

up his Pretensions to the Allodial Effects of Tuscany; and that, in order to engage the King of Sardinia to accede to this Treaty, and renounce the Right which he has in Reversion to Part of the Duchy of Placentia, an Equivalent was to be given him on the Side of Milanese.

#### L O N D O N .

Extract of a Letter from Paris, dated Dec. 15.

"The English Commissioners seem very desirous to continue their Conferences for regulating the Limits of the respective Establishments in America; but those of France appear rather inclined to delay that Business. In the mean Time, the King is preparing, with the utmost Diligence, to maintain his pretended Rights by Force; though the Want of Corn in this Kingdom obliges the Court to be have with less Pride, till it's Magazines are filled, than it would otherwise do, towards that of Great-Britain.

Letter from Genoa, November 30, 1751.

"On the 22d there was heard, not only in several of our Palaces, but in divers private Houses, such a hideous Crack or rustling Noise, as if their very Foundations were loosened. This shocking Alarm continued till the 24th Instant; Workmen however were immediately employed to prop and support them, to prevent, if possible, their total Demolition. What happened in our Port, created an equal Terror; for the Waves swell'd to that prodigious Degree, that we were apprehensive of the Loss of all our Ships which were then riding at Anchor. The Centinels who were posted at all our Ramparts unanimously declare, that they saw, in the Dead of the Night, a Light, like that of a prodigious Fire, which seem'd to arise out of the Ground. The repeated Shocks which were felt throughout the whole City, were equally perceptible throughout the whole Extent of our Coasts.

—It is very remarkable, that about the Time of these Phenomena at Genoa, prodigious Floods, preceded by Lightning and Thunder, happened in several Parts of England.

December 20. A Tradesman was committed to Bridewell for 300 blasphemous Oaths, having no Money to pay the Penalty, which amounted to near 20*l*. and not able to get Bail.

Dec. 31. A Citizen of Paris, and of a Family of Note, having in September last set out for his Country House, as is customary at that Time of the Year, his Wife went along with him; but as he had previously made an Appointment with a Whore, as we should always call it in plain English, the Presence of a third Person, such as his Wife, could not but be very troublesome. Wherefore he call'd about for an Expedient to get rid of her Company, and pretended to have great Occasion for a certain Paper that was lock'd up in his Escritoire in Town; upon which she offered to go and fetch it; but then he gave her to understand, that if she brought it the next Morning it would be Time enough. The Wife however return'd the same Day about Bed time, catch'd her Husband and his Mistress together, and made him a long and sharp Mercurial on his Conduct, which he heard very patiently, or at least feign'd to take it in good Part; and so they both went to Rest seemingly well reconciled. But in the Middle of the Night, the Husband jump'd out of Bed in a Rage, and snatching up a Knife which lay on the Table, plunged it three Times into the Bosom of his Wife, who instantly expired. After so execrable a Deed, he thought of nothing else than saving himself by a speedy Flight. The Parliament of Aix having been informed of the Fact, condemn'd the Murderer, by Contumacy, to be broke alive upon the Wheel; and that if he could not be apprehended, the Sentence should be executed on his Effigy. The Family of the Criminal having hoped, by Means of powerful Intercessors at Court, to obtain some Mitigation of the Sentence, solicited at the same Time a Respite of the Execution on his Effigy; which the Parliament of Aix granted them: But as soon as the King was informed of the Affair, he sent Orders to all his Ministers abroad, to spare no Pains nor Cost to discover and apprehend the inhuman Monster: Since which, he has been secured at Rome; and they are actually bringing him back to Aix, where he will receive the Punishment due to his Crime.

Jan. 2. They write from Copenhagen, that, on occasion of the Death of the Queen of Denmark, his Danish Majesty has issued an Edict, forbidding, for a whole Year, all Plays, Balls, Operas, Concertos, &c. — Heaven preserve us from such Mourning! which would send at least half our gay polite Gentry to the Grave.

Jan. 4. Considering the Progress Spain has in a short Time made in the Woollen Manufactures, and that the House of Austria is intent on setting

up the same Fabrics, not only in her hereditary Provinces, but also in the Netherlands; it seems to be high Time for Britain to take some effectual Measures to preserve this fundamental Article of her Commerce, which has suffered so much already by the Industry of the French, and our own Folly. The Evil has been long complained of, and the principal Cause of it so well understood, that it is needless to dwell upon it in this Place: Let it then suffice for the present to observe, that by crimping one Kingdom in Point of Trade, worse than perhaps it would be under any despotic Government in Christendom, we have laid a Foundation for effecting, in Time, the Ruin of the three Kingdoms.

#### B O S T O N .

March 23. We are informed, that a Schooner bound from Halifax to this Place, Daniel Smith Master, with 14 People on board, was blown off the Coast in the severe Weather we had last December, and were reduced to great Extremities, especially for Want of Provisions; so that they fed upon the Flesh of a Cat for 9 or 10 Days, and for 7 Days after upon gnawing the Leather of a Pair of Breeches; and their Hunger increased to so great a Degree, that they drew Lots which one of them should die to save the Lives of the rest: But before they executed their Design, the Mate having Strength enough to get up a few Rattins of the Shrouds, he from thence discover'd Land, to their great Joy, which proved to be the Island of Nevis, where they arrived in a few Hours after.

We are likewise informed, that another Schooner, — Rocquet Master, also bound hither from Halifax last Winter, and blown off the Coast, and thought to be lost, is since heard of, having been met with, in a very shattered Condition, by a Vessel bound from England to Virginia; which assisted the People, and tow'd her in thither.

March 30. Last Wednesday last night, the 18th Instant, sailed from this Port Capt. Winslow in a Ship, and Capt. Mitchell in a Snow, both bound for South Carolina, Capt. Wakefield in a Snow for the West Indies, and Capt. Hunnewell in a Brig for Jamaica; but the Friday following the 20th in a violent Snow storm, Wind at N. E. Capt. Winslow, who was the sternmost Vessel, not being able to clear the Race Point, was put ashore and bigged, but he and his Men happily saved their Lives—And by a Letter from Eastham, on Cape Cod, we have an Account, that the Hull of a Vessel, Bottom upwards, suppos'd to be a Brig, was come ashore on the Back of the Cape, and at a considerable Distance from the Hull, her Deck, Masts and sails, with sundry Sorts of Lumber, Oil, &c. were also come ashore. The Account is very imperfect, but by many Circumstances, is generally thought to be Capt. Hunnewell, and that he was overet in the Storm.

#### N E W - Y O R K , March 23.

Extract of a Letter from Oswego, dated February 22, 1752.

"This Day John Cadogan, and Michael Finn, two Soldiers belonging to Capt. Rutherford's Company, who deserted this Fort with eight more, the 22d of January last, returned here, and gave the following Account; viz. That they all travelled in Company seven or eight Days, towards a French Fort, called Caderagway; and then William Burchell, the Drummer, David Ray, Timothy Sullivan, and Edward Burns, were so much fatigued and Frost bitten, that they were unable to proceed: That William Barry, Corporal, James Read, Peter Egbergen, and Mark Sampson, together with the said Cadogan and Finn, pursued their March another Day, when all their Provision was expended; whereupon Mark Sampson was ordered by the Corporal to be shot, and only one Hour allowed him to prepare for Death; that then the Corporal obliged them to draw Lots who should be Executioner; which fell upon James Read: The Execution being over, they eat, and took with them, the Hind Quarters only of the deceased, and continued their March four Days more; when the Corporal ordered Peter Egbergen to prepare for Death, giving him also but one Hour to prepare in; during which he held a Watch in his Hand, that he should not exceed; and then he was shot as he was kneeling; they then eat and took with them the greatest Part of his Body, and continued their March seven Days longer, when the Corporal ordered Cadogan and Finn to shoot James Read, but they refusing, he took up his Firelock and performed the bloody Deed himself; and then the Body was cut in Pieces in the like Manner, as the two others had been: The next Day, the Corporal despairing to reach Caderagway, attempted to murder Finn, by stabbing him in the Thigh, and cutting his Head, his Gun having mis'd Fire several Times, but by Cadogan's Assistance Finn got

off; the Corporal and Cadogan then pursued their March another Day, and then turn'd back, and the next Day rejoined Finn; when the Corporal again made several Attempts to murder him, but was prevented by Cadogan, who gave the Corporal a Blow with an Axe; on which he made his Escape; leaving his Hat, Cap, and Bundle behind him, and destitute of Sustenance, Arms, or Edge Tools, a Penknife excepted: Cadogan and Finn then continued their Retreat; the next Day the Corporal appeared behind them, and begg'd for some of their Flesh; but upon Cadogan's presenting his Firelock, he made off, and they saw him no more. On their Return, they observed a Place where a Fire had been made, and much Blood spilt; which they suppos'd to be an Encampment of the first four of their Party, left behind, and the Blood to be Sullivan's, as he was the weakest: The same Day they reach'd the Place where they left the four, and found the Drummer shot through the left Breast, and his Flesh stripp'd, his Legs only excepted, which they took and eat: They suppos'd Ray killed the Drummer, because there was a Difference betwixt them before the parting; he having charged Ray with taking him from a Garrison where he was well treated:—They say that Reflection constantly run high among them, acknowledging they had no Reason to complain, as their commanding Officer had been very kind to them: Cadogan further declares, that when Egbergen was kill'd, the Corporal insisted that Finn should die likewise, that they might encamp, and subsist on the Flesh till they met with Indians, or the Winter broke up; the same was urged when Read was murdered; but Cadogan was favour'd because he was an Axe-Man, and could cut Wood, and the Corporal would have starv'd without him. They both appear like Skeletons; and think the Corporal must be starv'd to Death, as well as Barnes and his Companion. This Account is taken verbally from them. John Coulson was often wish'd for, by them, that they might roast him alive, as he had been the chief Instrument of all their Unhappiness.

Capt. Bedlow, who is just arriv'd here in a Schooner, Capt. Myer, from Jamaica, informs us, that he spoke with the Indian King, Capt. Troup, of this Port, off the East End of Jamaica, from the Bay for London, who inform'd him, that two Days before they left Blewfield, a Schooner arriv'd there, with Advice, that the two Spanish Gallies, who lately attack'd the English Ships in the Bay, were both lost in a violent North Wind, and many of the Men drowned. He confirms the News of the English Ships leaving the Bay; ten Sail of which were arriv'd at Jamaica, and several others that had sail'd and were just on sailing for the Bay, had put back. Capt. Bedlow parted with the Indian King 5 Leagues North of Cape Nicholas; all well on board. And the 27th of February off Hamana, spoke with Capt. Dowel, in a Brig. for Philadelphia; all well.

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

We have an Account of a very melancholy Accident, which happened on the 4th Instant in Potowmack on the Virginia Side. A Number of People, who had been on board a Ship, went, with the Captain, Mate, and two Sailors, in the Long Boat to see a Seine Hauling; but a sudden Squall of Wind happening, and the Halliards being all fast, the Long Boat overfet, by which Means six Persons were drowned; one of them, a Son to Col. Blackburn, a Man and his Wife (big with Child) of Quantico, one more Woman and two others, whose Names we have not yet learn'd. After the overfetting the Boat, the Husband had got on her Bottom, but seeing his Wife perishing, left the Boat in order to save her, but to no Purpose, for he sunk down with her, and they perish'd in each other's Arms.

On Tuesday Night last, two Convict Servant Men in Dorchester County, made an Attempt to murder their Master and Mistress; but they defend'd themselves so well, that they had like to have overpower'd the Servants, when a Convict Servant Woman came in to their Assistance, which obliged the Mistress to run up Stairs, and getting out at a Dormant Window, she retired into a Swamp near the House, where they could not find her: They beat their Master cruelly, and left him for dead, then plundered the House of Cloaths, and eleven Pounds in Money, and made off; but the Man is like to recover.

This Day, Capt. Jeragan Bigg, arriv'd in West River from London, which he left the 5th of February.

Capt. Bigg, brings an Account, that Lawrence and Thompson had got home; but Capt. Lawrence met with some Damage at Sea. Capt. White sail'd with Capt. Bigg, and may be every Hour expect'd.

[The Schooner mentioned sold at Vendue the 5th]

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