him: But the Major, getting nigh enough to take good Aim, fir'd, and supposes to have struck him as they were scouring off, this Fellow being seen to drop at some Distance; but was carried off by the others; also much Blood was seen at the Place, and his Blankets very bloody were found.

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Privateers who touch'd at Barbadoes a few Weeks ago, had, in Company with the Clinton Sloop and Triton Brig, of this Place, and two more West-India Privateers, taken two large French Prizes, bound to the Cape from France, and had sent them to Jamaica, where all the four other Privateers lay claim to the Prizes as much as the Bristol man.

We hear, there are five Men of War and thirteen Privateers now cruising near Cape Francois, waiting for a large Fleet that is daily expected there from France.

We hear further, that a Sloop belonging to New-England, was taken going to Jamaica, which the Captain ransom'd, and left his Mate as an Hostage: Soon after the said Sloop, with proper Credentials as a Flag of Truce, sail'd from Jamaica, in order to redeem the Mate; but was met by a Spanish Privateer, who took her and sent her into Havanna. A few Days after this, the Privateer fell in with his Majesty's Snow Drake, Capt. Clarke, under Port Morant Keys, whereupon a very hot Engagement ensued; the Spaniards being much superior in Number, and the Drake having the Misfortune of her Arm-Chest on the Quarter-Deck blowing up, the Enemy enter'd her and had Possession of her a Quarter of an Hour; but the Captain and Officers, with a few Marines, made a bold Sally, and retook her, and shortly after took the Privateer, which they brought with them into Jamaica. Many Men, were kill'd on both Sides; the Captain of the Marines is dangerously wounded; the Lieutenant of the Privateer died of his Wounds in Jamaica, and the Captain has both his Leggs cut off. It is thought, that this was the smartest Engagement, of any that has been at Sea this War.

We are also inform'd by Capt. Smith, in a short Passage from Jamaica, that the large Spanish Galley which has done so much Mischief on that Coast is taken by a Snow Man of War, and brought in there; the Governor was pleas'd to make a Present of 500 l. to the Captain, and 100 l. to the Men to drink his Health.

We have also Advice, by Way of Jamaica, That the Dragon and Greyhound Privateers of this Port, were cruising off Cape St. Anthony; and had taken a large Spanish Privateer Sloop of 16 Carriage Guns, called the Grand Diable, which they mann'd with 55 Men, and made her their Consort; they had also taken a small Sloop laden with Provisions, and were daily in Expectation of a rich Ship from Carthagen to the Havanna.

A N N A P O L I S.

Last Week was married in Talbot County, Robert Jenkins Henry, Esq; of Somerset County, to Miss Gertrude Rousby, a Daughter of the late Honourable John Rousby, Esq; deceased, an agreeable young Lady, with a handsome Fortune.

Capt. Chilton is arrived in Patuxent River, from London.

The following Article having been transmitted, with a Desire to have it inserted in this Paper; it is therefore, without any Alteration, submitted to the Judgment of the Reader.

On Saturday, May 24, 1746, two Men of Repute fishing off Kent Island, about 4 o' Clock in the Afternoon, the Weather clear and calm, they saw, to their great Surprize, at a small Distance, a Man about five Feet high, walking by them on the Water, as if on dry Ground: He crossed over from Kent Island to Talbot County, about the Distance of 4 Miles.

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