

the Barbadoes Man's great Surprise, the Captain of the Spanish Sloop sent his Canoe on Board, as soon as they came into the Harbour, mann'd and arm'd, and demanded all his Papers, telling him he was his lawful Prize; which when the Barbadoes Captain finding himself thus decoyed, complied with: The Spaniards took Possession of his Sloop, and soon dispos'd of the most valuable Part of the Cargo.

The Barbadoes Captain brought an Action against the Spaniard, for his Vessel and Cargo, when he told him, he might have her again, with what Part of her Cargo was then remaining, which the Barbadoes Captain refused, and continued his Law Suit; the Result of which we have not yet learned, altho' we may easily conclude what it will be, from many Precedents of the like Kind.

The Spanish Guarda Costas still continue to molest our Shipping at the Musquete Shore, and have lately taken two small Vessels that were there Turtling.

We are informed they are also in Possession of the Bay, and have built a Fort at the Mouth of New River.

PISCATAQUA, July 31, 1752.

Our last Advices from Louisbourg (alias Placentia Nova) say, That at Canada 'tis very sickly among the Inhabitants there, and a great Mortality amongst the Cattle:—That the Governor is obliged to have his House double guarded, and dare not come out of it for fear of the People, who are so incensed against him on the Account of his ill Usage to 'em, that they threaten to send him back to France in Irons if they catch him.

BOSTON.

August 3. It is remarkable, that from Tuesday the 21st of July, to Tuesday the 28th of July, there were but four Persons buried in this Town; which is as low a Number as has been known for several Years.—Two of the said Persons died of the Small Pox.

Besides the Damage done by the Lightning Wednesday was very night, as has been heretofore related, we hear that a hopeful young Man, belonging to Braintree, named Spear, aged about 21 Years, was killed thereby at Swansey.

August 6. Last Tuesday Morning came in here a Ship from Halifax, which left that Port last Monday was very night, and brings Advice, That the Day before they sail'd his Majesty's Ship Jason, Capt. Young, arriv'd there from Plymouth, in England; in which came his Excellency Thomas Pownall, Esq; lately commissioned to be Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Nova Scotia. Charles Paxton, Esq; of this Town, came also Passenger in the Jason; which Ship, we hear, is appointed on this Station, and was to sail for this Port sometime this Week. *Extract of a Letter from Rochester, in the County of Plymouth.*

On the 22d of July last the House of Mr. Ebenezer Barlow was much damaged by Lightning;—it was shatter'd exceedingly from End to End, from Top to Bottom; but, through the Goodness of God, no Lives destroy'd, except that of a Dog, who lay just without the House, altho' most of the People in it were slightly hurt, and a Lad was struck to the Ground, at near a Quarter of a Mile's Distance, by the same Clap.—As to the Effects of the Lightning, they were so extraordinary as not to admit of a particular Description; but in general, a great Part of the Roof was rent off; some of the Rafter's shiver'd to Pieces; others removed out of their Places without being hurt; and one carried from the West, and left partly out at the East End of the Garret; the Shingles were carried to a great Height in the Air, and scatter'd all abroad, and some of them, with other broken Pieces of the House, were lodged upon the Apple Trees; and this was the more remarkable, as there was, at that Time, no Wind to carry them away, and must therefore be ascribed to the strange Force of the Lightning; it also forced the Ceiling below from the Sills, and left many large Holes in several Parts of the House, and particularly one, through which a large Chest was stove into Pieces; and when it left the House it made one or two Furrows in the Ground therefrom, and then dissipated.

Is it not then expected of all natural, as well as moral Agents, when such awful Instances and Effects of divine Power are displayed in open Light, that they should view and admire them, only as little Specimens of what that Being can do, who is Almighty?—That they learn to fear the Lord and his Goodness; to acknowledge that their Lives are in his Hands, that they are intirely indebted to him for all their near Escapes from Death, and to improve them to the great and excellent Purposes, for which they were given and continued?—How often do his Arrows pierce our strongest Habitations, and rend them into Pieces, while our feeble

Lives are preserved in them at the same Time?

—Come, behold the Works of the Lord, what Desolations he has made!—Whose is wise will observe these Things.—When his Arrows, composed of darterd Flame, come flying all around us, how suddenly could they drink up our vital Spirits, if he should give them a Commission, and leave our Bodies breathless and prostrate on the Ground! Let Sinners in Zion therefore be afraid to cast Contempt upon a God of such Power, who is able to destroy them in a Moment, and in the twinkling of an Eye, to dispatch their guilty Souls to unquenchable Flames: And let the Ungodly consider, that when the Elements are in mighty Agitation, and the Arrows of the Almighty are flying all abroad, quick to destroy them; they have no Refuge to resort to: But the Name of the Lord is a Strong Tower, and it is the Property only of the Righteous to run into it, and find Safety and Comfort.

The same Afternoon the Province-Hospital, on Rainsford Island, was struck, and pretty much shatter'd by the Lightning, and a Dog kill'd, and another struck blind thereby.

August 10. A Gentleman at New-London, in the Colony of Connecticut, writes to his Friend in Boston, that one Mr. Hall, who came Passenger in a Vessel lately arrived there from London, informs him, that before he left that City, his Excellency Governor Shirley arrived there from Paris.

Thursday last came to Town by Land from Canada, Thomas Stannard, who gives us the following Account, viz. That about 15 Months ago, he (with several others) was taken Captive by the Indians, when they attacked the new settled Town of Dartmouth, opposite to Halifax in Nova Scotia, and carried Captives to Canada; and that he, with 7 others, taken at Times and Places, was recovered out of the Hands of the French, by Capt. Stevens, who was sent to Canada by this Government last Winter, to redeem as many of our unhappy Countrymen from their Captivity as he could.—That they travelled by Land from Canada, to Deerfield in this Province, where they separated, in order to go to their respective Places of Abode.—That they left Mr. Nathaniel Wheelwright, of this Town (who accompanied Capt. Stevens in his tedious Journey to Canada) at Albany, who may soon be expected here.

Our Informer, who is a very intelligent Person, further says, that Provisions are exceeding scarce in Canada, and that the People are under terrible Apprehensions of a Famine, there having been little or no Rain for 10 Months past; but contradicts the Story from Piscataqua, published in all the News Papers in Town, except one, of a Sickness amongst the Inhabitants, a great Mortality amongst the Cattle, and that the Governor keeps his House double guarded, for fear of the People, &c. On the contrary, he says, that he was in Quebec all the Time of his Captivity, with full Liberty to go wherever he had Occasion, and he never heard of any Sickness among the People, or Mortality among the Cattle that he never heard any Complaint against the Governor, who kept only one Centinel at his Door, which is the Custom of all their Governors.

We have Advice from New-London, that a Sloop is arrived there from the West Indies, which has brought in the Crew of a Snow, —Thompson, Master, who in his Voyage from Jamaica to Liverpool, was cast away on the Hogsties, and both Vessel and Cargo lost.

NEW-YORK, August 10.

We have an Account from Schenectady, that a few Days ago, the only Son of Mr. Johannes Bradt of that Town, as he was getting his Harvest into the Barn, jump'd off of the Mow on to the Waggon, where a Pitchfork lay unseemly, the Prongs of which unhappily ran into his Belly, so that he died in a few Hours after.

Capt. White who arrived here last Week from Providence, informs us, That Capt. Shourt, in a Schooner belonging to this Port, bound to the Musquete Shore, is cast away on Walker's Key; the Vessel entirely lost; but the People were all happily taken off by a Sloop and carried into Providence.

August 17. By Capt. Tudor, who arrived here last Week from Anguilla, we have Advice, that the French Guarda Costa's were cruising very thick about Guadaloupe and Grand Terre, and on Pretence of preventing any Assistance to a Gang of rebellious Negroes, attack all the English Vessels they meet:—That one Capt. Bais, being chased by two of them, he fought his Way through and got off with his Mast wounded, and the Wyth of his Topping-lift shot away:—And that Capt. Symmons, in a Schooner belonging to St. Eustatia, was drove ashore by one of them, a Sloop of 10 Guns, when the Men escap'd, but the Schooner

was got off again, and carried away by the Enemy.

Yesterday arrived here Capt. Seamour from Coracoa, by whom we learn that the Rumour of that Place being about to be attack'd, is not true, with him is come Capt. Stevenson, late of the Sloop Hunter-Morris, of this Port, who was cast away the 7th of July last, on the Rocks of the Isle of Aves, the Vessel and Cargo lost, and the Men with Difficulty escaping with their Lives to Coracoa.

Last Tuesday Morning we had here a Thunder Gust, with some pretty sharp Lightning, a Clap of which struck the Main-mast of Capt. Menzie's Brig in our Harbour, and tore a Piece out of it almost from the Top to the Deck; so that they were obliged to get a new Mast.—The People on board were struck with Surprise, but by good Providence no Lives were lost.

PHILADELPHIA, August 20.

By the HONOURABLE JAMES HAMILTON, Esq; Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of Newcastle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware. A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it appears to me, by sundry Depositions taken before Thomas Lawrence, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia, that on Saturday, the first Instant, the Day John Thomas, and Eleanor Davis, were barbarously kill'd in her Dwelling-House in Chester County, three Men, Strangers, who had travell'd on Foot from Kent County, in the Province of Maryland, or some other Part of that Province, were seen very near the said Dwelling-House, under such particular Circumstances, as give very just Reason to suspect they committed those horrid Facts; which Suspicion is strongly confirm'd by their sudden disappearing after the Perpetration of the Crimes, altho' they had travell'd openly on the Highway for two Days before toward the said House.

And it appearing to me by the said Depositions, that one of the said Men was about 22 Years of Age, tall, and very slender, thin visag'd, ill favour'd, of a swarthy or Sun-burnt Complexion, wore an old Hat, Check Shirt, Trowsers, and a black or very dark colour'd Bearskin Waistcoat, had a Sore or Wound almost on the Inside of his right Thigh, a little above his Knee; that he carried a long Wallet stuffed very full, and a Bundle of darkish colour'd Cloaths: That he produced a Pass sign'd by a Person who he said was a Justice of the Peace in Kent County in Maryland, wherein he was call'd Thomas Kelly; under which Pass was a Certificate, as it appear'd, that the said Person was one of the Justices in Kent County in Maryland, sign'd by the Clerk of the same County, and attested by that County Seal.

That another of the said Men appeared to be about 25 Years of Age, of a very fair, but not a ruddy Complexion, round fac'd, of middle fix'd Stature, but thick and well proportioned, had his Hair cut off, wore a good Hat, a white Cap, and Waistcoat, a fine white Linnen Shirt, Check Trowsers, very wide, but not long, a Pair of good Shoes, and large Silver Buckles: That he produced a Pass, as from a Justice of the Peace, living in Kent County aforesaid, and a Discharge from his Master, in the same County; the Pass was dated the 16th of July, 1752; it was wrote with very pale Ink, except the Figures (16th) the Justice's Name, and the Words (Kent County, in Maryland) on the left Side of the Pass, at Bottom, which were all wrote with black Ink; the Seal thereto was only a round Mark, made with Ink, placed at the End of the Justice's Name.

That the third Man appear'd to be about 30 or 35 Years of Age, tall, but not very slender, of a dark Complexion, thin visag'd, with a sharp Nose, wore his Hair, and had a black Beard, walk'd bending forward, remarkably sticking out his Buttocks behind, and had an uncommon Kind of hobbling Gait; wore a rusty black, or very dark brown colour'd Waistcoat, a dark colour'd Cloth or Handkerchief tied round one of his Legs, as if it was sore, and blueish Kind of grey Stockings; carried a Bundle of Cloaths, in which was a Coat, on one Side of a brown, the other of a grey Colour, but the Colour of the Out or Inside particularly, was not remembered, and that by their Manner of pronouncing English, they all appeared to be Natives of Ireland.

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and command the Magistrates, Sheriffs, Constables, and Officers of Justice within this Province, and other his said Majesty's Liege Subjects inhabiting the same; and also to intreat all Governors of, and Magistrates, Officers, and Liege People residing in any of the neighbouring Provin-

ces, to pursue and apprehend, and them to secure, and dealt with according to Law.

GIVEN under the Great Seal of the said Province, the eighteenth Day of Lord One thousand and in the Twelfth Reign. By his Honour's Command, RICHARD PETERSON.

In Assembly, the 22d

Resolved, That ONE TY POUND be paid out of the Publick Treasury, as a Reward to any Person who shall apprehend and send to the Sheriff, a Person who may be brought to the Sheriff's Office for Head for any Crime committed in the County of Philadelphia, by WILLIAM F.

The Friends of the Infant, in Chester County, offer'd a Reward of £100 for apprehending the Murderer.

On Monday Morning near West River, Mr. M. was a very fair

This Day, by the altering and regulating of the Length in to be reckoned from the beginning of the Year, though Yesterday was Time is to be reckoned from the beginning of the Year, only that the absolutely on the Fifth Day of a Month

January, is for ever February the Second All the fixed Feasts of the Year, and of their proper names shall Eleven Days all Birth Days, Appointments for Payment of Interest, or Expiration of their several Debts, shall be altered by the further Alteration of Leap Years, every four of our Lord 1756.

every fourth Year, it shall contain 366 Days, and of them one Year (whereof the Year 2000 is to be a Leap Year, and so on, and so on, every four Days each; but that and so on, every four Days each; but that and so on, every four Days each; but that and so on, every four Days each; but that

of Time last mentioned, certainly have return'd, as the sun long, consider the sun far less than what ETERNITY

ALL Persons who have any Claims against the late of Anne Arundel, are desired to send in their Claims to the Subscriber, at Mr. M. to have them adjusted, and to pay off their several Debts.

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STOLEN OF a Bay Cart-Horse, on the 15th of this

is low in Flesh, and G K, or C K; he is der, but the Brand is to the said Furnace, ward.