

first ready to sail, and the two latter dead. *Fa-therly, Stanney, Thompson and Pierce, of Boston;* the two first dead. *Stafford of Greenwich, ready to sail.*

Captain *Vardil* informs us, that many Mates and Foremast Men, are dead; that the Inhabitants die very fast; and that it was never known to be so sickly there before. In the Latitude of the Islands, on the 12th Instant, Capt. *Vardil* met with a very hard Gale, and imagines it must have reach'd them; and in Lat. 34. he spoke with a Sloop from *Boston* bound for *New Providence*, lying too in a South Easter.

PHILADELPHIA, October 25.

Our Readers are hereby cautioned to beware of Counterfeit New Castle Ten Shilling Bills, in Imitation of those dated the 28th of Feb. 1746.

Besides that the Counterfeits are struck off from an engraved Copper Plate, and the true Bills from common Types or Printing Letters, the former may be known by these Marks. In the first Word, *THIS*, the *S* is made too tall in Proportion to the other Letters; the Letters of the Word *INDENTED* (except the *I*) are made leaning a little forward, which in the true Bills are upright; and in the Arms, the Word *DROIT* is made *DPOIT*. On the Back, the Word *Counterfeit* is spelt thus, *Counterfeit*. There is Reason to believe these Counterfeits are imported from Germany. People are therefore desired to observe carefully what Money they receive from the New-comers or Newlanders, or their Acquaintance; a great Reward will be paid to him that shall discover the Importer.

November 1. Captain *Rankin*, from *Dublin*, with Servants, is arriv'd at *Newcastle*. In the Storm of the 7th ult. mention'd in our last, he lost his *Mizenmast*, and some Sails.

From *Cape Breton* there is Advice, that they had there a most violent Storm, on the 7th of last Month, for about six Hours, the Wind at S. E. in which Time about forty Sail of Vessels were drove ashore; and among them Capt. *Nicbolls*, in a Sloop belonging to *New York*; and Capt. *Dinnison*, in a *New London* Brigantine; and several other *New England* Men: But that it was thought the greatest Part of them would be got off without much Damage.

Yesterday Capt. *Vance* arriv'd here from *Barbadoes*, who informs us, that Capt. *Salcus* was safe arriv'd there from this Place; and that on the first of October they had a smart Gale of Wind there at S. W. which drove two Sloops ashore, and made several Vessels part with their Cables, but did no other Damage.

We hear that a *Boston* Sloop, Capt. *Godfrey*, who ran on the *Cross Ledge*, in our Bay, on the 22d ult. is bilged; and but very little of a valuable Cargo of *Rum* and *Mackrel* saw'd.

(Continuation of the ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS, begun in N^o. 440.)

Monday, November 5, 1753.

THE Bill, — For Adjournment of *Talbot County Court*, was brought from the Upper House, passed.

A Bill, — For cutting off the Entail of Part of a Tract of Land called *Charley*, in *Prince George's* and *Charles County*, was brought in, read a first and second Time, passed, and sent up.

The ingrossed Bill, — Adjournment of *Talbot County Court*, was read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill.

The three following Bills, viz. — For raising a Duty of Three Half pence; — To levy a Sum in *St. Paul's Parish*; — And, For Relief of *Thomas Barkley*; were brought down, passed, and were ordered for ingrossing.

A Bill, — Supplementary and Explanatory to an Act for the more effectual Punishment of *Negroes*, &c. was brought from the Upper House, where it had been framed, and had a first and second reading, and passed. In the Lower House it was read a first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Paper Bill, — (About *Talbot County Court*) was brought from the Upper House, where it had been examined by the ingrossed Bill.

A Message from the Governor, required the Attendance of the whole Lower-House, in the Upper House, to see the said Bill passed into a Law: After which Mr. *Speaker*, and the House, returned to their own House.

Two Bills, viz. — For aiding of Titles of Lots in *Princess Anne Town*; — And, Explanatory to the Act for marking of Highways; were brought in, read a first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

His Excellency the Governor, communicated to the Lower House, the following Message, (and

a Letter dated at *Whitehall* the 28th of August, Signed *HOLDERNESSE*) viz. T

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

HIS Majesty out of a tender Regard for the Lives and Fortunes of his Subjects in this, as well as the neighbouring Provinces, has commanded the Secretary of State to advise us of the Danger of suffering a foreign Power to intrude and make Settlements on any of his Majesty's American Dominions: Our Interest in such an Event, tho' his Majesty had not been pleased to signify his Royal Pleasure, would make this Affair worthy our most serious Consideration; but when you see by that Letter from the Earl of *Holderness*, that should the neighbouring Colonies make Application to us for Assistance, I might be under a Necessity of convening you without Respect to the Inclemency of the Season, or other Inconveniences, unless before the Conclusion of this Session a Fund be established for such Uses. I make no Doubt but the Consideration of the vast Expence extraordinary Meetings of Assembly occasion to the Country, and also that it is not so easy and practicable to raise Money upon an Emergency as properly to apply it, will induce you to consider at this Time our *Indian* Allies, whose Affections the *French* will endeavour by every Artifice to alienate from our Interest: And on this Occasion my Duty obliges me earnestly to recommend to you the Revival of the Law for Arms and Ammunition, without which, we shall, in Case of an Attack, be unable to defend our private Properties, much less to join the neighbouring Colonies, to manifest our Duty and Loyalty, by repelling the Violence of any Enemy, and preventing an Invasion or Attempt upon his Majesty's Dominions on this Continent.

HOR^o. SHARPE.

Then the House adjourn'd.

Tuesday, November 6.

This Day the House began the second Reading of the Bill, — For Amendment of the Staple, and for Limitation of Officer's Fees.

Post Meridieum. The second Reading of the Bill, — For Amendment of the Staple, &c. was continued.

The House adjourn'd.

Wednesday, November 7.

The House went on with the second Reading of the Bill, — For Amendment of the Staple, &c. and on the Question being put, Whether Eightpence or Ninepence, should be allowed per Hogshead, for Warehouse Rent: It was carried for Ninepence. Yeas 26. Nays 24.

Post Meridieum. The Bill, — Explanatory to the Act for marking of Highways; — And, To aid the Title of Lots in *Princess Anne Town*; were read the second Time, passed, and sent up.

On a further Reading of the Inspection Bill, the Question was put, Whether the Commissary General's Fees, as now mentioned in it, should be altered, or not. Carried in the Affirmative. Yeas 34. Nays 15.

Then the House adjourn'd.

Thursday, November 8.

A Report was brought in from the Committee, relating to the Arms and Ammunition.

The Petition of *John Shubbard*, a languishing Prisoner, was brought down from the Upper House; and read and granted.

A Bill, — To prevent the injuring *Patapsco River*, was brought down from the Upper House (where it was framed) passed.

Post Meridieum. The Bill (last mentioned) was read a first and second Time, by special Order, and on the Question, Whether it should pass, or not? Resolved in the Negative. Nays 34. Yeas 13.

On finishing the second Reading of the Bill, — For Amendment of the Staple, the Question was put, Whether it should pass, or not? Resolved in the Affirmative. Yeas 40. Nays 12. And was sent to the Upper House.

A Bill, — To empower the Justices of *Prince-George's County*; to levy a Sum of — for the Uses therein mentioned; was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourn'd.

Friday, November 9.

Twenty ingrossed Bills, were read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills.

Three Bills, — For abolishing *June Courts*; — For the better Preservation of wild Deer; — And, For Relief of *John Shubbard*, a Prisoner; were read a first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Post Meridieum. The Bill, — To empower the Justices of *Prince George's County*, to levy, &c. was read the second Time and passed.

A Bill, — For vesting and settling an Estate, of Inheritance in Fee-Simple of and in a certain Parcel or Lot of Ground in the City of *Annapolis*, to Ho-

ratio *Samuel Middleton*, &c. was read a first and second Time, by special Order, and passed.

The Two last mentioned Bills, (together with the Bill, — To prevent the injuring *Patapsco River*) were sent to the Upper House.

The House adjourn'd.

Saturday, November 10.

The Journal of Accounts was brought in, read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House.

On the second Reading of the Bill, — To abolish *June Courts*; the Question was put, Whether it should pass, or not. Carried in the Negative. Nays 26. Yeas 20.

The Bill, — For Relief of *John Shubbard*; was read the second Time, and passed.

The Bill, — To Repeal an Act for the Confirmation of Lands to *Richard Bennett*, Esq; was read the second Time, and passed.

The House adjourn'd till Monday.

[To be continued.]

ANNAPOLIS.

At a Special Court, lately held in *Baltimore County* *John Barrett* was found Guilty, and sentenced to Die for the Murder of his Wife; and one *John Goldsmith*, for a Burglary in breaking open *Mr. Lux's Store*, some Time ago.

Some few Days ago, the Ship *Industry*, Capt. *George Perkins*, a new Vessel, which was built on *Chester River*, having been up the Bay, and got the chief Part of her Cargo on board, suddenly sprung a Leak, as she lay at Anchor in the Bay, and they were obliged to slip her Cable, and ran her ashore near *Worton Creek*, where she soon fill'd with Water. It is supposed that the Butt of one of her Planks started.

Last Thursday Night died, at her Plantation near this Town, Mrs. *ELIZABETH BEALE*, Widow of the late *Mr. JOHN BEALE*, an elderly Gentleman, possess'd of every Christian Virtue.

The Bill for Inspection of Tobacco, has passed both Houses of Assembly, and will be passed into a Law (with many other Bills), at the close of the Session. By the said Bill, the Inspectors are to take the following Oath, viz.

“YOU shall Swear (or Affirm), That you will, diligently and carefully, View and Examine, all Tobacco brought to any Public Warehouse, or Warehouses, where you are appointed to be Inspectors, and all other Tobacco which you shall be called upon to View and Inspect; and that you will not receive any Tobacco that is not, in your Judgment, Sound, Well conditioned, Merchantable, and clear of Trash; nor Receive, Pass, or Stamp, any Tobacco, or Hogshead, Case, or Case of Tobacco, prohibited by an Act of Assembly, entitled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees; and that you will Receive, Pass, and Stamp, all Tobacco that is Sound, Well conditioned, Merchantable, and clear of Trash; and in all Things well and faithfully discharge your Duty, in the Office of an Inspector, according to the best of your Skill and Judgment; and according to the Directions of the said Act, without Fear, Favour, Affection, Malice, or Partiality.” So help you God.

The Festivities are to take the same Oath as was prescribed by the former Laws; and this Year are to choose Inspectors before the 1st Day of December.

Custom House, Annapolis, Enter'd since Nov. 1. Ship Friendship, *John Rattray*, from *Portsmouth*.

Cleared for Departure,

Ship Friendship, *Swen Gabriel Sund*, for *London*; Ship *Barclay*, *John Brown*, for *South Carolina*; Sloop *Mutual Friendship*, *Stevens*, for *Barbadoes*; Snow *Russell*, *John Brown*, for *London*; Ship *Mary*, *John Gordon*, for *Cadix*; Snow *Mary*, *Nathaniel Donnell*, for *Lisbon*; Schooner *Sarah*, *Elijah Stoddard*, for *Boston*; Sloop *May Flower*, *Mason Miller*, for *Virginia*; Brig *Little Molly*, *Thomas Rathborne*, for *Lisbon*.

COMMITTED some Time ago to the Subscriber, Sheriff of *Baltimore County*, as a Runaway, one *Thomas Elliot*, a *Welshman* wears his own Hair, and had on an Iron Collar: He says he belongs to one *Thomas Day*, in *Knox County*, to whom Notice was sent, but no Answer received. His Master may have him again, on Application, paying the Fees, and Charge of this Advertisement.

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