

by they obtain the Command of the Wind-ward Passage. The Consequences in Time of War, we leave to better Judges, and to Politicians.

October 22. Capt. Elmer, who arrived here last Monday from London, met with a terrible Hurricane on the sixth Instant, about 120 Leagues to the Eastward, in Lat. 31. 30. Long. 70. which began about 6 o'Clock in the Morning, and continued till 4 in the Afternoon; in which his Ship lay 7 Hours on her Beam Ends, had part of her Stern and dead Lights beat in, her Rails and Binnacle broke, shipp'd many Seas, had her Cargo turn'd topsy-turvy, and received other Damage. Capt. Edmonds from London, Capt. Watson from Leith, and Capt. Hinson from Bermuda, all felt the same Hurricane, but received no Damage.

B O S T O N, Oct. 29.

At the Superior Court, Court of Assize, &c. held at Salem for the County of Essex, on the 16th Inst. Daniel Giddings, jun. was indicted (with Charles Boyls) for forging and counterfeiting six Pieces of mix'd Metal, to the Likeness of a Spanish Mill'd Piece of Eight, and for uttering one of them, knowing the same to be counterfeit; to which he pleaded Guilty, and received the following Sentence, viz. to be set in the Pillory for the Space of one Hour, to be whipt ten Stripes at the public Whipping-post, to be committed to the House of Correction, and there to be kept to hard Labour for the Space of three Months, and to give Bond for his good Behaviour for six Months after.

At the said Court, Thomas Maybee, of Ipswich, Fisherman, was indicted and tried for stabbing a Negro Man, so that his Life was greatly endangered, and being found guilty, was ordered to be set on the Gallows, with a Rope about his Neck, and one End of it cast over the Gallows, for the Space of one Hour, to be publicly whipt 15 Stripes, suffer six Months Imprisonment, and give Bonds for his good Behaviour for the Space of three Years.

November 5. We hear that a Long-Boat, Yawl, Binnacle, and an Hen coop, were found ashore at Race Point on Cape Cod, since the Storm we had on Tuesday last, supposed to have belong'd to some Vessel outward bound.

N E W Y O R K, November 5.

Since our last, Capt. Savage in a Sloop, and Captain Dunsforth, in a Brig, arrived here from the Bay of Honduras, the former in 32, and the latter in 23 Days. In Capt. Savage is come Passenger Mr. French, late Mate of Capt. Burger, of the Sloop Mary, of this Port: He informs us, that being bound from Musquito Shore to the Bay, on the 12th of September last, between Key Bekell and English Key, the said Sloop was taken by a Spanish Galley of 12 Six pounders, and two of Eighteen, Prow Guns, and about 170 Men. Before the Spaniards boarded the Sloop, Mr. French, and a Man they took from the Shore, made their Escape in the Long-boat, and imagines they carried her into Port Maboo. Capt. Burger, and all his Hands, together with Capt. Menzie, who he took from the Shore, and who was formerly Commander of a Brig out of this Port, and taken bound to the Bay, were all on board the Boat, but being dubious of escaping returned on board the Sloop. This Galley had the Day before drove a Sloop on Shore belonging to Governor Pitts, of the Musquito's.

Two Days before Capt. Savage sail'd, Capt. Menzie came in from the Galley, the Capt. being so generous as to purchase of his Gunner for 20 Dollars, a small Doree, which he gave to Captain Menzie and another Man to go ashore in. The Galley had not then been into Port after they took the Sloop. Capt. Menzie reported, That after he was taken in the Brig he was carried into Port Maboo, from whence he got a Passage in a Jamaica Trader to the Musquito's; and that all his Hands died before he left the Port, through the incredible Hardships they underwent for want of Provision and other Necessaries, besides being obliged to labour hard. He also reported, That the Spaniards were fitting out his Brig to mount 18 Guns, and another of 14, as Cruizers against the Baymen.

November 12. Captain Ball in 30 Days from Antigua, advises, that some Time ago, a Sloop belonging to St. Lucia, was taken by a Spanish Privateer, off Crab-Island, and carried into St. Domingo.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, November 8.

On Tuesday, the 30th ult. the Sloop Speedwell, Captain Sage, of this Port, inward bound from Teneriffe with Wines, ran ashore on our Cape. The Wind was at North east, and blew so violently, that the Vessel dragg'd her Anchors, which oblig'd them to cut, and let her go ashore, to save her from foundering. The Sloop, it is thought, will be got off, and but little of the Cargo lost.

There are Advices from Cape Francois, which say, that on Wednesday and Thursday, the third and fourth of October, there was a violent Gale of Wind, or Hurricane, in those Parts, by which sun-

dry Vessels were lost or damag'd. After the Storm, the Crew of a French Ship, which was cast away, arriv'd at the Cape in their Boat, and reported, that a Sloop bound to Boston, Captain Toulon, founder'd at her Anchors near the Caicos's; the People were taken up by a Ship bound home, and carried to Old France. Captain Tryon, belonging to Connecticut, with Horses on board, lay to, the first of the Gale, about 12 Hours, and lost all his Horses; then it came on so hard, that he was oblig'd to scud before it, and ran on the Silver-key, or Plate-wreck. The Men were taken up in her Boat, by a French Ship from Martinique, that had lost all her Masts in the same Gale, and carried into Cape Francois. Another Sloop, belonging to Connecticut, was cast away, together with an English Ship, in Samana Bay, the East End of Hispaniola, Names unknown.

Thursday last the following melancholy Accident happen'd in the Jerseys: Some Neighbours were out a Deer hunting, when one of them, creeping through the Bushes, was by another of the Company taken for the Deer, who accordingly fir'd at him, and wounded him so badly, that notwithstanding all proper Help was got for him, he died on Monday.

On the 31st of last Month, the House of John Hanly, of Chester, was broke open, and robb'd of sundry Goods, to a considerable Value: And on Monday one Thomas Brown was taken up in this bery City, on Suspicion of being concern'd in said Robbery. We hear that the House of one Mr. Montgomery, of Christine, has also been lately broke open; and that since the Robbery at Chester, the Houses of Mr. John Paschill of Darby, and Mr. Charles Jenkins, at the Middle Ferry, have been attempted.

November 15. Sunday last arriv'd here the Schooner Argo, Captain Charles Swaine, who sail'd from this Port last Spring on the Discovery of a North west Passage. She fell in with the Ice off of Farewell; left the Eastern Ice, and fell in with the Western Ice in Lat. 58. and cruiz'd to the Northward to Lat. 63. to clear it, but could not, it then extending to the Eastward. On her Return to the Southward, she met with two Danish Ships bound to Ball River and Disco up Davis's Straits, who had been in the Ice fourteen Days off Farewell, and had then stood to Westward, and assured the Commander that the Ice was fast to the Shore all above Hudson's Straits to the Distance of 40 Leagues out, and that there had not been such a severe Winter as the last these 24 Years that they had used that Trade; they had been 9 Weeks from Copenhagen. The Argo finding she could not get round the Ice, press'd thro' it, and got into the Straits Mouth the 26th of June, and made the Island Resolution, but was forc'd out by vast Quantities of driving Ice, and got into a clear Sea the first of July. On the 14th, cruising the Ice for an Opening to get in again, she met 4 Sail of Hudson's Bay Ships, endeavouring to get in, and continued with them till the 19th, when they parted in thick Weather in Lat. 62 and a Half; which thick Weather continued to the 7th of August; the Hudson's Bay men supposed themselves 40 Leagues from the western Land. The Argo ran down the Ice from 63 to 57, 30, and, after repeated Attempts to enter the Straits in vain, as the Season for Discovery on the Western Side of the Bay was over, she went on the Labrador Coast, and discover'd it perfectly from 56 to 55, finding no less than 6 Inlets, to the Heads of all which they went, and of which we hear they have made a very good Chart, and have a better Account of the Country, its Soil, Produce, &c. than has hitherto been published. The Captain says 'tis much like Norway, and that there is no Communication with Hudson's Bay thro' Labrador where one has been heretofore imagined, a high Ridge of Mountains running North and South about 50 Leagues within the Coast. In one of the Harbours they found a deserted Wooden House with a Brick Chimney, which had been built by some English, as appeared by sundry Things they left behind; and afterwards in another Harbour they met with Capt. Goff in a Snow from London, who inform'd, that the same Snow had been there last Year, and landed some of the Moravian Brethren, who had built that House: But the Natives having decoy'd the then Captain of the Snow, and 5 or 6 of his Hands in their Boat round a Point of Land at a Distance from the Snow, under Pretence of Trade, and carry'd them all off (they having gone imprudently without Arms) the Snow, after waiting 16 Days without hearing of them, went home, and was oblig'd to take away the Moravians to help to work the Vessel Part of her Business this Year was to enquire after those Men. Captain Swaine discover'd a fine Fishing Bank, which lies but 6 Leagues off the Coast, and extends from Lat. 57. to 54.

supposed to be the same hiated at in Capt. Davis's second Voyage. No bad Accident happen'd to the Vessel, and the Men kept in perfect Health during the whole Voyage, and return'd all well.

The same Day two of the Shawana Indians, who had been taken and imprison'd in South Carolina, arrived here in Capt. Read, being permitted to go home by that Government, to negotiate the Discharge of some Carolina Indians, who, at present, are Prisoners among the Northern Tribes. — And by Capt. Stiles, who left Charles-Town since Capt. Read, we learn, that the remaining Shawanas, who were to have been detain'd in Prison till those Carolina Indians should be sent home, found Means to break Goal, and have made their Escape.

Capt. Read met with a violent Gale of Wind at S. S. E. on the 17th ult. in Lat. 34. 50. which had like to have drove him ashore on Cape Hatteras Shoals. And in Lat. 37. the Tuesday following, had a severe Storm at N. W. which shifted to N. E. and so round to S. and blew exceedingly for 14 Hours. He saw a Snow lying to in it under her bare Poles, which afterwards stood away to the East ward.

Capt. Stiles had the same Storm off of the Capes of Virginia, but receiv'd no Damage.

Capt. Campbell, from North-Carolina, also met with it off the Capes of Virginia, but suffer'd no considerable Loss. He saw, after the Gale, a Ship or Snow dismasted off of Sinepuxent.

From Charles Town, in South-Carolina, there is Advice, that three Men of War are ordered to dispossess the French of the Salt Islands, &c. in the Windward Passage.

By Capt. Eccles from Santa Cruz, we are inform'd, that on the 29th and 30th of September, they had a terrible Gale of Winds there, which lasted 24 Hours, during which two Vessels founder'd at their Anchors, and three more went out to Sea, one of which got ashore on Porto Rico, and was lost; the other two not heard of when he came away. That at St. Domingo most of the Vessels put out to Sea, some of which had got safe in there. That at St. Lucia all the Shipping got to Sea, but one that was lost. And that a Vessel had arrived there from Antigua, by which there was Advice, that the Shipping had not suffered there; but that they had heard of a great deal of Damage among the French Islands. Capt. Eccles likewise informs us, that Capt. Vernon was to sail soon for Boston: That a New York Sloop arrived there the Day he sail'd; and that on his Passage, on the 30th of October, in Lat. 36, 30. he had a severe Storm at E. N. E. which laid him on his Beam-Ends for 12 Hours, and his Ballast shifted; but the Wind afterwards veer'd to S. W. when the Vessel righted, and the Ballast shifted to the other Side.

Capt. Coxe, from Anguilla, met with the same Storm off of our Capes, which split his Sails to Pieces, and oblig'd him to scud before it under his bare Poles.

And Capt. Swaine lost his Boltsprit in it, the Day after he left Boston.

Capt. Sage, mentioned in our last to be ashore at the Capes, is got off, and comes up to Town.

Yesterday we had a hard Gale of Wind at East, attended with a great deal of Rain, when the Tide flow'd higher by several Inches than it has done for some Years; it got over all our Wharffs, and into most of the Stores on them; so that we are afraid there must have been considerable Damage done.

Our Readers are cautioned to beware of counterfeit English Halfpence, great Quantities of which we understand are lately imported. They are of all Kings and Years from King WILLIAM downwards; but besides being of base Metal, they are much lighter than the true Ones. They may be known by their Colour, Thinness, and Roughness, occasioned by their being cast in Sand. 'Tis said that above Forty Thousand Pounds Sterling in such Halfpence, have been lately made in England; but their Currency being now stop'd at home, some evil-minded Persons are buying them up to send to the Plantations. The other Provinces are already on their Guard, and 'tis hoped our People will likewise be too prudent to give them a Currency; since if they can be pass'd here, our Silver and Gold, to an equal Value, will be carried off in Exchange for them, to the Ruin of the poorer Sort, in whose Hands they must at last sink; since all Merchants and knowing Dealers will absolutely refuse them.

A N N A P O L I S.

Friday last died, at Joppa, of a nervous Fever, Mr. Talbot Ristean, Clerk of Baltimore County.

Mr. Beale Bordley, of this City, is appointed Clerk of Baltimore County, in the Room of Mr. Ristean, deceased.

Saturday Night last, the Dwelling House and Kitchen of the Rev. Mr. Andrew Leadrum, Rector

of St. George's Parish, in Baltimore, burnt down to the Ground, the Fire being by the Carelessness of a Servant Woman.
Copy of a Letter, just come to
"Potowmack, No.

"Mr. GREEN,
I TAKE this Opportunity of informing you of a most melancholy Affair which happened the 16th of last Month: One Thomas Wootton, an Inhabitant on the South Branch of the Potowmack, happen'd to be from home, and his Children to manage his Affairs in his Absence; one of the Boys about 12 Years of Age, went from the House about 100 Yards to drive some of the Cattle round the Fence, where he was met by seven or eight more, who were seen some Time before sculking in a Place, who carried him off the Neck of the rest of the Children could tell nothing of him, only that they heard him cry after his Father came home, he was taken to the Inhabitants to go along with them to try if they could find him. Success, for they have heard no News of the Indians, since that Time. The Child came here, and has got an order to carry it to the Governor of the Province, together with a Piece of Birch Bark, found stuck up in the Notch of a Sapling, which the Indians had got mark'd by the Indians, and which some Indian Traders, they all say, were French Indians, being acquainted with the Marks. I have another Piece of Birch Bark, which I have lately received, together with a Belt of Wampum, the Heads of the Indians called the Delaware, directed to the Governors of Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New York, to build two Forts on the River Ohio, continually expecting a Visit from the Indians. I am, &c.
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Mr. GREEN,
HAVING a person in the Deposition, which a Gazette of November 1st, I judg'd it necessary to give you a like Trouble. I have been delaying my Purpose; but they now are hoped for, I desire a Place in your next Paper, that follows. And am, Your humble Servant,
WILLIAM WOOTTON.

November 12.
THE Rev. Mr. Bro. Wootton, Oath, on the Holy Evangelist, to the Truth of the following: THAT about two Years ago, I was speaking to me of Mr. Wootton was speaking to me of (as I understood Thomas Sprigg to say) that he had a great Desire of Learning, and he should have the best Education; Power to give him: Upon which notice of several Advantages of St. Omers, and mention'd Mr. Wootton the Person by whom he had been charg'd: At this Distance of Time, I charge my Memory with the fact, that Mr. Wootton then made use of the Oath, that Mr. Wootton stated to me as the Author of that Oath, in such a Manner, as gave me no doubt, that Mr. Wootton's Design was to persuade Mr. Wootton to send his Children to be educated, especially as Mr. Wootton was inclin'd at that Time to do so.
Sworn before me,
John

To be Sold by Public Auction, On Thursday the 13th of December next, or Bills of Exchange, at Robert Gordon, Esq; deceased, Annapolis,
A PARCEL of choice NEGROES, consisting of men, and Children: Likewise, and Kitchen FURNITURE. The Sale to begin precisely at 12 o'clock in the Forenoon.
Agnes