

PETERSBURG, May 4.

THE Ministers of the Court of Vienna and the Maritime Powers, continue to have frequent Conferences with our Ministry, on the Affairs of the North, and about the Means of maintaining Peace on a solid and lasting Basis. 'Tis pretended there is a Plan already drawn up for this Purpose, and that it is agreed the Troops of Russia and Sweden shall provisionally withdraw from the Frontiers of Finland, 'til the finishing Hand be put to the Treaty of Accommodation which some affirm to be on the Tapis; but this last Particular wants Confirmation.

L O N D O N.

May 21. Letters from Leghorn of the 8th Instant, N. S. say, that the Master of an English Ship just arrived there from Cadix reports, that at his Departure the Governor received Orders from Madrid to lay an Embargo on all the Shipping in that Port and in the Bay; and it was reported that they intended to embark a Body of Land Forces with a large Quantity of Provisions and warlike Stores, for an Expedition which was yet a Secret: However, it was pretended by some, that this Expedition is to be against the Algerines; which the English Captain above mentioned wished might prove true, as he could not help being uneasy about G—r.

K I N G S T O N, in Jamaica, July 6.

We hear from the North Side, that an unhappy Affair has happened to Capt. Nathanael Skelden; viz. He intending to remove his Goods from a Store which he kept at Montego-Bay, to a Store at Dry Harbour, he put his Goods on board a Sloop, to the Value, as believed, of five or six Thousand Pounds; but the Sloop standing farther out to Sea than usual, his People rose, headed, as is said, by a Portugueze, and after wounding Capt. Skelden and his Clerk in several Places, set them on Shore, and immediately made off to Sea.

July 13. By Capt. James Pollock, of the Sloop Susannah, from St. Thomas, we are informed, that in his Passage he was taken by a Pettiauger, and a Spanish Sloop, belonging to Porto-Rico, who kept him Twenty-four Hours in Custody, and after plundering him of every Thing he had on board, sent him away without the least Necessaries of Life: He arrived here on Thursday the 4th Instant. The said Pollock says, that he was assured by some Irish Sailors that were on board the Spaniards, that they had carried in fourteen or fifteen Sail of English Vessels.

Hallifax, in Nova Scotia, July 29. Since our last we have had a Snow from Rotterdam, with between 2 and 300 Settlers, and a Ship from England, with 100 Recruits for Col. Warburton's Regiment.—Last Week we had some pleasing Accounts, that the French had ordered all their Troops to hold in Readiness to leave the Province.—That they informed the Indians there was a profound Peace between the two Crowns, and that they were marching to their respective Quarters; and more, that six of the St. John's Indians had been into Chincote Fort, to treat of Peace, and had been there some Days when Capt. Hulton, who brings the Account, came from thence.—This Morning arrived a Ship from Amsterdam, with Dutch Settlers.—

B O S T O N, August 12.

Last Tuesday came to Town, ten Persons, Men, Women and Children, who were taken by the Indians at the Eastward about 11 Months ago, and by them carried into Captivity, and sold as Servants or Slaves to the French in Canada, under whose Authority they suffered great Hardships, and were employed in the meanest and most barbarous Business:—From Canada, by Virtue of the Application made by Capt. Stevens, for their Redemption, in Behalf of this Government, they were last Spring sent to Crown-Point Fort, where they have been kept by the French, till the Sums demanded for their Ransom should be paid, which has accordingly been done, and the poor People thereupon released, and sent from Crown-Point to Albany, from whence they travelled hither.

We learn from Halifax, that Capt. Mäuger, of that Place, Merchant, and Mr. Prescott, late of this Town, are erecting large Distilling Works there, which, when finished, are like to deprive us of the best Branch of our Trade to that Province, as they are more conveniently situated for importing Melasses, both from—and the West-Indies, than any other British Colony.

NEW-YORK, August 12.

The Brig Bonetta, Capt. M^r Cleve, of this Port sailed from hence last March, bound for Jamaica, and for some Time past has been esteemed a missing Vessel; but by Capt. Dickinson from Jamaica we have Advice, she was taken on her Passage of the High Seas by the Spaniards, and carried into St. Domingo; the Mate and some of the Hands escaped in the Boat, and got safe down to Jamaica, after a very perilous Voyage, and are daily expected here in a Vessel which was to sail soon after Capt. Dickinson. Thus while our News from Europe says, Orders are sent for the Restoration of all illegal Captures made by them, those treacherous People continue more and more their Depredations, even without any Appearance of Legality; except our own patiently suffering ourselves to be their Dupes.

Capt. Briggs in a Bermudian Sloop bound from Jamaica for this Port, having been expected some Time past, we hear is cast away on Acklin's Key; the Crew saved; but Vessel and Cargo lost.

Extract of a Letter from Halifax, dated July 20.

Yesterday arrived here a Ship from London, with 100 Soldiers, and we daily expect 7 or 800 more, together with two Men of War, and some Hundreds of Settlers besides.—Thus Town and Suburbs is near four Miles long; and Lots that are fit for Business, not to be had but at a dear Rate:—In all Appearance this bids fair for the Capital of America in a few Years. There are about 200 Sail of Vessels belonging to this Port, and daily increasing, on Account of the great Encouragement in the Fishery, which goes on with great Success.—

A N N A P O L I S.

Thursday last Capt. Nicholas Stevenson in the Ship *Spidwell*, belonging to Messieurs Hunt and Giler, with 379 Hogsheads of Tobacco on board, sail'd from hence for London, but the same Night sprung a Leak, which gain'd on them so very fast, notwithstanding they kept both Pumps going, that they were forced to run her ashore on Poplar Island, being the nearest Land, when she had about 6 Feet Water in the Hold, where she yet lies, and they are getting out what Tobacco they can save, but a great Part of it is damag'd and spoil'd. She had in her the next Morning after she sprung the Leak, Eleven Feet Water in the Hold.

Last Saturday Afternoon, two Ship Carpenters, one of them named *Johnson Jackson*, the other *Owen*, attempting to go from *Wye* River to *Chester* in a small bauble of a Boat, as they were going thro' *Kent* Narrows, she overset, and they narrowly escap'd Drowning; but after getting a little dry'd and refresh'd, they, notwithstanding every one's Advice to the contrary, (as the Wind blow'd hard) would venture out again, one of them being so impious as to say, *He would go to Hell or to Chester that Night*; but they had got but a few lengths from the Ferry when the Boat overset, and neither of them were once seen to rise.

T O B E R U N F O R,

On the RACE-GROUND near ANNAPOLIS, ON Tuesday the 22d Day of October next, the Sum of TWENTY-FIVE Pounds Currency, by any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, to carry nine Stone, three Heats. And

On Wednesday the 23d of the same Month, will be run for on the said Course, the Sum of FIFTEEN Pounds Currency, by any Horse, Mare, or Gelding (the winning Horse the Day before to be excepted); to carry the same Weight, and to run three Heats.

The Horses, &c. to be Entered on each Day of Running, by 10 o' Clock in the Forenoon, with *Jonas Green* in *Annapolis*; and to pay Twenty-five Shillings Entrance on the first Day, and Fifteen Shillings on the second.

All Disputes, if any arise, to be decided by *John Gassaway* and *Daniel Dulany, junior*, Esquires.

T O B E S O L D

A Tract of Land in *Frederick* County, called *Park Hall*, containing by Patent 1550 Acres, lying at no greater Distance than twelve Miles from *Frederick-Town*, and at much the same Distance from the Mouth of the River *Monocacy*; The Land is very valuable, being well Timbered, well Watered, abounding with Meadows, and has a great deal of Pasture Ground. For Terms of Sale and Title, enquire in

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