

By the declaration lately made by their excellencies the lords justices, relating to the distribution of prizes taken from the Genoese, his majesty restores to them his third; the merchants, who were sufferers in the war, by having their ships taken and carried into Genoa, being first reimbursed their losses.

Extrait of a Letter from Shrewsbury, June 13.

"On Saturday night last a very melancholy affair happened in this town: Some of Col. Mordaunt's dragoons (quartered here; were observed to parade about different parts of the town, six or eight in a company, from the dusk of the evening; but about eleven at night (an hour after the tattoo was beat) the town was greatly alarmed with the clashing of swords, and the cries of murder. The case was this:

A master bricklayer (paying his workmen their week's wages, and giving them a mug of drink in his own house, according to his constant custom every Saturday night) was interrupted by a party of soldiers, who forced his door open; and two of his men going out to see who it was, found six or seven with their drawn swords; on which some words past, but they parted without further disturbance. About a quarter of an hour after, the soldiers (assembled to the number of forty) marched in two companies, with their drawn swords, into the street where the poor man liv'd, threatening to pull down his house, and, menacing every one they saw, immediately fell to work upon his house, and swore they would murder every one it. The master, with his wife, family, and servants (to the number of about twenty) were obliged to make the best of their way over the tops of the adjacent houses to escape; and well it was for them they did so: For the soldiers having in a few minutes broke down the window shutters and doors, enter'd the house, sword in hand; there were then only three old men left in the house (the youngest upwards of sixty), but so great was the courage of our heroes, that without any compassion, or regard to age or infirmities, they fell upon these helpless unarmed men (who begg'd for mercy to no purpose), and soon, as they thought, left two of them for dead: The third they dragg'd, in an inhuman manner, from thence to the market house, about five hundred yards distant, which they made their general rendezvous. About two hours after, the neighbouring gentlemen, with great hazard to themselves, got the unhappy victim out of their hands, who 'til then lay speechless, having lost so much blood, that, for three days afterwards, the poor wretch might have been traced from his master's house to the market-house by his blood. The three men are now in the infirmary; and tho' there are hopes of their lives, yet their maim'd and crippled limbs demonstrate the barbarity of the usage they received, and gives us a proper idea of military discipline; for large pieces of their skulls are cut off, the bones of their legs and arms hack'd and cut through, and their bodies mangled in a terrible manner.

The mayor acted with spirit and resolution: He put himself in great danger, by endeavouring to put a stop to the fury of these butchers. His hat was cut through with a blow of a broad-sword, and no deference paid to his authority. The soldiers, led on and encouraged by the valour of one of their officers, despised the power of their civil magistrate, and declared, what they did was by order."

BOSTON, July 30.

By a letter from Halifax, in Nova-Scotia, dated the 11th Inst. we have advice, that a fire happen'd there the day before; how it came is uncertain, but 'tis generally thought 'twas perpetrated by the neutral French, whose tents were pitched in the woods at the distance of about a mile from the place where the fire first began; which extended directly to the town, as tho' a train of dry stuff had been prepared for the same purpose; but as the town is picqueted, it separated, and proceeded round on both sides; and as the houses within the town were thick, tho' small, several were consumed, and others damag'd: The fire being at both ends of the town, threatened an awful destruction of the whole place, as there was a great quantity of dry stuff every where scatter'd up and down. But through the favour of divine providence, little damage was done in the place. The fire burnt from 11 o'clock in the morning till night; and in the evening the tops of many trees about the town were on fire, with the brush around them.

Thursday last we had some smart showers of rain, attended with thunder; and at the upper end of Charles-Town, about four miles from the ferry, it hail'd so much as to cover the ground, some of the stones being half an inch over.

About a Fortnight ago, the Dwelling House of Mrs. Lucy Hutton, near Piscataway, took Fire in the Night, and burnt down to the Ground; and herself, and two Sons (both young Men), perish'd in the Flames. The Fire begun up Stairs, and is supposed to have been occasioned by the Snuff of a Candle falling into some Cotton: Mrs. Hutton was once out of the House, but went back to save her sons, by which means the perish'd with them.

On Friday Night last, the public Prison of Prince George's County, in Upper Marlborough, was burnt down; and is supposed to have been fired by a Negro who was committed for Murder, and who by that means made his Escape. The Lives of several Prisoners for Debt were much endangered.

A few Days ago died in an advanced Age Mr. John Magruder, of Prince George's County, a Gentleman who was formerly for many Years in the Commission of the Peace, and one of the Representatives for that County.

On Friday next, the Negro *Cuffee*, condemn'd at our last County Court, is to be executed.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

JUST IMPORTED from LONDON,

And to be SOLD by THOMAS MEIGHAN, at London Town, in the House where William Peire, deceased, lately liv'd.

GREAT Variety of European and India Goods, at the cheapest Rates, either for Current Money, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco.

ALL Persons who have any Demands on the Estate of George Downey, late of Annapolis, deceased, are desired to bring in their Accounts: And those who are any ways indebted, are desired to make speedy Payment to Messieurs John Campbell and John Inch, who are impowered to pay and receive, and give Receipts. MARY DOWNEY, Executrix.

To be SOLD by Public Vendue, at said Downey's late Dwelling-House in Annapolis, on Friday the 31st Instant, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon,

A Horse and Calf, a Cow and Yearling, a Bed and Furniture, some Pewter, and other Household Goods.

IN Pursuance of a late Act of Assembly, Notice is hereby given, That there is in this County, at the Plantation of Mrs. Woodward, near the Head of Severn (and has been for 13 Years) a grey Mare taken up as a Stray; she is about 15 Hands high, a poor going Creature, Branded on the near Shoulder with G bottom upwards and R join'd to it; on the near Buttock with S or a Figure of 3, and on the off Side of the Neck under the Mane with III.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property and paying Charges.

August 28, 1750.

RAN away from the Baltimore Iron-Works yesterday, being the 27th Instant, a servant Man belonging to Daniel Dulany, Esq; and Company, named Henry Stocks, a lusty tall Fellow, has a bold rough Look, of a sandy Complexion, seems spotted in the Face like Freckles, has a large Scar over one of his Eyes, was born in the West of England; and talks much in that Dialect. He had on a dirty Cotton Jacket, On-nabrigs Shirt and Trowsers, Felt Hat, and new shoes; but may have got other Cloaths, and stolen a Horse to ride. He ran away about this Time last Year; with others, and was taken down the Bay, at the Tangier Islands.

Whoever secures the said Runaway, and brings him to the Subscriber at the said Works, shall have Forty Shillings if taken Twenty Miles from home, and if taken at a greater Distance Four Pounds, paid by

R. CROXALL.

Annapolis, August 15, 1750.

TAKEN up as a Runaway, and committed to my Custody, a Negro Man who says his Name is Dick, and that he belongs to William Hoare in Virginia.

His Master may have him, on paying Fees, from

JOHN GASSAWAY, High Sheriff.