

the Straights, towards the coast of Algarves, and afterwards to enter the Mediterranean, in order to join the Spanish Squadron. The ships which are to compose it are every day sailing out of the port of Malaga, Carthage, Barcelona, and Majorca, one by one, in order to repair to the rendezvous. The States of Italy have promised to join this armada with their galley and some frigates and armed vessels; and very probably will be commanded by a Spanish admiral. Beware of a division upon which the Republic of Venice will however content itself with cruising in the Adriatic gulph and towards the Archipelago.

As for France and Great Britain, which the above mention'd powers were in hopes would have entered into the confederacy, there is very little room to think that they will comply with the instances of the ministers from Spain, Portugal, Genoa, &c. the interest of the trading subjects of these powers, as well as those of the Dutch, Vlach, with that of the subjects of the Italian States; and the more the corsairs interrupt the navigation of the Mediterranean, the greater advantage will accrue to the English and Dutch merchants. The Italians nevertheless flattered themselves, that the court of London would have interest in the quarrel by way of revenge, because of the insult given by the Algerines to the English flag, because of the taking of the prince Frederick packet boat. Besides that, it's very much doubted, whether the Maltese and Portuguese will act any otherwise than by sea, unless the Spaniards, will permit them to share in the conquests. The Portuguese are not desirous that the Spaniards should become more powerful on the coast of Africa, and the Maltese ought not to wish the total ruin of the corsairs in the Mediterranean, where there would then be no more occasion, for their caravans.

B O S T O N, November 20.

A few days ago an ox was kill'd in a slaughter-house in this town, one of whose thighs had a bunch or swelling upon it about the place commonly called the Pope's Eye, and upon opening it, there was taken thence a lump or rather cake of hard solid suet, which weighed twenty two pounds, and has been viewed by a great number of curious persons. 'Tis thought an account of this uncommon and unnatural production will be sent to the Royal Society, it being esteem'd a greater curiosity than many that have been communicated to that body of learned gentlemen.

December 4. The following letter from the Cape Sable Indians, to his excellency governor Cornwallis, was brought hither by a vessel lately arriv'd from Halifax; viz.

S I R,

THE place where thou art, the place where thou dost lodge, the place where thou dost fortify, the place where thou thinkest to establish, the place thou desirest to make thyself master of; that place is mine.

I am sprung from this land as doth the grass; I that am a savage am born there, and my fathers before me. This land mine inheritance, I swear it is; the land which God hath given to be my Country for ever.

I tell thee plainly the thoughts of my heart concerning thee; and the works thou makest at *Chebuca*, affords me subject of serious reflection.—My king and thy king have agreed among themselves, upon certain distribution of lands, and therefore are at present at peace; for my part, I can neither enter into an alliance, or make peace with thee.—Shew me where an Indian, can retire. 'Tis thou that chacest me; shew me where thou wilt that I take refuge. Thou hast taken possession of almost all this country; inasmuch that *Chebuca* is thy first recourse; yet thou enviest me even that spot, thou wouldst drive me from that. This evinces me, that thou wilt oblige me never to cease making war against thee, and never to think of an alliance with thee.—Thou gloriest in thy great numbers.—For my part, who am a very small number, I cannot do better than trust in God, who must judge between us. The worm creeping, that creeps, knows how to defend itself when attacked; surely, savage as I am, am better than a worm, and oft know how to defend myself when attacked. I shall come to see thee soon; yes, trust me, I will see thee.—I hope that what I shall hear from thy own mouth will afford me some comfort.—I greet thee well.

Signed, All the Savages of *Ile Royal* and *Malkatanneck*, and Port *Jauborn*, and St. *Micbael*.

There have a report in town, that a ship from England is cast on Nantucket shoals; and as one has for some time been absent from Bristol, it is fear'd she is the ship. It is said the people are all saved.

there continue generally very healthy and cheerful, having either houses or comfortable huts to shelter them from the inclemency of the weather, in the winter season; as also plenty of provisions and fire-wood: And that at present they are mostly employed in clearing highways.

Extract of a Letter from Halifax in Nova Scotia, dated December 3, 1749.

"We had a most terrible passage of seventeen days from Boston. We were not above six hours from the long wharf before some of our deck-boards was wash'd overboard; the third day we had a very hard gale at N. W. with snow, and a great sea, when our vessel would not lie to, nor could we do any thing with her, till we have over the most part of the single on deck: In the mean time the sea made a continual breach over us, wash'd away our binacle and compasses, rails, oars, and every thing that was not lash'd fast on deck, fill'd our bins and steege with water, and it was with difficulty we kept ourselves on deck. In short we had nothing but continual storms and gales of wind for the whole time, and often ready to sink with ice and snow on our decks, which would employ all hands for a whole day before we could stir a rope; and how we are got in, it blows and snows, and the weather is so bad, that 'tis impossible to land our goods as yet. We could not touch kettles on deck but three times the whole passage."

Philadelphia, December 19.

Last week died here Mr. Thomas Godfrey, who had an uncommon genius for all kinds of Mathematical learning, with which he was extremely well acquainted. He invented the New Reflecting Quadrant now used in navigation.

A N N A P O L I S.

Last Monday sennight, as Alexander Knight, an Overseer of Mr. Bordley's, was driving home his Cart from Town, it accidentally run over him; and bruised him so much, that he died soon after.

On Wednesday last arriv'd here the Ship *Britannia*, Capt. Lanes, in about 8 Weeks from Bristol, with 85 Transports: He has brought no late Papers; but says there was much Talk of another War.

We hear from several Parts of the County, of a Sickness, which some call the *Winter Fever*, that carries off great Numbers. It has been very rife in *Cecil County*, *St. Mary's County*, and on *Kent Island*; in which last-mention'd Place, near 40 People have died in a short Time.

We hear from *Cecil County*, that a Woman is in God there, on Suspicion of being concerned with her Servant Man in the Murder of her Husband.

Last Saturday, being the Anniversary of the Birth-Day of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Wife of the Printer of this Paper was happily delivered of a Son, who will be baptized by the Name of FREDERICK.

Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS; Entered,

Ship *Britannia*, John Lantey, from Barnstable.

Cleared for Departure,

Snow Mercury, John Heading, for Biddesford.

Sloop Sea Flower, Matthew Covlesley, for Providence.

Ship Ogle, John Browne, for Madeira.

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

January 24, 1749.

WHEREAS Mr. Francis Lee, late of Cecil County, deceased, had over and engaged to the Subscriber, by Bill of Sale and Bottomry, bearing Date the 25th of May, 1748, a certain Ship called the *OCEAN AND ANNE*, of the Burthen of about three hundred Tons, then belonging to the said Mr. Lee, and now in the Possession of the Subscriber, for the Sums of 982 l. 8 s. 2 d. Sterling, and 282 l. 16 s. 5 d. Currency, advanced by the said Subscriber on the Hull of the said Vessel; and also for the further Sum of 100 l. 16 s. Sterling, disbursed by the said Subscriber for Sailors Wages on board the said Ship.

Now this is to give Notice, that if any Creditor or Creditors of the said Mr. Lee will pay the Subscriber, by 10 Days from the Date hereof, the Sums aforesaid, and likewise such Sums of Money as he can make appear he has laid out or expended in the Equipments and fitting out of the said Vessel, and the said Subscriber will assign and make over to such Creditor or Creditors, the said Ship, Hull, Tackle, and all other Goods, and the said Ship, Bottom, and all other Effects, Interest, and Claims, and all other Rights, which the said Ship shall proceed on a Voyage, without any further Delay.

JAMES RUSSELL.