

NAPLES, June 6.

BY Advices lately received from Pisa, we hear that 16 Highwaymen had been executed there last Week, three of whom had been burnt alive, six broke upon the Wheel, and the Remainder hang'd.

Paris, June 30. They write from Avignon, that on the 18th Instant a Clap of Thunder was heard in that City, and above six Leagues round it, which, for the more than ordinary Shock it gave, many People took for an Earthquake; the Noise of it lasted almost with the same Force above eight Minutes, and several Windows were broken by it; but what appears most extraordinary is, that the Air was before that Time extremely serene, and the North Wind, which prevails a great Part of the Year in that Neighbourhood, was then very high. Some Persons who were upon the Road between Avignon and Tarascon, perceived three large Clouds, one of which went from the North West to the South East, another from the South West to the North East, and the third from the North to the South: These Clouds suddenly joined together, might probably produce this extraordinary Clap of Thunder.

LONDON.

July 2. Tuesday the Sessions ended at the Old Bailey, when Thomas Wilford was tried, and convicted of the wilful Murder of Sarah his Wife. Immediately after Conviction he received Sentence of Death, to be executed as this Morning, and then his Body to be dissected and anatomized according to the Directions of the late Act; agreeable to which, between 7 and 8 o'Clock this Morning, he was carried in a Cart from Newgate to Tyburn, and after being executed, his Body was sent to Surgeons Hall in the Old Bailey for the said Purpose.

At the above Sessions, 12 received Sentence of Death; 1 Judgment respited; 2 were sent for Transportation for 14 Years; 21 for 7 Years; 3 branded; 1 whipp'd: And Moses Moravia and John Manowry, formerly mentioned to have been convicted of conspiring with Samuel Wilson (who died in Newgate) to procure John Mifson, Master of the Ship Elizabeth and Martha, wilfully to sink her upon the High Seas, with Intent to defraud several eminent Merchants of London, who had made large Insurances thereon, were called up to receive the Judgment of the Court; and their Sentence was to be imprisoned 12 Months in Newgate; in the mean time to stand twice in the Pillory, once upon Tower Hill, and once at the Royal Exchange; to pay a Fine of 20 l. each; and to give Security for their good Behaviour for 5 Years, themselves in 200 l. apiece, and each of their Sureties in 100 l.

On Wednesday last a Barber's Apprentice on Tower Hill, hang'd himself in his Master's Cellar; just before Dinner he went down Stairs, and staying there as they thought very long, sent a Man after him, but he found the Door fastened, and he not answering when called, they broke it open, and there found him hanging in a new Twopenny Cord. They can assign no Reason for this Action, but what seems very ridiculous; he had been often wishing he was very handsome, that every one might like him; but as he grew up he became very perceptibly crooked, which he laid so much to Heart, that he had been observed to be melancholy for some Time past.

July 4. Though the barbarous Custom among the Pagans, of burying the living Wives with their dead Husbands, in the East Indies, has been for many Years under severe Penalties prohibited by the great Mogul, and other Mahometan Princes in that Quarter of the Globe; yet they have not been able to suppress it intirely, and the following is an Instance which lately happened. The Writer of the Letter, from which the Account is extracted, was an Eye Witness of the whole Affair, at Collicutta in Bengal. "The naked Body of a dead Jengew Man was laid on a Pile of Wood, made up in a regular Form; and his Wife, not above 15 or 16 Years of Age, walked to the Pile, conducted by her Friends and Parents, her Father on one Side, and her Mother on the other. After a great Number of previous Ceremonies were performed, she walked round the Pile 7 or 8 Times in a melancholy and devout Manner, conducted as before by her Father and Mother; she then stepp'd upon the Pile, and quietly laid herself down by the Corpse of her Husband, about whose Neck her Arms were fastened, and her Legs tied to his; then both their Bodies were anointed with a Sort of Unguent, called Ghee; over them was strewed a Sort of yellow Dust, and they were covered with a Cloth, which was kept down by some Pieces of Wood. At last the Father of the deceased Husband set Fire to the Pile, which run through it like Lightning, by means of the yellow Powder:

And the Fire was so fierce, that the Spectators were obliged to draw backwards from the Heat. The whole was consumed to Ashes in about an Hour's Time. The above Letter came home with one of the last Ships from the East Indies; was dated from Inglee, in Bengal, December 30, 1751; and this horrid Deed of Cruelty was committed about 15 Days before the Date of the Letter.

July 9. Yesterday Moses Moravia and John Manowry were set on the Pillory at the Royal Exchange, in pursuance of their Sentence at the last Sessions at the Old Bailey, with a Paper stuck over their Heads denoting their Crime; which was for a Conspiracy with the late Samuel Wilson (who died in Newgate), and procuring John Mifson, Master of the Elizabeth and Martha Sloop to sink the said Ship, to defraud Merchants that had loaded Goods thereon; and also to defraud the Insurers of divers large Sums of Money insured on the said Ship and Cargo; to compleat which Roguery, they loaded Goods and made Insurances on the said Ship, and afterwards demanded Payment of the Money insured, as if the Goods had been lost with the Ship, although they had re-landed the same. It is Felony by Act of Parliament (to be punished with Death) for an Owner, Master, Mariner, or Officer, to sink, burn, or destroy a Ship, or procure the same to be done, to prejudice any Loader of Goods thereon, or any Insurer. But Moravia and Manowry, not coming within the Description of the Act of Parliament, could not be capitally punished. They stood about 20 Minutes without being pelted, owing to the Vigilance of the Officers, and to a posse of Men headed by a Person dressed like a Butcher: Some Persons who began pelting them were severely handled by the above Champion; but the Mob at last got the better, and throwing their Dirt very thick, caused the Officers to withdraw a little; and the Champion of the two Criminals being overpowered, was as severely treated as he had before used the opposite Party. A Fellow also who appeared in Defence of the two Prisoners, got upon the Pillory, to take off a Load of Dirt which hung on Moravia's Head, and having been observed in the Beginning of the Affair to deal his Blows plentifully about to the Persons that offered to pelt his Friends, he was struck upon his coming off the Scaffold, which he immediately returned, but a Number of Antagonists falling upon him at once, overpowered him and beat him very much; he then got under the Scaffold of the Pillory for Shelter, which did not avail him any thing, for he was thought to be much worse off than the Gentlemen that were exalted. They are to stand once more on the Pillory, which will be on Tower Hill. A Fellow was detected in picking a Gentleman's Pocket during the Time, and had his Share of the Discipline.

Gloucester, June 13. We hear from Clee-Hill, near Ludlow, in Shropshire, that there is at that Place, one Lucy Wadely, Spinster, aged 105, who has been blind for several Years last past, but can now see as well as ever she could, is breeding a new Set of Teeth, walks about, and is in good Health.

Gloucester, June 20. We are assured from Marlborough, that, on Tuesday last, a Barber there, tired, in all Probability, of the Charms (alias Chains) of MATRIMONY, sold his Wife to a Surveyor of Land in London, who happened to be then at that Place, for Five Shillings, Half Wet and Half Dry; to make which Contract the better, (or worse,) both the Seller and the Buyer enter'd into a Bond of 100 l. to be forfeited by him who should not have and hold thereto: And that pursuant to this Agreement, the Wife, (willingly) on the next Day, was preparing for a Consummation thereof. [Surely one of the Parties had a good Bargain.]

BOSTON, August 24.

We are informed, that about ten Days ago, in the Night, a Fire broke out in the Cabbin of a Coasting Sloop in Saco Harbour, which with great Difficulty was suppressed by the People belonging to some other Vessels then in the Harbour; and when that was over, they were surprized to find the Mate of the said Vessel lying dead upon a Chest, with one of his Arms burnt off.

By a Vessel from the West-Indies, we are informed, that a Brig, full of Water, without any Person on board, has for some time been seen floating about on Nantucket Shoals. That some People belonging to that Island have been on board her, and find that she has Staves, Flax Seed, &c. on board, which makes it probable she came from Connecticut, New-York, or Pennsylvania, and was bound to Ireland.

August 13. We hear that the Crew of one of the fishing Schooners (Capt. Salter), being eight Persons, that were taken by the Indians, near Cape Sables, as mentioned in the Deposition of

Capt. Doane, inserted in our last, are returned to Cape Anne; the French at St. Peter's, on the Island of Cape Breton, having taken Possession of their Vessel, they then dismiss'd them. They left the others that were taken at the same Time at St. Peter's with the Schooners.

A few Days ago Capt. Stoddard in a Ship arrived at Rhode Island, in about seven Weeks from London. A Gentleman who came Passenger in the Ship, informs us, that before they left London, a Merchant Ship sailed from thence for Halifax, with sixteen Thousand Dollars, and two Tons of Copper Half-pence on board, for the Use of the Government there.

Yesterday Capt. Oliver arrived here from Cape Fear, and brought in with him Capt. Murray and Company, whose Vessel (a large Brigantine, bound from Cape Fear to Hull) sprung a Leak soon after she came out, and was ready to sink when the People left her off the Capes of Virginia.

NEW-YORK, September 18.

Last Saturday arrived here Capt. Asa King, in a Sloop from St. Martin's, who informs us, that on Tuesday the 18th of last Month, he was obliged to slip his Cable, and leave that Island, on Account of a violent North Wind, and high Seas: The next Day came on another more violent Gale at South, which held him as much as he could well live under for above five Hours; and he is apprehensive, that such Vessels as were then at St. Martin's, St. Eustatia, or any of the adjacent Islands, must either have escaped out to Sea, or be drove ashore. Capt. Ames, in a Brig bound for New-London, was obliged to leave St. Martin's at the same Time Capt. King did, and the next Day he spoke with him just before the Gale at South.

ANNAPOLIS.

The Ship *Phila*, Capt. *Eshington*, is arrived in Patuxent River from London: In the hard Gale of Wind which we had on the first Instant, she was so far overset near our Capes, that she shifted her Ballast, and lay down some Time on her Beam Ends; and they were forced to cut away her Mizen, and her Main-Top-mast.

The two Prizes at *Upper-Marlborough*, in Prince George's County, on Tuesday, and Yesterday, were both won by two Mares belonging to Capt. *Butler*.

Custom House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered, Sloop *Charles*, John *Geran*, from Virginia; Schoon. *Frederickburg*, W. *Homes*, from ditto; Ship *Patience*, Hugh *Steel*, from Rotterdam; Brig. *John and James*, M. *Ranken*, from Ireland; Sloop *Virginia Packet*, R. *Murray*, from Virginia; Ship *Friendship*, James *Lucas*, from Rotterdam.

Cleared for Departure,

Sloop *Charming Betty*, Sa. *Lloyd*, for Philadelphia; Ship *Neptune*, Ambrose *Judd*, for London; Ship *Mary Galley*, John *Shaw*, for ditto; Schooner *Charming Polly*, Smith, for Antigua; Ship *Apollo*, Joseph *Richardson*, for London.

For LONDON,



The Ship *PATIENCE*, HUGH STEEL, Commander. Now lying in Severn River,

Will Sail by the

Tenth Day of December next at farthest, having the greatest Part of her Cargo engaged. For Freight or Passage agree with Messieurs *Snowden* and Company, or the said Master at Mr. *Middleton's* in Annapolis.

N. B. She takes in Tobacco, with Liberty of Confignment, at Six Pounds Sterling per Ton; and it delivered along Side the Ship before the 20th of November, at Five Pounds Sterling per Ton.

By Permission of his Honour the PRESIDENT,

ON Thursday next, the 26th of this Instant *October*, at the THEATRE in *Chester-Town*, on *Chester River*, by a Company of Comedians, will be performed,

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