

MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices foreign and domestic.

THURSDAY, September 28, 1752.

STAWANGER (in Norway), April 28.

THE 15th Instant, the Weather having been very fine from Sun Rise 'til Two in the Afternoon, a Cloud appeared in the West, which increased very sensibly, and soon darkened the whole Horizon. At Four o'Clock so dreadful a Hurricane arose, and so violent Shocks of an Earthquake were felt, that all the Inhabitants of this Town forsook their Houses, which were shaken to the very Foundations, and fled into the Fields. A heavy Shower of Hail, attended with Lightning and dreadful Claps of Thunder, completed the Defoliation. Abundance of Women and Children, who had hid themselves in Cellars and other Places under Ground, cry'd and shriek'd most dismally, expecting every Moment to be either blasted by the Lightning, or drowned by the Torrents that came down from the Mountains with inexpressible Rapidity. Many Farm Houses and other Country Habitations were swallowed up, and Abundance of Cattle carried away by the Floods. A vast Number of Deer, Hares, Rabbits, and other Game, were either drowned, or killed by the Hail. When the Storm was over, an Octangular Star appeared in the North all the following Night, with a fiery Sheaf darting from each Angle.

Vienne, May 27. The Empress has assigned to her Subjects in Upper Austria, that have declared themselves Protestants, certain Districts in Hungary, where they may settle if they please, and exercise their Religion. It is thought the same Permission will be granted to the Protestants of Stiria that may be desirous of removing from that Province.

Hague, June 5. Letters from Brussels acquaint us, how happily the Conferences that have been just open'd there, are carried on, and with the Unanimity which prevails amongst the Plenipotentiaries of this Congress; but these Letters are not capable of preventing many People from thinking, that these Conferences will form a second to those which are begun at Paris between Great Britain and France, in order to settle the Limits of the Territories belonging to the two Nations in America, and to the Disputes which remain ever since the Treaty of Aix undetermined between the Ministers of France and those of the States General.

Paris, June 6. The People here generally hoped the Disputes between the Parliament and the Ecclesiastics were in a fair Way of being happily appeas'd, when the King caused the Curate of Orleans to be arrested, and banish'd the Curate of St. Stephen's du Mont; and that this Event would have been followed by other Regulations, which would have render'd to that August Body, the Parliament, the Lustre of it's antient Authority; but they now begin to fear, that the Clergy, supported by the Bishop of Mirepoix, will get the upper Hand, the Parliament apparently having no other on their Side, in the Council, than the Marquis d'Argenson, de St. Coste, and de Puyseux; the first, indeed, is a powerful Advocate; though 'tis further assured, that the Duke de Richlieu and Madame de Pompadour labour privately to traverse the Designs of the Bishop of Mirepoix, and the Archbishop of Paris. However, it is said the Difficulties which obstructed the Establishment of the new Commission for determining the Differences which arise about Religion, are remov'd; and that the King has appointed the following Persons to compose it; viz. Cardinal de la Rochefoucault, Cardinal de Soissons, the Bishop of Leon, Mess. de Trudain, de la Granville, and the late Attorney General. Upon the Whole, the following is what is commonly said, by the Petit maitres, and People who affect to know much: The Disputes and mutual Conflicts of the Parliament and the Clergy, are of little or no Consequence, being mere Trifles. By a single Word of the Monarch, all Contentions would be silenced. The Spirit of the French is never at rest, but invents Matter wherewith to

exercise itself. No sooner does a foreign War end, than a domestic Controversy begins. An ecclesiastical War comes a propos to employ this busy Spirit, and to relieve it from it's Lassitude. If the Sacrament had not been refus'd to the Abbe le Maire; if the Affair of Hospitals had not been brought upon the Carpet; if there had not been these Disputes, these Arrests, these Remonstrances, what would People have done? What would they have had to talk of at Paris? This is the Language of their hair-brained young Fellows, and their ridiculous Commentaries upon the most serious, the most important Thing in the French Kingdom. In short, ought that to be treated as a little Matter, which is the Object of the Deliberations, Alarms, and Grievs of the most August Body of Men, and who the best understand the Interest of the State? What Pains do they not take, what Endeavours do they not use, to take off the Bandage with which some People are desirous of covering the Eyes of the Monarch? So many Supplications, so many bold Steps, tell but too plainly the Apprehensions the Parliament are under. The Court disannuls their Arrests, and hearkens no more to them. They throw themselves at the Foot of the Throne; the Clergy repulses them, begets the Sovereign, and is going to give Law. The Inquisition shews itself by Degrees; if it should ever be established, what Unhappiness, what Revolutions would it not produce! no less than the Overthrow of the Monarchy, and the utter Confusion of all Order. These are the terrible, and perhaps too certain Consequences of the cruel Schism which tears the French in Pieces; of the audacious Enterprizes of their Ecclesiastics; of the Credit which authorizes them to act as they do; and of the Blindness of the Court.

LONDON.

May 7. Last Thursday some ignorant People assembled together at Layton in Bedfordshire, and proclaimed at the Market Cross Jane Massey and Catharine Hawks Witches; from thence they proceeded to Luton, to act the same Kind of Cruelty as was practis'd lately at Tring, but were prevented by several Gentlemen, who advised them to return Home.

May 12. The Wife of Mr. Fitter, of Knowl, Warwickshire, went out with her three Children, the eldest not seven Years old, to gather some Sticks that lay under a Hay Rick, when the Rick fell, and smother'd them all.

May 13. Slack the Norwich Butcher, beat Faulkner the Cricket Player of Kent, at Broughton's Amphitheatre, after a very severe Contest of 27 Minutes. The odds before setting out were three to one on Slack, but during the Battle, the Betts came about two to one on Faulkner. The House was crowded and the Price so high, that no less was taken than 300 l. to see those Combatants, who fought as long as they could lift their Arms.

May 14. Was shewn before the Royal Society a Weather fall grown, having a Horn growing under it's Throat of the Shape of an Elephant's Tooth, about two Feet long, and thirty Pounds Weight.

May 25. We have an Account from Bradford in Wiltshire, of a great Tumult amongst the Weavers of that Place, thirty of whom were seized and committed to Prison; but the next Day above one Thousand of them assembled about the Prison with Bludgeons and Fire Arms, drove away the Guard, broke open the Prison Doors, released their Companions, and carried them off in Triumph. At the Departure of the Post, People were greatly apprehensive of terrible Consequences.

May 29. Last Week an Accident happened on board the Severn Man of War, lying off Plymouth Dock, ready to sail with other Ships, to relieve his Majesty's Ships stationed in the West Indies, that had very near put a Stop to her Voyage, by some Materials catching Fire in the Boatwain's Cabin, which joined to one of the Powder Magazines on board; the Fire presently got a Head

so much, that the Crew, excepting seven, quitted the Ship, and went ashore, expecting every Moment to see her blow up; but the Men that were left were determined to perish rather than lose the Ship; accordingly, they went to Work with a full Resolution to extinguish the Fire, which made a prodigious Smoke; and by knocking out the Heads of the Water Casks, and handing the Buckets of Water from one to the other, they with great Labour and Difficulty got it under. After they had sufficiently quenched it, they went on Deck, and gave three Huzzas to a prodigious Number of Spectators, who lined the Shore, expecting every Moment to see her blow up; and then the Remainder of the Crew went on board again. [If those in Power have any Sense of Honour or Gratitude these bold and active Fellows will be rewarded according to the Importance of their Service, which is the saving of the Nation Fifty Thousand Pounds.]

We have the following remarkable Account from Shellwood, a Village near Pensford in Somersetshire. On the 24th of this Instant the Grave was opened wherein the Body of Mr. George Gibbs was buried, (who died of the small Pox in the Year 1719) in order for the Interment of Mr. George Gibbs, Son to the Deceas'd, whose Funeral was attended by most of the Inhabitants of the Place: and, since which, near seventy People have been taken with the Small Pox; there being now only two Families in the whole Village but what are ill of that Distemper.

We are credibly informed from Cullompton in Devonshire, that an Ox killed there on the 27th of April last, fed and bought of one Mr. Oxenham, in the Parish of Miverton, whose Quarters weigh'd One thousand seven hundred Pounds, and some odd Weight: The Tallow on the Kercher, and the Fat on the Kidneys, weighed Two hundred and ninety six Pounds Weight more. It is very remarkable that the said Ox was work'd 'til Michaelmas last, and was well known to be lean, and much out of Flesh at that Time; so that his Feeding must be very quick. The Skin was very thin, which did not quite amount to 150 lb. tho' the Ox was large, and sold, as we hear, at Eighteen Guineas.

June 2. A few Days ago Governor Shirley arrived from Paris, and on Sunday last was presented to his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, and the Royal Family, by whom he was graciously received.

June 16. The present King of Denmark, who is soon to be married to the Princess Juliana Maria of Brunwic Wolfenbuttle, was 29 Years of Age on the 31st of March last, and the Princess was 23 on the 14th of last September. She is the youngest Daughter of Charles late Duke of Brunwic Wolfenbuttle and Beveren, the Princes of which House are descended from Ernest Duke of Luxemburgh and Zell, who died Anno 1546. The Branch of Wolfenbuttle from Henry his eldest Son; and the illustrious Branch of Lunenburgh or Hanover, our present Royal Family, from William the youngest Son. Brunwic Wolfenbuttle was divided into three Branches, 1. Brunwic, extinct in 1704. 2. Wolfenbuttle extinct in 1705. 3. Beveren, to which Branch the Territories of the other two are devolved.

The Friends of the French East India Company give out, that their Friend and Ally Salabet Zingue is in quiet Possession of the City of Aurengabad, the Capitol of a Kingdom of the same Name; and the Fortrefs of Trichenapaly, the last Place that held out for the Family of Anaverdi Khan, has surrendered; and that the Governor of Pondichery has received from Debly, the Mogul's Firmans, confirming all the Grants made him by the Vice Roy of Golconda. But as all this good News has had no perceptible Operation upon the Stock of the Company, the more intelligent Part of the World conclude that it is not over certain. Time however will very quickly decide the Point.

June 16. We hear that Sir Peter Warren will soon be appointed Governor of New York.

for Let, 27 Years, of the Henry Dornall, junior, of Gt. George's County, edn. a good Dwelling House, Tobacco Houses, all in terms, apply to Samuel Roundell.

from London, Thomas Askew, by the at his Store in Annapolis, L E Parcel of Europa Goods, at reasonable rate. Also a portable Parom 4 Inches to 9 Inches, Deep Sea Lines, Sewing cum, Compasses, Glasses, N. 7, Anchors, Grap- at reasonable Rates, for any, or Bills of Exchange. Polas Maccubbin.

om the Patapasco first of July last, a Dutch to Charles Carroll, Esq; Michael Hollingbee, alias Horseback, having with them of a Roan Colour, uncertain, but supposed a Patapasco and Annapolis, he towards Virginia He mmed with white Meal and is dress'd in the Dutch with him, which he carries Back: He is a down- cle Sixe, with thick Lips ink black Eyes, a brown bad English. said Servant in any Goal, again, shall have Three onable Charges, paid by Richard Croxall.

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indebted to the bn West, late of London- red to pay their respective who have any Demands are requested to bring in West, Executor.

om the Subscriber, on the 23d of May last man, named Hannab Bo- air's of Age, pitted much a Scar in one of her Eye at a very strong, fresh co- ne Wench. She had on us Jacket, an old white at, a double Mobb, an d striped check'd Apron, ight Gown, no Shoes nor doubt will charge her Horse Lock and Chain on hoever takes up the said home shall have forty en in Money; if taken Pounds, and reasonable of the Province Five Pounds paid by Daniel Wells.

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