

The same Day arrived at *Patuxent* the Ship, *Winchelsea*, Capt. *Coruish*, from *Gibraltar*, which Place he left the 27th of *October*, in company with the *Britannia*, Capt. *Hutchinson*, who is arrived in *Virginia*. They met, in the Latitude of *Bermudas*, with two *French* Merchantmen, which they took; one of which being ransomed, they brought the other into *Virginia*. The Prizes inform'd them, that they were part of a Fleet, consisting of 200 Sail of Merchantmen, bound from *Rochelle* to *Marinico*, under convoy of 8 Men of War and 2 Frigates, all double masted. That on the 25th of *October*, they were met with, in the Bay of *Biscay*, by a Squadron of English Men of War, consisting of 14 Ships of the Line of Battle and four of 40 Guns, under the Command of Admiral *Hawk*; whereupon the *French* Admiral made the Signal for the Merchantmen to disperse, having dispatch'd one Vessel back to *France*, to acquaint them therewith: The Engagement began at 11 o'Clock in the Forenoon, and continued all Day; and at Night these two Prizes could distinguish the Fire of the Guns in the Air, tho' at too great a Distance to hear the Report. [We hope soon to hear of the good Success of the English Hawk among the *French* Poultry.]

From a *French* Gazette of *September* 30. Printed at *Rochelle*, and found on board one of the above Prizes, we have translated the following Articles.

H A G U E, Sept. 22.

On the 16th instant, in the evening, we received the melancholly news of the taking of *Bergen op-Zoom*, by the *French*; who having storm'd the *Cohern* and *Maiden* bastions, and the *Half Moon*, which is between those bastions, made themselves masters of the place; the *Prince of Hesse* Philippsal being wounded, in endeavouring to repulse the enemy. The States of *Holland* and *West-Friesland* have published an edict, whereby the 30th penny of all effects both moveable and immoveable, is to be levied on all persons worth 2000 *Florins*, and upwards; and the hundredth penny on all persons not worth 2000 *Florins*, nor under 1000. This edict reaches not only the Houses and Lands, but also the Ready Money, Bank Bills, Merchandize, and other effects of what nature soever, as Jewels, Gold and silver plate, china, pictures, medals, and other curiosities, are subject to this imposition; and that each person included in the said edict, are thereby obliged to deliver in an account of their estates, &c. and at the first payment, declare upon oath, that they have given such accounts according to the best of their knowledge, and the true intention of the government. That the tax should be paid at 4 times, to wit, the 1st before the 1st of *November*, and in one month after by the other inhabitants; the second in the month of *February*, in the next year; the third in *May* following, and the fourth in the month of *August*: That they shall be obliged to discharge the tax either in money or plate, out of which the fashion is to be deducted, or by draughts on the respective cities and provinces of *Holland* and *West-Friesland*, to the end that they may be hindered of the knowledge of what each one hath furnished. The receivers of the tax shall have different chests furnished with as many locks as there are receivers, and every taxable after having taken the oath, shall himself put in the money or the effects which he hath brought to satisfy the subsidy demanded; it is not prescribed what part shall be furnish'd by those who are not worth 1000 *Florins*, they are only exhorted to show their utmost zeal for their country. The ministers of the Reformed and Lutheran churches, and those of the Remonstrants and Mennonites, and the professors and lecturers of the universities shall be exempted from this tax as to their annual incomes. The 6th article of this edict explains the manner that effects (in which there is any risk) are to be valued; such as vessels and their cargoes. In the 7th article it is set down who shall be entrusted with the use and profits of the goods. By the same edict, the states of *Holland* and *West-Friesland* declare that a duty of one half per cent. which was levied extraordinary this year and the year preceding, upon the stock of the *East India* company, and upon bonds and annuities, shall cease and determine the first of *January* 1748. And that conjointly with the *Prince Stadtholder*, care shall be taken that this new tax shall be paid in all the united provinces, to the end that all the subjects of the republic shall equally contribute to its defence. There appears another ordinance, by which it is allowed to the inhabitants of the provinces of *Holland* and *West-Friesland*, to continue their trade with *Dutch Flanders*. The entrance of foreign money or bullion, is prohibited in the dominions of the republic. The *Earl of Chavane*, minister plenipotentiary of the *King of Sardinia*, is gone to make a tour to the army of the allies.

Many other Paragraphs in the above-mentioned Gazette, are full of Compliments to the *King*, *Queen*, *Dauphin*, *Dauphiness*, and *Mistress* of *France*, singing Te Deum; &c. for the Success of *Count Lowendahl*, in taking *Bergen op-zoom*. One would think it no cheap Bargain, since they lost at least 26000 Men, besides what were kill'd in the last Attack, unless his Most Christian Majesty, like the *Grand Turk*, esteems his Vassals of no Worth.

Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered,
Ship *America*, John Francis, from *Greenock*;
Schooner *Peggy*, William Davis, from *Virginia*.
Cleared for Departure,
Ship *Choptank*, Edward Barnes, for *Liverpool*.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

This Day is Published,
(And to be sold by the Printer hereof, at the usual Price of Three Pence for each Day's Proceeding.)
THE VOTES and PROCEEDINGS of the Assembly, in *May*, *June*, and *July* past.

WHEREAS several Persons who employed me in their Business (as a Lawyer) lodged their Writings in my House; and the Causes wherein such Writings could have been of any Use, being determined; I hereby request those concerned, to send for their Writings, lest any Misfortune should happen by Fire, or otherwise, which may destroy them.
D. DULANY.

This is to give NOTICE
To all GENTLEMEN, STOREKEEPERS, and others,
THAT a young Man, lately from *London*, well acquainted with Business, especially in the Wholesale and Retail Linnen Drapery, is now in want of Employ with a Storekeeper.

Any Gentleman wanting such an Assistant, are desired to direct To A. B. to be left at the Post-Office, in *Annapolis*, and they shall be waited on according to their Direction. *one, Andrus*

THERE being several Hogheads of Tobacco shipped on board the *Britannia*, Capt. *Hutchinson*, and the *Winchelsea*, Capt. *Coruish*; the Proprietors whereof not being known to Mr. *Hanbury*, he has sent the Account of Sales in blank, by the Subscriber, who will deliver the same to the Owners, upon their producing their Bills of Lading, with the Marks and Numbers, or otherwise make appear their Right to such Tobacco.

NATHANAEL CHEW.

Annapolis, December 28, 1747.
NOTICE is hereby given,
THAT whereas the ship *Allen*, Capt. *Sessions*, sail'd from *Annapolis*, Sept. the 5th, with a Cargo of 437 Hogheads of Tobacco, consign'd to Messrs. *Richard Oswald* and *Jarvis Johnson*; and whereas at that time the Bills of Lading could only be fill'd up with Premium of Insurance if made: Therefore these are to certify all concerned, that I have this Day received a Letter per the *Creighton*, from Mr. *Richard Oswald*, bearing Date *August* 29th, advising, he had made Insurance for 400 Hogheads, on Account of said Ship's Cargo, at Five Pounds per Hoghead.
ROBERT SWAN.

ANY sober Person, of a good Character, and capable of instructing Children in the ENGLISH TONGUE, may meet with suitable Encouragement from the Subscriber, in *Talbot* County.
SAMUEL CHAMBERLAIN.

To be sold by the Subscriber, Administrator of *Thomas Gassaway*, deceased, on Wednesday, the 10th of *February* next, at the House of *Joshua Gray*;

A TRACT of Land, called *Piny Groves*, containing by Estimation, 250 Acres, lying on the North side of *Severn* River. The Sale to begin at Twelve o'Clock.

JOHN GASSAWAY.

Notice is hereby given, that the Subscriber has removed from *Joseph Richardson's* to Mrs. *Mary Watkins's* on *West* River, about three Miles distant; where any Persons may have my Assistance, as a Physician or Surgeon.

December 21, 1747.

T. LINGAN.