

of the Ship, the Commander and Crew swam ashore; some little Time after the Ship broke to Pieces, and a great many Chests, belonging to the People, came ashore; on which the Cannibals of the Country came down and seized every Thing they could; and tho' the unhappy Sufferers earnestly requested to have some Cloaths restored to them; they insolently denied it. Among other Things they got Possession of a Pocket Book that belonged to the Captain, containing some Papers of Consequence for him, and a Bill of Exchange for 200l. with which they would not part unless he would give them Salvage.—What can be Punishment enough for such Cruelty? Not even the Rack.

We hear the Debts of the Navy, on the 31st of December last, amounted to 944,931 l.

The Justices of the City and Liberty of Westminster, have sent strict Orders to the Publicans, not to suffer any Sort of Gaming in their Houses.

It is expected that the Bill for making Perjury capital, will pass this Session.

The Lords of the Admiralty, in the late Promotion in the Yards preferred every Person according to their Seniority, which Rules, we hear, they are resolved to follow on all Performances for the Future.

March 20. By a Ship from Guiney we have an Account, that the French have been entirely driven from the Coast of Anamaboa, and disappointed in their Attempt to bring over on their Sides a second Son of the Prince of Anamaboa, in order to improve their own Trade, to the Detriment of ours.

Letters from the Hague, of the 8th of this Month, mention, that the States were assembled, upon reconciling the Differences between certain Members of Holland and West Frisland touching the present Administration.

Two Men of War, one of 40, the other of 20 Guns, are ordered to be got ready for Sea Service, and several small Vessels are fitting out for Channel Service.

It is said that Orders have been given to the Officers of his Majesty's Dock Yards, not to suffer any Foreigners to walk in or inspect any Buildings in the said Yards for the future.

March 21. It is said that there will be a Lottery this Year for 400,000 l. of which 50,000 will be appropriated to purchase Sir Hans Sloane's Collection of Curiosities, and to build a noble Room for them and the Cotton Library, &c.

There is Advice from the Coast of Guiney, that a great Number of Men are employed to repair the several Forts on that Coast belonging to the English.

March 22. We have an Account that the 12 following Ships of War, of 60 Guns each, viz. Glorioso, Benedict, Guennoze, Sobanano, Cao, Oriente, Agyton, Magnanime, Neptuno, Gallando, Brillante, Hector. These Ships are all 144 Feet in Length, and 49 in Breadth: These same Accounts add, that there are sixteen thousand Men employed at the Dock in Ferrol.

It is said the Affairs on which several Cabinet Councils have been lately held, will this Day be laid before the House of Peers; and we hear that Orders are given that no Strangers are to be admitted.

March 27. Letters from Berlin and Frankfurt advise, that a Negotiation is on Foot between the Courts of Berlin and Hesse Castle for taking 6000 Hessians into the Pay of his Prussian Majesty.

The same Letters advise, that the French Ambassador had not as yet been able to obtain Restriction of the Privileges which the French formerly enjoyed in Spain.

According to some Letters from Berlin, we shall soon see a Reply to the British Court's Answer to his Prussian Majesty's Motives for stopping the Remainder of the Silesia Loan; the said Answer, as they insinuate, not being satisfactory in the main Point.

Letters from Marseilles advise, that they are busy Night and Day, in that and other Ports of Provence, baking Biskets, salting Beef and Pork, and getting other Sea Provisions in Readiness; from whence they conjecture that a Squadron is to be fitted out for the Mediterranean this Summer.

We have the Pleasure to inform the Public, that 45 Sail of Ships are now fitting out in the River for the Greenland Fishery; a Branch of Trade of the greatest Importance to the Welfare, as well as the Naval Force, of this Kingdom, and may be justly called a Darling Sister to the British Fishery.

March 24. The Lords of the Admiralty have ordered 20 Ships of 70 Guns; two of 50; and three of 20, to be fitted for Sea with all Expedition. And

Their Lordships also gave Orders for taking in an additional Number of Artificers into Woolwich Yard, to fit out several other Ships for Service.

March 31. They write from Paris, that the

Negotiation which has been so long carrying on there between the English and French Commissioners, for reconciling the Pretensions of the respective Courts to some Islands in America, has met fresh Obstructions, which were entirely unforeseen, and will, probably, retard the Completion of that Negotiation.

Extract of a Letter from Hamburg, dated March 16.

"Since it has been insinuated in some Letters from Berlin, that a Reply is intended to the British Court's Answer to his Prussian Majesty's Exposition of Motives, some of our wou'd-be-thought Wits and Politicians have been mustering up all their little Stock of Learning and Parts, to guess at the Heads of that intended Reply, and after considering the Case in every Light, they seem to be positive, that no Reply can be made, unless the Law of Nations is left out of the Question; or, to speak more to the Purpose, that while the Law of Nations is appealed to in Disputes between Courts, they may answer, reply and rejoin eternally, without giving the Bulk of Mankind any clear Notions of the Affair.

The Law of Nations, as those Critics observe, is either such Rules and Customs as Kingdoms and Republics have agreed to observe in their Dealings together, whether in Peace or War, or else such as the Strong have imposed upon the Weak, and which by long Prescription have acquired the Force of Law: And this Law, though founded upon Justice, Equity, Convenience, and the Reason of Things, may be varied, or derogated from by mutual Agreement between any Powers; whereby it seems, that though it is good in general, yet in particular Cases it may sometimes be unjust, inconvenient, or unreasonable, otherwise we should never hear of derogatory Treaties. If then any two Powers may lawfully depart from the Law of Nations, why may not all States do the same? Undoubtedly they might, if unanimous in the Point; but if the Strong find their Account in it more than the Weak, it is in vain to think of it.

The Law of Nations, they further observe, is in some Respects like the Occult Qualities, invented to conceal the Ignorance of ancient Philosophers. In their superlative Doltishness and vain Curiosity they want to know, when this Law of Nations began to take Place in the World? In what Century, and among what Nations did it first appear? Whether it was all at once received, or only gradually obtained, and arrived in a Series of Ages at its present Perfection? And to spare themselves the Trouble of turning over ancient Historians and modern Civilians, as Solomon says that much Study is a Weariness of the Flesh, they foolishly recur to the Gospel, and imagine that Christian Kingdoms and States might do their Business well enough without the Law of Nations, if they would only follow the Advice of One infinitely wiser than Grotius, Selden, Puffendorf: All Things whatsoever that ye would that Men should do to you, do ye even so to them: Which may be very good Doctrine in Utopia, but does not so well answer the Purposes of Christian Politicians."

#### ANNAPOLIS.

Since our last arriv'd here from London, the Ship Thames Frigate, Capt. James Dobbins, with about 150 Passengers of the old Sort, for the well-peopling of his Majesty's American Plantations, during the Term of seven Years.

And Capt. John Troy, in the Snow Polly, from Dublin, with about 90 Servants; some of them Free Willers, and the rest sent in for seven Years.

On Monday last was held on the North Side of Severn, for the first Time in the Memory of Man, A F A I R, where were Run several Horse Races, for sundry good Prizes; and a fine Smock was Run for, by certain Persons, who were not all of the Female Sex, which was won by a well legged Girl. The Day was concluded by two sumptuous Balls, at two several Places.

Upon Thursday the 28th of this Instant June, will be performed at Upper Marlborough; a grand CONCERT OF MUSIC, with many Instruments, in the Ball Room: The Evening will be concluded with a B A L L. Tickets may be had at Mr. Benjamin Barry's, Mr. Benjamin Brookes's, and at Mrs. Hillary's, in Marlborough.

#### JUST IMPORTED,

In the Ship UNITY, Capt. THOMAS ASKREW, and to be Sold by LANCELOT JACQUES, at his Store in ANNAPOLIS.

A N Assortment of Cordage, British Sail Cloth, Osnabrigs, and Cotton, by Wholesale or Retail: Also two Casks of Barthen Ware to be Sold by the Cask, all at very low Rates.

ON Monday the 25th of this Instant June, the Fraternity of FREE MASON'S in Annapolis, will hold the Anniversary of St. John Baptist; to which all their Brethren; who can conveniently attend, are hereby invited;

Annapolis, June 4, 1753.

#### WHEREAS the Gentlemen

Shippers and Friends of Messieurs Hanbury's, have been advised and address'd, that the said Hanbury's had Chartered two Ships belonging to the Subscriber, now on the Stocks, one to load in Wye River, Burthen upwards of 300 Hogheads, Alexander Peddie, Master; the other to load in Patuxco River, Burthen upwards of 400 Hogheads, James Creagh, Master, agreeable to said Charter. And whereas the Shippers and Friends of said Hanbury's may be doubtful the said Ships will not be ready to take in Tobacco in Time, so as to be loaded to prevent a Winter Passage; these are, therefore, to acquaint Messieurs Hanbury's Friends, that the Ship for Wye River will be there some Time this Month, she being now almost ready; and that for Patuxco will be there in July, ready to serve Messieurs Hanbury's Friends, agreeable to said Charter, and make no doubt, but by the Assistance of said Hanbury's Friends, may be loaded in Time to sail with the Majority of the Ships, or by the last of September, as there shall be no Assistance wanting to dispatch said Ships.

By their most obedient humble Servants,

Patrick Creagh.

#### JUST IMPORTED,

In the Snow POLLY, JOHN TROY, Master,

#### A PARCEL of SERVANTS,

consisting of Men and Women; among which are a great Number of Tradesmen, and Farmers, and are to be Sold on board the said Snow, now lying at Annapolis, for Bills of Exchange, Sterling, Gold, or Paper Currency, by

John Troy,

Lancelot Jacques,

William Thornton.

N. B. Constant Attendance will be given, till the 1st of July, on board the said Snow; or at the Store of Mr. Lancelot Jacques.

The said Snow will take in Freight for Barbadoes, on the lowest Terms.

#### THE SERVANTS for seven

Years, among whom are several Tradesmen and Countrymen, imported in the Thames Frigate, Capt. James Dobbins, will be exposed to Sale on board the said Ship, lying at Annapolis, on Tuesday next the 19th of this Instant June, for Sterling, Paper Currency, or Tobacco, by

Ross and Hammond.

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#### RAN away from the Subscriber,

living on the lower End of Kent Island, the following Convict Servants, viz.

Thomas Jones, a Welchman, about 40 Years of Age, is a short well set Man, has a long Nose a little crooked, Part of his Head is bald, his Eyes are very weak, and is hard of hearing. He has taken a large Sum of Money with him; the Person or Persons taking him up, are desired to secure what Money he has left.

Margaret Vyass, a tall lusty Woman, born in Ireland, has a flat Face, black curl'd Hair, hazle Eyes, and is freckled. Had on a striped Kersey Country made Petticoat, a quilted Petticoat very much worn, an Osnabrigs Shirt, an old stamp'd Linnen Gown, and a Pair of blue Worsted Stockings.

They have Variety of Cloaths.

Whoever takes up the said Servants; and brings them to their Masters, shall have Twenty Shillings Currency Reward for each, besides what the Law allows, paid by

John Collar,

Henry Weedon.

#### STOLEN from Sparrow's Point,

in Baltimore County, the second of this Instant, a Canoe of the following Dimensions, viz. twenty eight Feet Keel, two Feet and a half Beam; goes with four Oars painted; a Locker in the Stern, six Seats, pay'd with Turpentine, and wall sided; has a Chain and Lock; and a Gascot. Whoever secures the said Canoe, and brings her to the Subscriber, shall have a reasonable Reward, paid by

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