

The MARYLAND GAZETTE.

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A NARRATIVE of the late horrid Murder, committed by George Gidley, and Richard St. Quintin, (both Wives of England Men,) Peter M'Kinlie, (an Irishman,) and Andrees Zekerman, (a Dutchman,) late Mariners on board the Brig Earl of Sandwich, belonging to London, whereof John Cockeran was Captain; transmitted by Order of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

THE Ship sailed from London about the Month of June, or July, 1765, laden with Bale Goods, Hardware, Hats, &c. for Santa Cruz; at which Place they arrived, discharged their Cargo, and thence sailed to Orataira, the Cape of Teneriffe, one of the Canary Islands, and took in a Cargo of Madeira Wine, Raw and Manufactured Silk, Cochineal, and a Quantity of Spanish Milled Dollars, some Ingots of Gold, some Jewels, and a small Quantity of Gold Dust; and about the Month of Nov. fell from Orataira for London, and had then on board John Cockeran, Captain; Charles Pinchent, Mate; Peter M'Kinlie, Boatswain; George Gidley, Cook; Richard St. Quintin, Andrees Zekerman, and James Pinchent, (Brother to the Mate) Mariners; and Benjamin Gallispey, the Cabin-Boy; and they took on board, as Passengers, one Capt. Glats, his Wife and Daughter, with a Servant Boy belonging to them.

Before the Ship left the Canaries, Gidley, St. Quintin, Zekerman, and M'Kinlie, entered into a Conspiracy to Murder all the other Persons on board, and to possess themselves of the Treasure. Accordingly, on Saturday, Nov. 30, at Eleven at Night, the four Assassins being stationed on the Night-Watch, and the Captain coming to see every Thing properly settled, on his Return to his Cabin, M'Kinlie seized him, and held him fast, till Gidley killed him with an Iron Bar, and then threw him overboard.

The Noise occasioned by this Murder, and the Captain's Groans, having alarmed the Pinchents and Capt. Glats, they rose from their Beds, and immediately came on Deck; and the Pinchents being foremost, they were attacked by the Villains, knocked down, and thrown overboard; Capt. Glats instantly returned to the Cabin for his Sword, and his Retreat being observed by M'Kinlie, who judged of his Intent, crept himself at the Foot of the Steps in the Dark; and as he was ascending the Steps to get upon the Deck, M'Kinlie seized him in his Arms, and held him fast, and called out to his Associates to assist him, who immediately rushed upon Mr. Glats, and with much Difficulty wrested his sword out of his Hand, in which scuffle Zekerman received a slight Wound in his Arm; and in stabbing Mr. Glats, M'Kinlie received a Wound thro' his left Arm. When they had thus murdered Mr. Glats, they threw him overboard. This soon brought Mrs. Glats and her Child on Deck; and she having seen what the Villains had perpetrated, implored for Mercy; but Zekerman and M'Kinlie came up to her, and she and her Daughter being locked in one another's Arms, they threw them both into the Sea.

Having thus dispatched all the Persons on board, except the two Boys, and being then in the British Channel, on their Course, to London, they immediately put the Ship about, and steered for the Coast of Ireland; and on Tuesday, Dec. 3, about Two in the Afternoon, they arrived within Ten Leagues of the Harbour of Waterford and Ross, and then determined to sink the Ship; and in order to secure themselves and the Treasure, they hoisted out their Cock Boat, and loaded her with Bags of Dollars, to the Quantity of about Two Tons, and then knocking out the Ballast Port, quitted the Ship, and got into the Boat, and left the two Boys in the sinking Vessel to perish.

One of the Boys having entreated to be taken on board, but refused, leaped into the Sea, and by swimming, laid hold of the Gunnel of the Boat, when one of the Fallows gave him a Stroke, and knocked him off, and he was immediately drowned.

Soon after they quitted the Ship, she filled with

Water and overset, and they saw the other Boy washed overboard, and drowned.

The Boat having reached the Harbour's Mouth, about Six in the Evening, they rowed her about three Miles up the River, and being afraid to proceed further with such a Quantity of Treasure, they landed within two Miles of the Fort of Duncannon; and having left out as much as they apprehended they could carry, they buried on the Strand the Rest of the Dollars, amounting to 250 Bags; they then proceeded up the River with the Remainder, the Ingots of Gold, Jewels, and Gold Dust, and landed at a Place called Filherstown, within four Miles of Ross, and refreshed themselves at an Ale-House, where a Bag of 1200 Dollars was stolen from them.

On Wednesday the 4th of December, 1765, they proceeded to Ross, and set up at an Ale-House, and there exchanged 200 Dollars for their Amount in current Gold, and bought three Cafes of Pistols, hired six Horses, and two Guides; and on Thursday the 5th of December, set out for Dublin, where they arrived on Friday the 6th, and stopped at the Black Bull Inn, in Thomas Street.

They having lavished and expended a considerable Sum of Money in Ross, and an Account having arrived there that a Vessel was driven on the Coast in the County of Waterford, richly laden, without a living Soul on board, it caused a Suspicion that those Persons had destroyed and plundered the Ship; upon which the Collector of the Port of Ross sent off Express two Gentlemen of that Town to the chief Magistrate of Ross, then in Dublin, to inform him of their Suspicions, with Intent that the said Persons should be taken, and required to give an Account of themselves.

Those Gentlemen having arrived in Dublin on Sunday the 8th, about 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, and having informed the said Magistrate of their Errand, he, with the Assistance of the Lord Mayor, and one of the Sheriffs, on the Night of the same Day, apprehended Richard St. Quintin, and Andrees-Zekerman, who being examined separately, each of them confessed the Murders, and other Matters before related, and also that since they arrived in Dublin, Gidley and M'Kinlie had sold to a Goldsmith, whose Name they could not tell, to the Amount of 300l. worth of Dollars, and were to be paid for them on the Monday following; and the Sheriff, on the Information aforesaid, by the Direction of the said Lord Mayor, and the said Magistrate, went amongst the Goldsmiths, and having found out the Person to whom they were sold, by that Means, on Monday Evening, discovered and apprehended Peter M'Kinlie, and got Intelligence that the said George Gidley had set out in a Post Chaise for Corke, in Order to take Shipping for England, upon which the Lord Mayor sent off the High Constable, with proper Assistance, in pursuit of him.

That having received the Account of the 250 Bags of Dollars being hid on the Shore of the River of Ross, the said Magistrate of that Town dispatched back, on Monday Morning, the 9th of December, the two Ross Gentlemen, with Directions to the Collector of Ross, and an Order of Government to the commanding Officer of the Port of Duncannon, to aid and assist the Revenue Officers, with the Forces quartered there, in making Search for the Bags of Dollars, on their returning they apprehended and took George Gidley, in his Way to Corke, at Castledermot, in the County of Kildare, on Tuesday the 10th of December, and had him committed to Carlow Goal, and found upon him 53 Guineas, a Moidore, and some Silver.

That in Pursuance of the Orders sent for searching the Strand, in the County of Wexford, the Collector of Ross, with the Revenue Officers, aided by the commanding Officer with the Forces quartered at Duncannon, proceeded on the Search on Thursday the 12th, and Friday the 13th, on which Day they found 250 Bags of Dollars sealed up, and brought them to Ross under a Guard, and lodged them in the Custom-House there; but the Contents not being yet examined, the Number of Dollars in each Bag remains unknown.

There were found in the Possession of M'Kinlie, Zekerman, and St. Quintin, some Toys, a few Guineas, an Ingot of Gold, and a small Parcel of Gold Dust; which, with the Money arising by the Sale of the Dollars in Dublin, are in the Hands of the Lord Mayor.

It is remarkable, that, previous to the Apprehension of the above Villains, the following Particulars were discovered:

Captain Honeywell, from Newfoundland, in making Waterford Harbour, Dec 6, had like to have run foul of a large three Mast Vessel, with Top-gallant Yards up, and so deep in the Water that he could only see her Rails. She had no Boat on board, nor could a living Creature be seen. Upon this Report, at his Arrival, eight Boats went out, who returned without being able to discover any Thing. The Day after, some Pipes of Wine were driven on Shore; they saved Fifty of them; and many Persons imagined they came out of the above Vessel. Mr. Graham, the Land-Writer, and a Party of Soldiers, went to secure what was driven ashore. They found Part of her Stern, and other Particulars, and got several more Pipes of Madeira Wine, Capachins, and Womens Apparel, so that it was conjectured she had Passengers on board. She was thought to have been a rich Ship; and, from various Circumstances, it was believed some Villains had murdered the Rest of the Crew, and afterwards Scuttled her, and supposed they would have gone to the Bottom soon after they quitted her.

COPENHAGEN, January 14.

OUR late Sovereign the King of Denmark, Frederick the Fifth, after having laboured some Months under a Dropsical Disorder, expired this Morning between One and Two o'Clock, at the Palace of Christiansbourg, in the 43^d Year of his Age, and the 20th of his Reign.

About Eleven this melancholy Event was formally made known at Court, and notified, as usual, from the Balcony of the Palace, by Baron Bernstorff, as First Minister of State; who, at the same Time, declared the Accession of Christian the Seventh to the Thrones of Denmark and Norway. The young King was pleased to shew himself to the People from the Balcony; and was immediately afterwards proclaimed through the City by the Heralds.

His Majesty, after having confirmed all the Chief Ministers and other Officers, in their former Posts, is gone out of Town to Fridericksberg, intending to remain there some Time in Retirement. In the mean Time, the Gates are shut, and the City Militia have taken the Guard of them, and of all the other Posts here, till the regular Troops shall have sworn Fidelity to their new Sovereign.

All the Royal Family are in the deepest Affliction, especially the Queen-Dowager, the late King's Mother.

Copenhagen, Jan 18. His Majesty has already given Orders to put in Execution several very important Affairs relative to Government.

Yesterday an Ordinance was published which fixes the general Mourning to a Twelve-month, during which all Music is prohibited.

Some Changes are soon expected in the chief Employments of the State.

Rome, Jan. 6. As the Carnival is very short this Year, the Pope had given Permission for the Theatres to be opened on the 2^d of this Month; but the Death of the Pretender has occasioned his Holiness to defer the Representations of all public Shews and Diversions till the Week after the Funeral of that Prince whose Corpse is to be interred with great Pomp in the Cathedral of St. Peter. Great Preparations are still making for the Reception of Prince Edward.

Naples, Dec. 31. A great Sickness still prevails in this City which is particularly fatal to the young People, and more especially to the young Nobility, many of whom have died within these few Weeks.