

time to another officer.—It is not to be conceived into what a ferment this adventure threw the whole Island; all their relations, who are the best families in the place—all their magistrates, and all their clergy, were constantly harrasing the general, complaining of the sacrilege committed, and petitioning that they might either be returned back to their convent, or delivered up into their relations hands; they did not say, to put them to death; but doubting that would have been their fate, if either of those demands had been granted. When they found they could not succeed with him, they had a scheme of making reprisals, and of carrying them off: For one evening, taking advantage of one of the gentlemen being abroad, and having bribed one of his servants, his wife's mother, and some of her relations, came into his house and carried her away by force. Their design was, to have sent her in a boat to Virginia, a little way from this island, and there put her into the hands of the Negroes of that Is. who were being immediately sent, and guards placed to suffer nobody to go out, a search was made for two days to no purpose; and the soldiers were obliged, to put all their concern in carrying off her person into prison, and they were threatened with death, they would not produce her; at last fear compelled them to deliver her up. They kept her in bed all the time she was amongst them, and would not suffer her to put on her clothes, lest she should run away from them, or get to the windows; but did not use her any otherwise, knowing it would have been retahated upon them. They brought a priest to recover her, whose endeavours you may believe were all in vain: she was tasted too much of the sweets of liberty to think any more of convents and cells.

## L O N D O N.

OS. 12. 'Tis affirm'd, that the design of attempting a North West passage, by the way of Hudson's Bay, to the East Indies, is no yet given up, notwithstanding the two fruitless expeditions that have already been made for that purpose; and that two small ships, armed with a victualling sloop, are to sail for the Bay some time in April next, in order to follow the lights acquired by the former adventurers, w. o. though they could not succeed, have not represented the discovery as impracticable.

OS. 13. By a letter from Ross shire in Scotland, we have an account of the death of George Mackenzie, of Beinnich, Esq. He was a man of great candour, courage, and ability; and so much respected in the Highlands, that he had given to him, in the year 1715, the command of the marquis of Scaforth's first brigade, consisting of three regiments, five hundred men each, as brigadier general; for which, with several others, he was attacked: But in the year 1725, he influenced lord Scaforth's tenants to surrender their arms to general Wade, and pay their rents to the government, which they had not before then done; for which he obtained a suspension of prosecution, and lived peaceably ever since, till the 16th of September last, when he died, aged eighty five.

OS. 15. They write from Cologne, that the Peasants of that electorate have been lately struck with a strange kind of panic, arising from the appearance of great numbers of mice of different colours, in various parts of the country; which they consider as a never failing preface of the march of foreign troops of various nations through the places where they appear, which they fancy has been frequently confirmed by experience, in the last war more especially; and notwithstanding all the pains that can be taken, there is no getting this foolish notion out of their heads.

OS. 17. It is insinuated (we hope with some foundation) that a project is on foot in behalf of the sinking fund, that famous Orphan of above thirty years old, which was exposed from the very time of its birth, and literally lost its father some few years ago. This project is said to be so calculated, that, when it shall take place, it will keep the aforesaid sinking fund always in a thriving state, and so be of general benefit to those who have any concern therewith.

OS. 19. We are informed that a certain foreign \*\*\*\*, who makes a very splendid figure amongst us, has already learn'd to pursue the old English maxim of ploughing with the favourite heifer, which he roughly understands in the metaphorical sense; and that a certain naturaliz'd C\*\*s, in conformity to this maxim, was lately entertain'd by him with great splendor and expence.

*Boston, January 1.*

We have an account from the eastward, that as two of the men concern'd in the murder of the Indian at Wiscasset, (as lately mentioned) were going to York goal under a guard, they

were met by a great number of men disguised and armed, who released the prisoners, and help'd them to make their escape.

We also hear, that Madockawanco with twenty young men belonging to the Norridgewalk tribe, lately came to the garden at Richmond, in the name of Toxus their chief, desiring to know what will be done with the blood spilt, and how it is to be covered, that thereby the young men may be satisfy'd; expressing their desire always to live in peace with us, according to the late agreement; which by a letter in their names sent by the commanding officer of that garrison, has been particularly represented to the government here.

Wednesday last, a new born infant was found dead in the drawer of a woman named Pundergrass, in the westerly part of this town, who being charged with murdering it, confessed that she was delivered alone a few hours before, but insisted that the child was dead born. She has a guard over her in her house, not being well enough to be removed to goal.

About a month past a sorrowful accident happened at Fox-hart in the county of Worcester, two young men, one named Taylor, the other Heaton, went out a hunting, and being in a swamp a few rods from each other, Heaton judiciously rising up among the bushes, being trick, the other took him for a deer, shot at him, with a bullet and swan shot, that he died in a few days after.

*Extract of a letter from Halifax, Nova Scotia, dated December 20.*

"The fort at Minas has been some time block'd up by about 300 Indians, composed of the St. John's, Cape-Micmac, and some of the St. Francois and Perobscut tribes: They fired at the garrison 7 or 8 nights, which the soldiers within returned, but without any effect on either side. A few days before their retreat, they surpris'd and took a party of 18 men and women at some distance from the fort, in which number was lieutenant Hamilton, Billy Handfield and Alex. Winniet: They fell into the hands of the St. John's Indians, who appear'd to take the lead of this attack. They threaten'd capt. Handfield to kill the prisoners, unless he deliver'd up the place; and after some menaces of the like nature, they separated, having divided their prisoners, which was all the plunder they had to spare, except some silver they took from some of the inhabitants, who were returning home from the public works here.

When the express arriv'd with an account of their attempt, capt. Gornam was order'd to march in his army with about an 100 men; but as part of his company was sick, and the enemy were not in readiness for a march, the enemy were gone before he reach'd Minas: He is since return'd without having met with any of them. It is thought, if he had been two days earlier, he might have come upon a party of them at Pisgau, after the St. John's Indians had withdrawn; which they say was the effect of a quarrel with the Micmacs.

The St. John's Indians having so lately sign'd a treaty with his excellency, and received gorges from him, were oblig'd to assign a reason for this hasty breach of it; which was, that capt. Howe had previously engag'd, that no fortrefs should be erected at Minas; which is a pretence only: However they have left their gorges, and say they will readily make peace, on the demolition of it.

We are so well secured in this town, as to be under no apprehensions from all their force, or any they can expect from Canada, with small arms."-----

*I am Sir, yours, &c.*

By other letters we are told, that two men were kill'd, and 17 taken prisoners, but no mention is made of any women, nor is it likely they should have any in their company.

## A N N A P O L I S.

Last Wednesday his Excellency the Governor in Council, was pleas'd further to prorogue the General Assembly until the 8th Day of May next, when they will meet for the Dispatch of the Public Business.

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

*February 15, 1750.*

WHEREAS, the Subscriber, who carries on the Currier Business in the City of Annapolis, has lately bought a Servant Man, who served his Time to a Currier in England; and hereby gives Notice to all Gentlemen and others, that he takes in Leather to be curried, at reasonable Rates, in the best and completest Manner, and with the utmost Expedition.

JOHN SENHOUSE.

N. B. The said Senhouse has a Parcel of very good Mens Shoes, to be sold very reasonably by Wholesale or Retail.