

Jan. 20. Last Sunday Evening died at Oxford, of an Apoplexy, the Right Rev. Dr. George Berkeley, Bishop of Cloyne. He came to the Place about the End of July last, intending to enjoy there (what he was pleased to call) a learned Retirement; where he was held in such high Esteem, that his Stay there has doubled the Grief of his Acquaintance, for the Loss of one of the most excellent Men. When his Lordship was seized there were present his Lady, Son and Daughter; his Lady was reading to him, and the Daughter pouring out a Dish of Tea, which she offered to give, but was surprized at his not taking, and too soon discover'd his Insensibility; altho' all possible means were used, not the least Symptom of Life ever afterwards appeared.

Jan. 25. We hear that seventeen Men of War are ordered to be got ready with all Expedition.

Captain Benson, of the John and Bella, from Virginia, for Whitehaven, ashore near Dublin, has petitioned the Commissioners for Leave to land his Cargo, consisting of 312 Hogheads of Tobacco.

Jan. 27. The Lords of the Admiralty have ordered the Berwick Man of War, of 90 Guns, Capt. Catford, the Invincible of 70 Guns, Capt. Pett, the Monarch of 70, Capt. Martin, the Kent of 60, Capt. Rodney, the Tyger of 60, Capt. Marshall, to be manned and victualled with all Expedition.

Their Lordships have likewise ordered the Yarmouth at Chatham, of 70 Guns, Capt. Brett, and the Cumberland of 70 Guns, Capt. Andrews, to be victualled for Sea.

And likewise to appoint the Mars of 50 Guns, Capt. Amberst, now at Plymouth, to be victualled for Channel Service.

The Lords of the Admiralty have ordered two twenty Gun Ships, and a Sloop now at Deptford, to be got ready for Sea.

Our Advices from Franckfort are more pacific than they were, though they still continue to inflame, that certain Courts recruit with an unusual Degree of Ardour, and at a very advanced Expence.

Jan. 31. It has been observed that we pay annually about 200,000 l. for Silk, of the same Quality with that which has been, and still is, tho' in small Quantities, imported from Georgia. If the vast Number of Children who die every Year in Work Houses, and at Parish Nurseries, which with proper Care, might be saved, were sent at five Years old to that Colony, and employed in that Work, in a very few Years, it is imagined, this Plantation would be fully peopled and that annual Draught saved to the Nation, as well as so many Subjects.

St. James's, Jan. 25. His Majesty in Council was last Monday pleased to appoint George Thomas, Esq; to be Captain General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Leeward Caribbee Islands; and Arthur Dobbs, Esq; to be Captain General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Province of North Carolina.

Feb. 3. A large Quantity of Naval Stores are ordered to be shipped for the Use of his Majesty's Ships stationed at New England, &c. Vessels being in a Day or two to be taken up for that Purpose.

They write from Rochelle, that the Ship Pallas has sailed from thence for Canada; and that five Vessels are actually in a Readiness to sail from the Isle of Aix for different Ports in America.

We hear that Admiral Hawke and Admiral Forbes will have the Command of the Fleet sitting out for Sea. And

That it will consist of twelve Ships of the Line, four of 40 Guns, and two of 20.

We hear a Squadron of Ships are soon to sail to the Levant to protect the Trade there.

Yesterday we had Advice, that the Patience, Capt. Steel, was arrived in Margate Road from Maryland, after a Passage of 26 Days.

Newcastle, January 12. The following Ships were drove ashore upon our Coast by the high Winds, from the S. W. on Wednesday last; viz. the Content, Whitefield, from Yarmouth, with Herrings; Mr. Douglas's Sloop, Newland, from London, with Merchants Goods; a Sloop from Burnham, with Barley, dashed to Pieces; a Ship from Sandwich, with Flour; Mr. Scollay's Ship, with Oats and Wheat for Dundee, dashed to Pieces; the Thomas and Hannah, with Coal, for London, from this Town, was drove ashore near Scarborough.

King'sbridge (in Devonshire), Jan. 14. We had a violent Storm here on Wednesday last, when 4 Ships were stranded and wrecked; three of which were wrecked at Prowle, and but one Man saved, who is of London. The other was a Dutch Ship, stranded at Thirlstone, where they are unloading her, having 400 Bots of Wine and Brandy aboard; all the People saved; and the Ship might have

gone but again when lightened, had it not been for the Country People, who have almost cut her to Pieces, notwithstanding the Officers, and a Company of Soldiers from Plymouth, attended there to prevent it: Yesterday they were so daring as to take the Goods as they were drawing to Cellars, and when forbidden by the Soldiers, would not desist: One of Loddifwill was run through by a Soldier, of which Wound he soon died, and another wounded very much; and yet it is thought even this will not deter the barbarous Multitude.

Devizes (in Wiltshire), Jan. 27. On Thursday, at our Market, four Women joined to buy a Sack of Wheat, at 17 s. One of them gathered the Proportions of the other three, viz. 4 s. 3 d. each; and complaining the Money collected was short by Three Pence, they all strenuously averred they had paid their Quotas, and a high Dispute arose; wherein one (a Woman of Potters) rashly wished, that if she had not paid the whole of hers, she might drop down dead that Moment; which she vehemently repeated a second Time, and instantly dropp'd down dead, to the Amazement and Terror of Numbers present. The Coroner's Inquest, before whom the foregoing Facts were given in Evidence, have brought in their Verdict, Accidental Death.

KINGSTON, (in Jamaica), Dec. 2.

Capt. Robert Boyd who arrived here from South Carolina in 15 Days, brings an account, that on Saturday the 25th of November ult. between 11 and 12 of the Clock in the Forenoon, he saw an Engagement between two Vessels close under Cape Tibicon, being S. E. Distance above 9 Leagues, who continued firing at each other Broadside and Broadside for upwards of an Hour and a Half, without Intermission. Capt. Boyd sent a Man to the Mast Head to see if he could perceive the Vessels, but could not see any Thing but the Discharging of their Cannon from each other.

BOSTON.

March 26. Tuesday last in a severe Storm of Wind and Snow, a Sloop bound in from Portsmouth, ran ashore upon Winthrop's Ledge, near Pulling Point, and bilged, by which Accident 200 Hogheads of Salt are lost, besides other Damages.

In the same Storm, and near the same Place, a Sloop coming in from the Eastward with Wood, ran ashore, and was in great Danger of being lost, but at last beat over the Ledge, and came up thro' Pulling Point Gut, much damaged in her Bottom.

Also in the same Storm, a Sloop from the Eastward ran upon Newbury Bar, and was stove to Pieces, but the Mens Lives were happily saved.

We also hear, that a Sloop from Casco Bay, Joseph Lunt Master, bound to Newbury, in the same Storm was stove to Pieces after she had got over the Bar at that Place; the Mens Lives were saved.

We hear that Capt. Allen in a large Schooner, very richly laden, belonging to Plymouth, on his Voyage to Jamaica, was cast away, on the East End of Hispaniola, and both Vessel and Cargo entirely lost, but that the Men with Difficulty saved their Lives.

NEW YORK.

April 9. Every Vessel that arrives here from the Bay of Honduras brings Advices of the repeated Deprecations committed by the Spaniards on our Vessels, and not one goes there without running a greater Risk of being taken, than ever they did in the Time of War. By Captain Green, and Captain Steel, who arrived here last Week from thence, we have an Account of Capt. Menzie, in a fine Brig, and Captain Swan in a Sloop, of and from this Port, being taken by the Spaniards as they were going in, the former the 28th of February, and the latter the first of March last, by a Brig of 14 Carriage, 20 Swivels, and 125 Men. A Gentleman on board Capt. Swan when taken, and now returned with Capt. Green, says, that both the Vessels, with their Captains, were sent, he believes, to Port Mahoo, from which Place, the Spanish Captain told him, four Vessels of Force were sitting out, with a Design, to cruise on the Musquito Shore: Himself with others had a Boat given them by the Spaniards, in which they arrived safe at the Bay.

We are further acquainted by the Captains Steel, and Green, that they came out in Company with Capt. Guilford, of this Port, bound hither, Capt. Johnson in a large Bermudas Sloop, and a small Sloop belonging to some of the neighbouring Places: That the Evening after they sailed they all had the Misfortune to strike on a Reef, called Turniff, where Capt. Johnson lost his Sloop, but the Cargo was likely to be saved; and that the other Vessels received little or no Damage: That a large Spanish Ship of 36 Guns, and another of 20, were expected from the Windward to cruise in the Bay: That they left in the Bay; the Captains Morley,

Cooper, Sergeant, Wyatt, Davis, and Dickson, all of this Port, a Ship and a Sloop belonging to Boston, Capt. Spurrier of Philadelphia, and two or three Rhode Island Vessels: That the Spanish small Craft were very troublesome in the Rivers; and that one of them being taken by some of the English Vessels in the Bay, the Crew were put on board Capt. Clark, in a large Ship of Boston, who a few Days after very civilly dismiss'd them in a Boat, after furnishing them with Arms and Ammunition, which they as civilly made use of against the English in one of the Rivers, in their Way home to Baccalio, marooning and otherways greatly distressing the Settlers.

April 16. We are informed by a Vessel in five Days from North Carolina, that a large Ship bound from Liverpool to Virginia, was on the 2d Instant, cast away at the Entrance of Cape Hatteras Inlet, when both Vessel and Cargo were lost, and the People with the utmost Difficulty making a Raft, after being two Days on the Wreck, they providentially arrived safe on Shore; one of their Boats stove to Pieces along side the Ship soon after they hoisted her out, and the other got adrift.

Our Correspondent in London writes, of the 3d of February, via Philadelphia, that notwithstanding the 10,000 Seamen, mention'd under the London Head to be granted for the Services of the ensuing Year, 19,000 Land Forces were ordered to be got ready early in the Spring: That 40 Men of War were actually put into Commission by the Lords of the Admiralty: That from these Preparations to increase the British Marine, and the great Disgust the French have taken at the Victory lately obtained over them in the East Indies, together with the Resolution that the King of Prussia has assumed, to detain out of the Silesia Loan such a Sum as will repay the Losses his Subjects have suffered by Ships, &c. taken by English Vessels, tho' their Cargoes were contraband by Treaty; the People have great Reason to talk of a War, and which they look upon will certainly be the Issue: And, that from the late great Storms throughout Europe the Insurers of one Office only, have lost upwards of 700,000 l. in less than fifteen Days Time, 200,000 l. by one Spanish Ship; and that a private Office had lost 35,000 l. in the same Space of Time. 'Tis observed that in the Worst of War they did not suffer so much in so few Days.

This Letter Writer adds, That 'twas currently reported in London, that the Right Honourable William Sbute, Lord Viscount Barrington, either was, or expected to be, appointed Governor of the Province of New York.

Other Letters likewise received by Way of Philadelphia from London, confirm the Loss of the Jupiter, Capt. French, of this Place, on the Coast of France: And that the Master, Part of the Cargo, and Money, arrived at London the 2d of February, in three Vessels obtained for that Purpose.

We have an Account from Morris County in the Jerseys, That about a Fortnight ago, a poor Man and his Son about seven Years of Age, being burning some old Brush in a Swamp, found some Roots that look'd like Parsnips, which they roasted, and eat: Soon after returning home they found themselves unwell, and died both together in a few Minutes, without any visible Tokens of Hurt.

By Letters from Bermudas dated the 31st of March last, we are told, that a Day or two before, the Sloop of one Capt. Liborn, suddenly departed from that Island without the Captain, supposed by the Generality on a pyrratical Design: And, that they daily expected the Arrival of their Governor from Home.

ANNAPOLIS.

Last Week the Criminal Business before the Hon. Judges of the Provincial Court, was finish'd.

Daniel Spinkie and Charles Campbell, for breaking the Store of Mr. Edmund Trafford, and stealing some Sterling and Paper Money, were both found Guilty. John Brown, for a Burglary and Felony; and Thomas Carter (for Robbing Andrew Rench), were likewise found Guilty.

On the 18th Instant came on the Trial of the Husband of the late Mrs. Alethea Cook, who was indicted for her Murder. There was a very crowded Audience, and a great many Evidences, and the Trial lasted Twelve Hours: But—the Evidence being chiefly presumptive, the Jury brought him in Not Guilty.

Several Others were tried for Criminal Offences, and acquitted, except one Man who was burnt in the Hand.

Monday last Mr. Justice Dent pronounced Sentence of Death against Daniel Spinkie, Charles Campbell, John Brown, and Thomas Carter.

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