

proportion introduces a Disorder, and raises that Ferment which is necessary to bring all Things in *statu quo*; and which thus pre-judges the Health of the whole, by giving timely Notice of whatever is pernicious or destructive to any of the Parts; whereas in Governments, as well as Bodies of a coarser Make, the Disease too often does not shew itself till it has infected the whole Mass, and is past a cure; and so, tho' they are disordered here, yet they are destroyed much sooner. Accordingly, we know that under this Disadvantage, if it be one, our Constitution has now lasted pretty entire, some few Interruptions only excepted, thro' many Ages: A clear and self-evident Demonstration, that it is a Government suited every Way to our Temper and to our climate; that it is perfectly made for us, and for it: and that God Almighty therefore never punishes us more severely, than when he deprives us of it for a Time, nor ever confers a greater Blessing upon us than when he restores it, as has been done at this very Day, by our late decisive, and complete Conquest over the Rebels.

A SHORT EULOGIUM on his present Majesty King George II.

Fortis est, quod, Praise cannot speak his Worth. OTWAY.

THIS Kingdom (God be thanked) finds now Felicity in having its Crown on the Head of a Prince possessor of every *Qualification*, requisite to *govern and defend a Crown*; a Prince, who is the *Guardian of Liberty*; who makes the *Laws* the *Magistrate* of his Government; who maintains his Subjects in the Possession of all the Rights and Privileges they may lay any Claim to, placing his highest Glory in the Greatness of their Posterity: A Prince, whose mild, equitable, and merciful Reign, is not only the *Blessing* of the present Times, but what must deliver *Great Britain*, both *fermidable and free*, from the Hands of a Successor, and convey a Memory as glorious to latest Posterity as that of the *Best of Princes* in any Age before or since. Give me leave to close this short, and unpolished *Caricature*, with a *Disjunctive*, that never can, or ever could be more properly apply'd to any Monarch than to himself; namely,

*He is;—but I want Words to tell you what:
Think what a King should be, and he is that.*

PHILADELPHIA, November 27.

By a private Letter from London, we have the following Memorial.

To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, The humble Memorial of the Agents, Planters, and Merchants, on Behalf of themselves and others, interested in, or trading to Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands:

SHewETH,

THAT many of your Memorialists, as well as others, have received repeated Advices from the said Islands, of great Number of Ships and other Vessels being taken in their voyages going to, or coming from, the same, by the Privateers belonging to Martinico and Guardaloupe; and particularly we are informed, That Thirty-six British Ships and Vessels have been taken and carried into the said Islands of Martinico and Guardaloupe, in and since January last, to the 14th of March following; and that during that space of Time, few or none of the Enemies Vessels or Privateers have been taken and carried to Barbadoes, or any of the Leeward Islands; which Mistakes, by what we can observe from our Advices, are owing to the Men of War belonging to those Stations, not being pro-

vided abroad, we conceive we should be wanting in our Duty to Him, as well as to ourselves and Friends, if we did not lay the same before your Lordships, and at the same time submit, Whether, in order to avoid the like Mistakes for the future, it will not be necessary to have some Men of War on each Station, kept constantly cruising to the Windward of the Islands thereto belonging, and that others should be kept cruising near the Enemy's Ports at Martinico and Guardaloupe; which would be a Means not only of securing and protecting the British Trade and Navigation in those Parts, but would greatly tend to ruin and destroy that of the Enemy to their Windward Islands, and other Places in America.

WHEREFORE your Memorialists do humbly pray, that your Lordships will be pleased to take the Premises into your Consideration, and to give such Orders to the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships at Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands (for his future Conduct) as may be most likely to answer the Ends Proposed; and your Memorialists do also humbly pray, That when any Merchant-ships or Vessels, to the Number of Ten, shall be ready to depart for Europe or the Northern Colonies, from either of the said Stations (and Notice thereof shall be given thereof by the Masters to the Person in Chief Command of the Ships then at the Station from whence the Merchant Vessels are to depart, there may be one or more Vessels of War appointed to convey them to a certain Latitude, in order to protect them against the Danger of the Enemy's Privateers amongst the Islands. And your Memorialists shall ever pray.

The Memorialists were received by their Lordships with great Civility, heard with Attention, assured that the Contents of their Memorial shall be complied with, and that they were as much displeased with the Conduct of the Men of War in the West Indies as they could be.

We hear that an Act was passed last Session of Parliament to prevent the Men of War from impressing Men in the British Sugar Colonies; but that his Majesty's Captains must have a List of the Men belonging to every Vessel from the Custom House they clear from, as they had the last War with France: It extends likewise to Privateers.

The Ship Judith, captain Holland, bound to Barbadoes with Stores, and for that Place was to have sailed, unluckily ran upon a Rock in Cat-water Harbour and bilged.

By a Passenger in the Brig. Delaware, capt. Taylor, of this Port, from Jamaica, we are informed, that they left Port-Royal the 15th of September, in company with the Brig. Dolphin, capt. Sewers, of this Place, capt. Foresight, in a Boston Sloop, and capt. Forbes, in a Ship for London, under convoy of captain Pringle, of 30 Guns, bound to London: That on the 2d of October capt. Taylor was taken by a Privateer of Cape Francois, who had taken the Boston Man, and ransomed him for 2500 Dollars; and some Days after the same Privateer took capt. Forbes, on board of whom was capt. Sewers and his People, he being cast away on the Colleradoes, off of the West End of Cuba, on the 5th. The 11th the Privateer Defiance, of Rhode Island, capt. Sweet, hove in sight; upon which the French and Spaniards left the Delaware, and went ashore on Cuba. The Rhode-Islander then took the Command of the Vessel, and having put Hands and Provisions on board, order'd her to Rhode Island; but on the 14th Instant, it blowing hard, and having had no Observation for some time before, she struck upon the Hen and Chickens; a little to the Southward of Cape Henlopen, and ran ashore on the Cape. The best part of the Cargo, tho' the light, will be saved, but 'tis fear'd the Vessel