

October 6. We hear that a proclamation will speedily be publish'd for the meeting of the parliament on the 16th of November, to fit for the dispatch of business.

Yesterday a great quantity of ordnance stores were shipped on board a transport for Port-Mahon, on board of which several deserters from lord Harry Beauclerk's regiment of foot, lately gone thither, will embark for that garrison, in order to be tried by a general court martial. Several recruits, now in the Savoy, will also embark on board the said vessel.

Sept. 16. There is a project upon the carpet for making a causeway from Liege to Cologn, by means whereof the merchandize and goods of England, which are landed at Ostend and Newport, may be sent directly into a great part of Germany.

We have advice from Carniola, that the town of Crainburg has been entirely reduced to ashes, being set on fire by vagabonds in three different places.

Sept. 18. We hear the land tax will be reduced next session of parliament to two shillings in the pound.

Wednesday se'nnight sailed from Portsmouth the Wasb sloop of war, bound to Dunkirk, having on board some dispatches for the court of France.

NEW YORK. December 4.

We have an account from Perth-Amboy, that on Tuesday evening last two seamen belonging to a Brig in that harbour, being at a tavern, one of them took occasion to boast of his bravery; which the other resenting a little, they agreed to walk out, and take a tryal at boxing; which having exercised a while, they were parted, and came in and drank friends, where the person who boasted of his strength, died in a few minutes after. We hear the other has since made off.

December 18. Monday last a very melancholly accident happened on board the brig Charming Polly, Capt. Keteltas, in this harbour, as they were firing the minute guns at the funeral of Mrs. Provost: A lad of about 15 years of age, apprentice to Capt. Riven, attended on the gunners, and standing near one of the guns with a cartridge of powder under his arm, the cartridge unhappily took fire, and shatter'd his right arm in a very terrible manner, burning and hurting many other parts of his body: His arm was oblig'd to be cut off, as also the thumb of the other hand; and he now lies in a poor condition, though in a fair way of recovering, much contrary to the opinion of all that saw him in his mangled condition. This ought to be a warning for people to take more care when they deal with these combustible matters.

ANNAPOLIS.

About a Fortnight ago, three Sailors belonging to the Ship *Agile*, Capt. *John Brown*, going from *Dorchester* County in the Ship's Long-boat, loaded with Lumber, the Long boat filled, and they were all drowned.

A Gentleman in the higher Part of *Virginia*, writes, in a letter of the 26th Instant, "We have had a very severe Winter, and a very great Mortality among the People; whole Families dying almost at the same Time."

Talbot County, January 20, 1749/50.

Mr. GREEN,

By the following Instructions to the Gentlemen who represent this County in the Lower House of Assembly, (which is handed out here, and meets with a very good Reception,) the Public may see what Amendments our County think are necessary, in order to facilitate the Execution of our Inspection Law.

To NICHOLAS GOLDSBOROUGH,
ROBERT LLOYD,
JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH, and
EDWARD OLDHAM, } Esquires.

WE the Freeholders of the County of Talbot, hereto subscribing, considering, That by Experience it hath been found, that the Act entitled, *An Act for amending the Staple Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and Limitation of Officers Fees*, with the several Acts made in amendment thereto, are in some Measure defective; and that applying of such Defects highly deserves the Attention of your House of Assembly; and that it is the Duty of All, are represented in it, to con-

tives, in the Lower House of Assembly, to use your utmost Endeavours to procure the Enacting of the following Amendments.

First, That the Inspections be single; or, that Inspection be obliged only to attend one House.

2dly, That no Person be allowed to bring to the Inspection House any Quantity of *Transfer Tobacco*, in Cask, under Eight hundred, after the last Day of June.

3dly, That no Person be permitted to bring above one parcel in a Year; and that the Inspectors may refuse any Parcel after the last Day of June.

4thly, That some Provision be made in the Case of a false Inspection: as the present Method (of calling one from another Inspection) seems rather to shift than remedy the Inconvenience, as we have experienced in this County.

We take the Liberty earnestly to recommend these Things to you, hoping that the distressed Condition of the County, which loudly calls for such Regulations; the great Difficulty of getting Inspectors, to serve as the Law now stands; as well as the Sense and Opinion of those who have sent you to represent them; will readily determine you, both to concur in, and to promote as much as in you lies, the Enacting of them at the ensuing Assembly: And we do assure you, that it is not from any Distrust or Suspicion, that we have recommended these Things to you; but because we are persuaded that it will be agreeable to you, to know our Sentiments upon Matters so important to the Good of the Province in general, and of our own County in particular.

N. B. This Paper is already signed by a very considerable Number of Freeholders, and meets with general Approbation.

Custom House, ANNAPOLIS, Cleared,
Schooner Charming Polly, William Smith, for Antigua;
Schooner Charles-Town, Edward Rock, for Barbadoes.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

To be SOLD,

BY the Subscriber in *Annapolis*, for Corn, Wheat, or Pork, good West-India Rum, Melasses, Loaf Sugar, Chocolate, with several Sorts of European and India Goods.

PATRICK CREACH.

For LONDON,

The Ship *SPEEDWELL*, JAMES CREACH Master,

WILL Sail by the last of April, if possible, having good Part of her Loading engaged, takes in Tobacco, with Liberty, at Seven Pounds Sterling per Ton. For Freight or Passage apply to said Master, on board the said Ship lying at *Annapolis*: Or, on Notice given, will wait on any Gentlemen that desire it.

JAMES CREACH.

To be SOLD or LET, by the Subscriber,

A House and Lot at *Bladensburg*, with several Conveniences; viz. four Rooms on a Floor, with upper Rooms, a large Kitchen adjoining, and a good Cellar, with a fine Well in it. Any Person who inclines to purchase or lease the above Premises, may apply to Mr. George Scott, Dr. David Ross, or Mr. Thomas Chittam, at *Bladensburg*, or to the Subscriber at Port Tobacco.

GEORGE COOK.

FIFTEEN POUNDS REWARD.

JANUARY 29, 1749/50.
RAN away from the Subscriber living near *West River*, on the 4th of this Instant, a West-Country Servant Man named *John Sheats*, a Blacksmith by Trade; a tall shaggy strong Fellow, long visaged, of a pale Complexion; of few Words, speaks the West-Country Dialect, and is very deceitful: He had on a large close bodied brown Coat, with a large Cap, and a Pair of Cloth Breeches, and has a sore Leg. He had in Company with him a Man who pretends to be a Chair-maker, and is also a West-Country Man: They are supposed to be gone towards *Moncksey*. Whoever secures the said *John Sheats*, and will bring him to me the Subscriber, or to Mr. Th-