

the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff, with 401. damages and costs of suit.

July 12. The executors of Mrs. Blundel, late of Hempstead, pursuant to her will, discharged 42 prisoners from Whitehall goal and gave each 2s. 6d. for their immediate support. A charitable lady, on the 29th inst, discharged the prisoners from the Gatehouse, and Tookshields-Bridewell, who lay for small debts or fees.

July 13. Twenty seven prisoners, under 101. each, in Newgate, Bristol, were discharged by the countess of Huntingdon; and other ladies, &c. assembled at the hot well.

July 21. At Maidstone assizes, James Toby an old smuggler was capitally convicted on an indictment (being the first try'd on the statute) for carrying wool to France. It was proved that he held a correspondence with the French, during the last rebellion, and not only furnished them with wool, but with guns for their privateers.

Extract of a letter from Portsmouth, July 24.

"This Morning the nine persons, lately condemned for mutiny on board the Chesterfield, were removed from the Tyger man of war, (where they have been confin'd) on board the Chesterfield, in the Harbour, in order for execution. About eight a gun was fired, and a red broad pennant hoisted as a signal for all ships boats to attend the execution, with a proper officer and a file of musqueteers. About two hours after another gun was fired, and another flag hoisted, which was the signal for execution; presently after which the four following persons, v. z. John Knight, carpenter; John Place, carpenter's mate; James Scor, quarter master; and William Read, cork-twain of the yawl; attended by two clergymen and the marshal, came upon the fore-castle, and after spending some time in prayer, which they performed very devoutly, they were hang'd pursuant to their sentence. They all appeared with becoming resolution and resignation; particularly John Place, the carpenter's mate, who met death with uncommon bravery.

Henry Haines, captain's cook, William Minx, John Poore, James Tumbleton, and Robert Anderson, received a reprieve on board the Chesterfield, after they had prepared for death, and were going to be haker'd: Three of them received it very calmly; and testified their grateful acknowledgment of his majesty's clemency; but Hains and Poore were so affected with the joyful surprize, that life could hardly be kept in them. The terms of their reprieve are, that they shall undergo such punishments as shall be thought proper to inflict on them, and then be transported to Gibraltar for life; but 'tis thought that part of it only which relates to banishment will take place. 'Tis said that no more of the mutineers will be tried."

Extract of another letter, Wednesday, July 26.

"This morning, after the usual signals, Baker, late steward of the Richmond man of war, was executed on board the Chesterfield in the harbour. He behaved decently, but seem'd more shock'd at death than any of the others, as he had been buoy'd up with the hopes of a reprieve.

August 2. Yesterday morning came advice, that admiral Guiffa, with the several men of war under his command, was arriv'd at Spi head from the East Indies.

Extract of a letter from Algiers, June 12, N.S.

"Upon certain information that the crowns of Spain and Portugal, in conjunction with the order of Malta, and divers states of Italy, are actually arming with a view to chastise the regency of this state, and to destroy it utterly, if possible; the Dey has thought proper to call home all the Corsairs of this city that were out at sea; which vessels and a man of war of 60 guns, will be station'd at some distance from the port; to bar the entrance, behind a chain of bomb ketches and fire-ships, which will be form'd of all the Neapolitan, Venetian, and Genesec ships lately taken by our Corsairs. We are likewise fortifying the adjacent posts where a descent is apprehended; and all the slaves have been sent for, from above 30 leagues round about, to work on the lines; and the neighbouring forts and castles. We are adding 3 feet in breadth, and 4 in height, to all the dykes and entrenchments, on which there are above 600 peices of cannon planted in battery. The regency have also sent for the inhabitants of the mountains, distributed arms to them, and promised them large rewards; besides 500 christian slaves, in case the enterprise of the European powers shall be defeated. In the mean time, fathers of the order of the trinity for the redemption of captives, have been forbid, upon pain of death, to stir out of the state of Algiers this month; and at which order the poor slaves are extremely dejected, as expecting nothing else than to fall a sacrifice to the fury of the people, in case the arms of the christians prevail."

Was try'd at the King's bench, a cause between a Tobacco merchant of London; plaintiff; and the capt. of a ship, trad'd to Maryland, in his service, defendant, for using indirect means to make the planters believe that the plaintiff, his employer was out of business, and so procuring himself to be principal in the cargo; the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff, with 1600 l. damages.

Tork, May 27. We have the following account of a most remarkable Phenomenon from a gentleman of undoubted veracity: Which we cannot give the public better than in his own words. "I was lately an eye witness of the effects of a celestial fire-work, which happened some few days since at Richmond. As one Mr. Brackell, his wife, and son, were at dinner, a solid ball of fire, or at least resembling such, came through the window, whirled round the room; and then burst: the force of the explosion made its way through an oaken floor into the back kitchen, where the pewter stood; twenty dishes or more were melted in holes; but what was more remarkable, two holes were struck through a copper pepper-box; without removing it from its place: There was a most sulphurous stench in the kitchen, but none in the room where it first enter'd. Neither the window nor the door received any damage."

May 27. We have an account of a surprizing Phenomenon that was seen near Hertford; during a violent storm of thunder and lightning, on Thursday, the 18th instant, by one John Mitchell, as he was travelling on the road: He was met by a man of a gigantic stature, his face shone like the sun; on his head something resembling a crown with stars, with wings on his shoulders, his body shined of transparent fire; but suddenly it disappeared like several balls of light, with an explosion like that of a number of cannon.

B O S T O N .

September 25. Last Monday arriv'd here his majesty's ship Mermaid, capt. Montague commander, in about five weeks from Portsmouth, in which came William Bolan, Esq; late Agent for this province at the court of Great Britain, who has brought with him (in Spanish dollars and copper) the greatest part of the money granted by parliament for reimbursing the province the charge of the Cape Breton expedition; and last Friday and Saturday the Money was landed on the long wharf, and afterwards carried to Mr. treasurer Foye's, where it was decently interred in a vault prepared in the cellar for its reception, but when the time of its refuge will be, time only will discover; probably not so soon as some people may imagine. Few tokens of joy were shewn on its landing; but on the contrary, an uncommon gloominess appeared in most countenances. The sum arriv'd, as we are told, is about one hundred and seventy five thousand pounds Sterling, and the sum granted by parliament was one hundred and eighty three thousand, six hundred and forty nine pounds, two shillings and seven pence half penny.

N E W Y O R K . September 11.

We hear the noted vagrant Tom Bell is still lurking near this city, peradventure to have the better opportunity to deceive those he intends next to visit; tho' we are told, 'tis only with a design to have an answer to some matchless bombast he has been pleas'd to propagate with respect to the printer Herod. This fellow has had a large swing over this continent; as well as in some of the West India Islands, for these several years; and had it not been for some of Gay's Monkeys, who stuck round him in every place, gripping applause to his ridiculous chattering, and thereby supporting him in his unparalleled impudence; his more than probable he had long ago took the swing his merits deserve. 'Tis needless to say more, than that the whole design of publishing him in News papers, is only to put honest people on their guard, and prevent their being imposed on by the wiles of a man, who is chiefly protected by qualities of craft obnoxious to christian society.

September 18. By two vessels arriv'd here last night from Bermuda, is advice of a terrible storm or hurricane there, for six days together, from the 26th of August to the end of the month; which has done vast damage to most of the houses on the island, and the vessels in the harbour. One fine new brig, of capt. Joel's, laden with 5000 bushels of salt, and 30 hhd's of rum, was entirely lost; most of the vessels drove ashore, and those on the stocks blown down, with other damages almost inconceivable. Wind N. E. by E. to the E. S. E.

A N N A P O L I S .

We hear that a Man is in Goal at Newcastle, for counterfeiting some of the Bills of Credit of this Province; and that the Plate, and some unsigned Bills, were found upon him: But they are so very ill done, and so unlike the true Bills, that the Fraud may be easily discovered.