

THE MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices foreign and domestic.

THURSDAY, November 29, 1753.

MADRID, July 7. His Majesty's Troops throughout the Kingdom are recruiting with great Diligence; a General Amnesty is published for all Deserters, even those from the Horse; who hitherto have been constantly executed; and there is something on the Carpet of the greatest Consequence, though no body pretends to be so much a Politician as to guess what it is.

Lisbon, July 17. The Squadron of Men of War that went in Chace of the Corsairs of Barbary, that infested our Coast, would have taken them, had it not been for an Accident which happened in one of the Men of War of a Gun bursting during the Engagement, which killed and wounded 22 Men: But the Corsairs taking Advantage of the Confusion which this Misfortune occasioned, gained the Wind, and made their Escape.

Leghorn, August 10. We learn from Algiers, that the Pope's Felucca, which was lately taken by a Barbary Corsair on the Coast of Sicily, being arrived at that Port, the Dey ordered the Slaves to be brought before him. Amongst them were Signior Quintavalle and Signora Gallinare, in Company with a large Band of Musicians, who were going from Rome to the Opera at Palermo: But the Dey having an Ear deaf to the Charms of Italian Music, ordered the Men to be conducted to the Bagno (where the Slaves are kept) and the Ladies to one of his own Houses, to be employed in a Manner suitable to their Sex.

Warsaw, August 10. Letters from Cracow advise, that on the 30th of last Month they executed two Burghers who had a Hand in the late Tumult in that City. The Execution was performed before the Town Hall in the following Manner: Their Hands were first cut off; after which they were beheaded, their Bodies quartered, and the Members set upon Posts planted before each of the four Gates of Cracow. These Letters add, that they were preparing for the Trials of the Students concerned in the said Tumult.

Paris, August 13. The Clergy carry on the War against the Law vigorously: A Body of some thousands have Orders to march into Provence, to terrify the Parliament of Aix.

Paris, August 27. An Agreement is made between our Court and that of Great Britain, to send Commissioners on both Sides to the Coast of Comandel, in order to put an End to the Disputes between the two Nations, and to settle the Limits of their respective Possessions. 'Tis said that M. de Godeheu is already appointed one of our Commissioners. As the British Court has expressed some Dissatisfaction at the Conduct of M. Duplex, Governor of Pondicherry, we are assured it was some Time since resolved to recall him; but on his receiving this Advice, he made Answer, that he was too far advanced in Years to bear the Fatigue of a Voyage to Europe, and that he must continue in that Country, though it should be thought proper to appoint another Governor in his Stead.

L O N D O N.

Extra of a Letter from Peterbourg, dated Aug. 7. We had an odd Accident happen'd here Yesterday: A Professor was making Electrical Experiments when it thundered and lightened in his Garden, and was struck dead by a Flash of Fire that came from the Iron. A Man who stood quite close to him, got several Strokes with the Wires, which made several deep Cuts in his Back, cross one another. I am just come from seeing the Professor's Body: He has got a large red Spot on the Top of his Head, another on the left Breast, and a black one on his Foot.

August 15. Yesterday a merry Broil happened between a Jew and a Ticket Porter, at a Public House in Leadenhall Street. The Jew brought in to the House a Gridiron of his own in order to broil his Dinner, and clapping it on the Fire, went to fetch his Victuals; in the Interim the Porter came in with two Pork Stakes, and seeing the Gridiron on the Fire, imagining it to be the Landlord's, put

his Stakes upon it; but the Jew coming soon afterwards and finding his Gridiron defiled with Pork, in a Rage took it off the Fire, and threw both that and the Meat in the Street, on which a Battle ensued between the Porter and the Jew, but the latter was much worsted, and obliged to go and dress his Provisions at another Place. [This may be reckoned a Broil with a Witness.]

We have Advice by our East India Ships lately arrived, that 13 French Men of War of the Line, were at the Cape, bound for the East Indies, who, we may suppose, have a Commission to protect the British Settlements in those Parts.

They write from Blithfield, in Staffordshire, that Sir Walter Wagstaffe Bagot, Bart. Knight of the Shire for that County, was met on the Road to his Seat last Thursday, by upwards of 700 Freeholders of that County, expressing their Approbation of his Conduct in Parliament, in so zealously opposing the Bill for naturalizing the Jews, promising to support, to the utmost of their Power, the Friends of Christianity, and expressed their Detestation to all Favourers of Judaism, as Enemies to God and their Country.

By a private Letter from ——— in S—— we are inform'd, that the M—— of that Place got into his Pulpit to preach in Favour of a late Naturalization Act, and that his Elocution was so fine, and his Sermon so moving, that in five Minutes the whole Congregation moved out of the Church, leaving him only the empty Pews, which probably would have been equally moved, had he gone on to the End of his Story. [This was indeed a moving Affair.]

September 4. It must afford the greatest Satisfaction to every Body to observe the Success our Greenland Ships have had this Year; and though a great many were employ'd, not one of them lost. A few Years since there was not a single Ship from Britain employ'd upon that Fishing, notwithstanding they were in a Manner the first Discoverers of the Place, and the Advantages of it. It is true, the whole Trade was once carried on by an exclusive Company in England for a considerable Time, but they were beat out of it by the Dutch, and have continued so till the late Act of Parliament was pass'd for reviving it, the happy Effects of which are very visible. During eighty Years, in which the Dutch were unrivalled in this Branch of Commerce, they cleared upwards of eight Million Sterling; not to mention the innumerable other Advantages accruing from it. Since we have again come in for a Share in this Trade, to render it more beneficial, it is the Opinion of several judicious Persons that a Port should be crected, and a Port opened in the Orkneys, where we might have all Kinds of necessary Utensils always ready; there we could make more and better Oil, from the same Quantity of Fish, than any of our Neighbours; it would also give us an Opportunity of visiting the Coast of Greenland earlier, and remaining there longer than other People.

September 15. The 3d Infant Susanna Bruford of Mounton near Taunton, was burnt at Cured-Green near Wells, for poisoning her Husband, who was a Farmer of good Repute. A little before her Execution, she declared that the Beginning of her Misfortune was a too near Intimacy with an Attorney's Clerk, who seduced her, when she had been to see some Fire Works at Taunton. She behaved very penitently, and acknowledged the Justice of her Sentence.

Dublin, Aug. 14. The Markets of Dublin are now so reasonable, that a good Fowl is not above four Shillings, and other Poultry in Proportion; which plainly shews the mighty Advantage this very wife Country enjoys by the Benefit of Tillage, and the great Benefit of Corn; and we are well assured, that if there be a dry Harvest, and all the Grain got in safe, we shall have near three Months Provision, without sending to any other Country for Supply. Happy, happy indeed, that only sends all her Rents to Absentees, and for Corn and Claret.

August 21. It is hoped some Law will speedily be made to enforce the Tillage Act in this Kingdom, that our poor Labourers may find Employment at home, and eat the Bread and wear the Manufacture of their own Country. The Tillage Act sets forth, that five Acres in every Hundred throughout this Country, should be ploughed; but this Law is so much evaded, that even not Two in a Hundred are sown.

The excessive drinking of spirituous Liquors, especially Whiskey, is now become so common, that more People are killed by them, than by small Pox, Fevers, broken Limbs, Accidents, and all other Distempers put together.

August 25. We hear that the Body of Farning, the Constable, who was executed for the Murder of John Bevins, on Lezer's Hill, and buried near the Warren House, has been dug up, and distilled into Whiskey, which, for Quantity and Quality, is allowed to excel all other Spirits, and, no doubt, will be greedily swallowed by the Connoisseurs in that Liquor. His Mastiff Dog, who licked up some of his Blood, and was hanged the same Day, we are told, has been likewise distilled, and produced most excellent Stallrinky. (Stallrinky is a most inflaming kind of Spirit, drank by the lowest Class of People in Dublin, and sold for a Half-penny a Naggin.)

On Account of the pernicious Effects of Whiskey upon the lower Class of People, several Grocers, who value a good Reputation more than fordid Gain, have resolved to drop the selling of that Spirit.

August 28. That certain Circumstances attendant on Death often carry more Terror to the Bulk of Mankind than Death itself, is a Truth pretty obvious and uncontroverted: On this Observation seems to be founded the late Act in England, which directs, that the Bodies of such as are executed for Murder shall be delivered to the Surgeons for Dissection; might we not likewise expect to see the happy Effects of such a Law, if introduced into this Kingdom? especially, if it were to extend to that Generation of Self murderers among us, the Whiskey Drinkers, (the Produce of the Still being as certain, and oftentimes as sudden, Instrument of Death as the Rope or Sword.) Unless perhaps it might be thought more advisable, instead of delivering them to the Surgeons, to deliver them to the Distillers, as from some late Facts we are furnished with an unanswerable Proof, that putrified Corpses produce a most excellent and wholesome Spirit. Add to this, that such an Application of them would be no more than an Act of strict Justice, nothing being more equitable, than that such as have consumed an immoderate Proportion of Spirits themselves, should furnish the Materials of a Supply for others: And it has this additional Argument in its Support, that it would prevent a great and unnecessary Consumption of our Grain, which might then be preserved for more useful and salutary Purposes.

C H A R L E S - T O W N, September 3.

By the last Vessels from Providence, we have Advice, that the French have lately actually been at Turk's Island, the Caicos's, Henego, Maguana, and some other small Islands in the Windward Passage, with a Ship of thirty six Guns, one Sloop of sixteen, and two of twelve; which they keep constantly cruising from Hispaniola to and among those Islands: That they talk of seizing the Caicos's, Henego, and Maguana, and of running out the Western Half of Crooked Island, for the same Purpose; and also for erecting Light-houses on two Keys at Henego and one of the Caicos's, near which Places many Vessels have been lost for want of them: And that they had loaded and sent away a Sloop to Cape Francois, with some of the Braziletto that had been cut by the Providence People on those Islands, and burnt the rest.—By the French taking Possession of these Islands, our Trade with Jamaica must be rendered every precarious, as there by

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