

L O N D O N .

Extract of a Letter from Peterburg, April 13, N. S.

The Arrival of three young Ladies, brought up to Town under an Escorte, makes a great Noise here, on account of the Singularity of the Case, which is not only extraordinary, but unprecedented.

Those Ladies, who are the Daughters of Count Douglass, Lieutenant General, to whom the Empress had just granted a Dismission from her Service, applied to the Governor of Revel, where they resided, praying him to put them under Arrest; alleging that they had some important Things to communicate to her Imperial Majesty against their Father, which were of a treasonable Nature. The Governor did all he could to divert them from so unnatural a Design: He shewed them the Danger to which they exposed themselves and all their Family. Among other Things he represented to them, that according to the Laws of the Empire, the Party that impeches any one of a capital Crime, must undergo the Rack three Times before the Person accused can be put to the Torture: But his Exhortations were fruitless; the three Ladies persisted in their Resolution, and even threatened the Governor with an Information against himself, if he any longer delayed to grant their Request; so that he was forced to comply and send them Inward.

As soon as Count Douglass heard of the shocking Proceeding of his Daughters, he immediately posted up to Town, in order to prevent, if possible, the terrible Consequences of it. Several Persons, who interest themselves in this Affair, have made Representations to the Empress about it, urging in particular a Law of the Emperor Peter the Great, which enacts, That if any Children be found to void of Duty and natural Affection, as to impeach their Parents, their Accusation shall not only be rejected, but they shall be moreover severely punished, and then sent back to their Parents, &c.

We don't yet know what Effect these Representations have had, but we are assured that the Empress has resolved to have those Ladies examined in her Presence: In the mean while Count Douglass is put under Arrest. It is said his three Daughters have desired to be admitted to embrace the Greek Religion. Our Sea and Land Officers are setting out successively for their respective Posts. The Fleet at Cronstadt consists of 35 Ships of the Line, and Frigates; and part of the Gallies are ordered to be equipped and victualled for three Months. Divers Orders of a private Nature have been sent to Revel, and other Cities, in Consequence of the Discoveries made by Count Douglass's Daughters.

April 25. Last Monday the following most extraordinary Affair happened at Tring in Hertfordshire; some of the Country People having entertained an Opinion that an old Man and Woman in that Town were Witches, on Account of several Cattle dying of the present Contagion, great Numbers assembled, some on Horseback and others on Foot, and went in a Body and proclaimed them as such, in three different Market Towns; and about four in the Afternoon returned to Tring, and demanded the supposed Witches, whom the Inhabitants had sent to the Workhouse for Security; which the enraged Populace being informed of, went thither, and being refused Admittance, they pulled down the greatest Part of the Workhouse, and a House adjacent; but the Master, in the mean while, having conveyed them to the Vestry of the Church, they afterwards assembled there, obliging the Master of the Workhouse to go with them; they took them out by Violence, and carried them two Miles from the Town, where they bound the poor old Woman, Hands and Feet, and after beating her in a cruel and barbarous Manner, threw her into a Pond of Water, where she perished; the old Man was likewise treated in the same Manner, but fortunately happened to survive their Cruelty. Several Persons are since taken and committed to Custody, for so inhuman a Proceeding; and an Enquiry is ordered to be made, by Mr. Atkinson, Coroner of the County, into the Affair, and a Jury of Gentlemen summoned to attend at Tring on the Occasion.

May 8. Yesterday his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland attended the Call of the House of Lords, when 158 Lords were present; and it is said that his Royal Highness the Duke, the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, Lord President of the Council, Lord Privy Seal, the two Secretaries of State, the Earl of Harcourt, and the Master of the Rolls, are appointed as Regents to the Prince, provided his Majesty dies in his Minority.

A N N A P O L I S .

On Monday last Week, a Number of Men went out from Frederick Town in Frederick County, in search of some Robbers, who had stole some Things from Town the Day before, and were supposed to be in their neighbouring Woods; and in their search found a large Bay Horse tied to a Bush, who had just been fed with Oats and was in good Order; and just by him there lay three Saddles, and hard by, on a Bush, hung a loaded Pistol: The Horse, Saddles and Pistol they took with them, but could not find the Men. As we have not heard much of late, of those Robbers who infested the Neighbourhood of this City about a Fortnight ago, we were in hopes that they had either turn'd honest, left off Business, or gone further off; which last now seems most probable, as the Description of the Horse taken in Frederick County, gives great Reason to think it is the same which was stole from this Place belonging to Mr. Raitt.

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

J U S T I M P O R T E D ,

In the BRITON, Capt. COOLIDGE, from LONDON, And to be Sold by the Subscriber, at the Store in ANNAPOLIS, where Mr. JAMES DICK lately kept store.

GREAT Variety of European and East India GOODS, by Wholesale or Retail, at very reasonable Rates, for Money, Bills, or Tobacco. Also Cordage and Cables of all Sizes, Anchors from 1 to 6 Hundred, Sail Duck, Twine, and Ship Chandlery. STEPHEN WEST, junior.

THE Subscriber intending for London early next Shipping, all Persons indebted to him are desired speedily to make Payment or settle their Accounts. Attendance will be given every Day at Mr. West's Store in Annapolis.

JAMES DICK.

Patuxent Iron-Works, July 30, 1751.

FOR the Encouragement of good and industrious Planters, I the Subscriber give this Public Notice to all my Customers, that have already dealt, or may deal with me, for Tobacco to be paid next Spring, That if they bring me a Note or Notes for Crop Tobacco, enter'd Colour'd by the Inspectors in the Column for Colour'd, and the Weight per Hoghead not less than 850 lb. and shall deliver the same to me by the first Day of June next, shall be allowed Ten per Cent. beside the Four per Cent. for the Cask: And all other Notes delivered me for Leaf Tobacco, by the Time aforesaid, shall have the Allowance of two and a half per Cent. beside the Four per Cent. for the Cask, provided every Hoghead of Tobacco shall weigh at least 600 lb. neat Weight.

RICHARD SNOWDEN.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in Baltimore-Town, on the 23d of July, a Servant Man, named John Maple, of a dark Complexion, Rammers in his Speech, and has had both his Legs broken, wears his own black Hair. He had on when he went away, a Bearskin Coat, white Shirt, check'd Trowsers, a Felt Hat, and no Stockings. It seems he has chang'd his Name, and calls himself Shepard.

Whoever takes up the said Servant, and secures him in my Goal, so that he may be had again, shall have Five Pounds of the Currency where taken, paid by

JOHN SHEPARD.

IN Pursuance of a late Act of Assembly, Notice is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Michael Faulk, at Antietam in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a large Black Horse, branded on the near Shoulder W, and on both Buttocks D, and has a small Snip between his Nostrils.

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

IN Pursuance of a late Act of Assembly, Notice is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of John Starks, near Mr. Nathaniel Wright's, in Queen-Anne's County, taken up as a Stray, a large Dark Bay Mare, branded blindly, trots and draws well, has a long Mane and Tail.

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