

was a Gentleman of an exceeding good Character, had bestowed upon her a very liberal Education, to which her Capacity was adequate. But the old Gentleman was guilty of one failing, a failing by which he perhaps imagined he might get his Daughter married into Opulence. He gave out, or encouraged, or did not contradict, a Report, that he was a Man of 10000 l. Fortune; and, as Miss was his only Child, such an Estate, join'd to her Accomplishments, could not fail to attract many Suitors. Every Match, however, was broke off, because the Father would advance no Money with his Daughter, but only promise that he would leave her his All at his Death, which, when it untimely happened, did not appear to be above a fifth Part of the Sum reported. Such frequent Disappointments of Miss's Expectations, and natural Desires, raised her Resentment, which is scarcely to be supposed in her natural good Sense, joined with so good an Education, would have suffered to proceed to such a dismal Extremity, or provoke her to the Perpetration of so horrid a Crime, if her Mind had not been totally depraved by the base Artifices of an insidious Seducer, who had won her Affections before she knew or heard that he had been married to another Gentlewoman of a good Family, to whom the Law had compelled him to allow a separate Maintenance.

M A D R I D, January 29.

BY Advice from Cadiz we are informed, that on the 15th Instant, there arose such a Storm in that Bay, that no Man living ever heard of one more violent or fatal. The same Advice add, that about fifty Vessels, large and small, besides a great Number of Barges, Fishing-boats, and other small Boats, all miserably perished by that melancholy Accident, without the least Possibility of any Succour or Relief.

L O N D O N.

Feb. 1. Last Week the following melancholy Account happened on board a Ship now in the River: The Mate of the Ship, who had it seems a Wife and Family, but who, as he had come off a long Voyage, was excited to deal a little with the Women of the Town; in Consequence of this he was apprehensive of his being infected, and went to a young Man of his Acquaintance in the Chyrurgical Way, and told him the Story. The Surgeon, by Way of Humbug, persuaded the poor Fellow that he really was pock'd, and prescribed for him: This so affected his Spirits, that he took an Opportunity to go on board the Ship, where there were only two Boys, and hang'd himself up. The Boys seeing him, were frighted, and got ashore to tell the News: They met with a Ship-builder, to whom they related it, who was so stupid as not to go on board to cut the Man down, but posted to a Surgeon's House, and brought one of his Men to bleed him. The Fellow, who came on Purpose to bleed him, stripped off his Coat, tied up his Arm, and put in the Lancet, without ever having the Presence of Mind to cut the Man down; and before he found the Mistake, the poor Fellow was quite dead. Thus to the Stupidity of these People, did this unhappy Man owe his Fate; and if from Humbugging such dangerous Consequences ensue, it is pity but that the Term itself was reprobated, and they who practise this fashionable Lying, branded with the most stigmatizing Marks of Infamy.

Feb. 2. Among other Remarks that have been made upon so copious a Subject as Tobacco, there are some, that if sufficiently consider'd, must certainly be allow'd strong Motives for Indulgence, in favour of that Commodity; viz. That it is in a more particular Manner our own, than almost any other that is brought from the Plantations: That all the Profits accruing from the Cultivation of Tobacco, become, in the End, the Profit of Great Britain; and that, whatever Objections are taken to the Conduct of other Plantations, the dutiful and industrious Behaviour of those who inhabit the Tobacco Colonies, was never call'd in Question.

When Mr. John Coan, the Norfolk Dwarf, who is now to be seen at the Watch maker's facing the Cannon Tavern, Charing Cross, was at Leicester-House, and had the Honour of being introduced to their Royal Highnesses, he repeated the following Lines:

Behold, most gracious Princes! at your Feet,  
In Miniature, a Man of Form compleat:  
If, honour'd thus, too blithly I behave,  
Oh pardon at this Time your little Slave,  
Who inward blesses his peculiar Fate  
That made him small, to pleasure you so great.  
Let others boast their Stature, or their Birth,  
This glorious Truth shall fill my Soul with Mirth,

That I now am; and hope for Years shall sing,  
The smallest Subject of the greatest King.

Feb. 24. A Duel was fought near Marybon, between Captain Gray of the Guards, and Lord L—, in which the former was killed on the Spot. The Quarrel arose the Evening before concerning an Affair at Gaming, in which the Deceased gave the other the Lye, which being resent'd both drew their Swords, but were appeas'd by Capt. Collingwood; next Morning however the Captain went to Lord L—'s, who received him with great Civility, and press'd him to drink Chocolate, which he refusing, they walked out together to Marybon Fields.—A Man deposed, that he saw them draw, that he could observe the Deceased push vigorously, but the Lord L— seemed rather to stand on the Defence; that before he could come up, he saw Lord L—'s Sword enter the Deceased's Body, on which he fell on his Knee, when Lord L— dropped his Sword, and ran up to the Deceased to support him, crying out, *My dear Gray, what have I done!* that the Deceased, then in Agonies, made a faint Push at the other, which he avoided by starting back, and the Captain immediately expired. The Coroner's Inquest brought it in *Murder*.

March 2. On Saturday last an Express arrived at St. James's from Hanover, which brought an Account of the Death of the Right Hon. the Countess of Yarmouth's Mother.

March 3. We learn from Italy, that the Court of Venetians has at last consented to the Modification proposed by the State of Genoa, in respect to the Regulations that are to be published in Corsica, with which the People of that Island are exceedingly offended, inasmuch, that they look upon French Troops as Goalers, whom but a little Time ago they considered as their Deliverers.

March 21. We hear that the Herring Fishery Society besides their twenty Busses which will be fishing off Shetland next June have contracted for thirty new Ones, and will contract for ten or fifteen more; so that their whole Number, in 1753, will consist of sixty, or more; which, with those of the Chambers, may make a Fleet of about four-score Sail. A noble Provision for Multitudes of Poor, and a most excellent Nursery for Seamen.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, May 7.

Saturday last John Webster was executed here pursuant to his Sentence: He made no Confession till he was under the Gallows, when he own'd to a Gentleman there, that the Teapot for which he was condemn'd was Mr. Cemm's, and that he took it out of his House. Being asked, if he committed the Robbery at Mr. Saunders's Store? Replied, That the same Person that did the one, (meaning Mr. Cemm's) did the other. And being a 2<sup>d</sup> asked, if he knew any Thing of the Murder of Wilson? Answered, That he did not; and thank'd God, that he had never shed the Blood of Man or Woman in his Life. And as to other Crimes he had committed, he said, as no Person could suffer by his not revealing them, it was needless to repeat them.

A N N A P O L I S.

There not being a sufficient Number of Members in Town on Tuesday, to compose the Upper House of Assembly, his Honour the President was pleas'd to prorogue the General Assembly 'till Yesterday, when they met, and his Honour opened the Session with the following SPEECH; *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

THE Administration of this Government devolving upon me, by the Death of our late Governor, obliges me to call you together, that we may consider what Laws are near expiring, and which of them it is the Interest of the Country to continue longer. Altho' I am conscious that my own Abilities are much inferior to those of the worthy Gentleman we have lost, yet, as I am under all the Ties of Nature and Interest to promote the Happiness of Maryland, as far as I possibly can, so I flatter myself, that with your Advice and Concurrence, (upon which I shall always rely,) we shall be able, in good Measure, to avert the ill Consequence of the great Loss we have lately sustain'd; and I know no better Means to crown our Endeavours for that desirable End with Success, than Unanimity and Harmony among ourselves, in carrying on the Public Business with Dispatch, and with as little Expence to the Country as possible.

Yesterday arrived here in 7 Weeks from London, the Ship *Apollo*, Capt. *Joseph Richardson*, with Twenty-three Indented Servants, and Forty-nine Transports.

About a Fortnight ago, there happened in *Frederick County* in this Province, an extraordinary Wedding, as we remember to have heard of: A Couple, with their Guests, (having obtain'd a License) came to the House of a reverend Clergyman, late in the Evening, after he had been some Time in Bed with his Wife, and desired to be married; he, willing to oblige them, got up and dress'd himself, in order to perform the Ceremony; but the Bridegroom having imagin'd a Notion, that if he married a Woman *with any Thing*, he should be obliged to pay all her Debts, and not otherwise; and as she came from the Province of *New Jersey*, he was doubtful about her Circumstances; the obliging Bride, to remove all Incumbrances, stripp'd to her Buff, and two Women held a Sheet between her and the Clergyman while he performed his Office; but she having forgot her Cap at undressing, in the midst of the Ceremony it came into her Mind, and she pull'd that off too, and flung it on the Bed, and was married to her Spouse (if not in a Wedding Suit) in her *Birth Day Suit*: After the Ceremony was over, the Bridegroom put on her one of his own Shirts to cover her—This Account the Reader may perhaps look on as improbable and untrue, but he may be assured, it is a certain and  *naked Truth*.

Near the same Time, in the same County, happen'd a Wedding of another Kind: A Widow who had got pretty much in Debt, in order to defraud her Creditors, married a Traveller, who was going to *Carolina* to settle: He happen'd to call at her House in his Way, and she procur'd a License, gave him a Piece of Eight to help to bear his Charges, and a Night's Lodging, to marry her; and then he proceeded on his Journey, about his Business.

Custom House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered,  
Sloop Bachelor, Enoch Story, from Virginia;  
Snow Elijah, James Lowe, from Africa;  
Sloop Sally, John Dailey, from Rhode Island.  
Ship Davenport, James Mackie, from London;  
Ship Apollo, Joseph Richardson, from London.

June 3, 1752.

WHEREAS, the Church of St. Mary Anne's Parish, at the Head of North East River in Cecil County, was broke open some Time in *Whitsun Week* last, and rob'd of one Silver Chalice, one Silver Salver, two Har. Metal Flaggons, one Diaper Table Cloth, and six Diaper Napkins. Any Person who will discover the Robber or Robbers, so that he or they be convicted thereof, shall have TWENTY POUNDS Reward, or TEN POUNDS for the Plate only: And if any Party concerned in the said Fact will discover his or her Accomplices, so that they may be brought to Justice, they shall be intitled to the same Reward.

John Hamilton.

I DO hereby Promise his Lordship's most gracious Pardon, to any Person who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices in the said Fact, so that they be legally convicted thereof.

BENJA. TASKER.

JUST IMPORTED,  
In the Ship DAVENPORT, Capt. JAMES MACKIE, from LONDON, and to be SOLD by the Subscriber at his Store, near the Dock in Annapolis, A SORTABLE Cargo of European and East India GOODS, at the most reasonable Rates, for Ready Money.

John Raitt.

Also Barbadoes RUM, and Muscovado SUGAR, by Wholesale or Retail.

May 30, 1752.

RAN away last Night from the Snow *Russell*, John White, Master, now lying at Anchor off South River Warehouse, an Indented Servant Man, named Thomas Ray, about 21 Years of Age, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, of a black Complexion: Had on when he went away, a blue Waistcoat, a black Pair of Trowsers, a Pair of new Shoes, no Buckles, and a large brim'd Hat: He has carried off with him several Cloaths and Shirts belonging to the Sailors of the Ship.

Whoever takes him up and delivers him to James Dick, Stephen West, or said White, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward, besides what the Law allows.

John White.

Mr. S. W. to give  
(red. 1.50.)

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