

Van Pierce, aged upwards of 120; he was very remarkable for his Strength and Activity to the last: Being a poor Man, always hew'd his Wood for fuel, and brought it home; he used to walk from his own Houle to the Town twice a Week, being four computed Miles in that hilly Country; this he did to within a Month of his Death.

Novemb. 2. It is determined that a Squadron will ere long be sent out: But its Destination is yet a Secret; however it will plainly appear that it cannot be design'd for the Mediterranean, if we consider the Qualifications of the Pilots that are to go on board, who must be well acquainted with the Coasts of the German Ocean.

The Utrecht Gazette informs us, in a London Paragraph, dated October 5, that new Instructions have been drawn up in Council for Mr. Milidmay, who will shortly set out for Paris, in order to resume the Negotiation about the Limits of the Two Crowns in America; and that his Coadjutor in this Commission is to be Mr. Ruvigne de Cosne, Secretary to his Excellency the Earl of Walgrave.

Novemb. 3. Transport Vessels are ordered from hence to Holland, in order to take on board several Protestant Families from the Swiss Cantons, who are going to settle in Nova Scotia.

November 9. The Algerine Corsairs begin to renew Hostilities against the Portuguese, 7 of whom taking Advantage of the Absence of the Guard-Ships who were on a Convoy, have continued for some Time past to block up, as it were, the Mouth of the Tagus, where they have pick'd up two Coasting Ships laden with Merchandize, five or six Fishing Boats, and an Advice Boat dispatch'd from the Governor of Brasil. But notwithstanding these trifling Interruptions, the Riches that flow into this Kingdom are immense. The Fleet which lately arriv'd at Lisbon from the Bay of All Saints is said to have on Board upwards of four Million of Crusades in Specie, besides a vast Quantity of rich Merchandize. Each Crusade is worth about 3 Shillings English Money.

Nov. 9. At the quarterly Committee, held Yesterday by the Hon. Edward Vernon, Esq; Grand President of the laudable Order of the Anti Gallians, a Gold Medal, with the Arms of the Order, was ordered to be presented to Commodore Cockburne, for his gallant Behaviour to the Commander of the French Squadron at Anamaboa, on the Coast of Guiney.

November 10. According to the Amsterdam Gazette, the Convention which M. Duvelar, Commissary of the French East India Company, has concluded with ours, has been presented to the Ministers of their Britannic and most Christian Majesties, and has met with their Approbation. By virtue of this Convention the two Companies must reciprocally restore the Territories taken by their respective Troops since the Year 1748, except certain Districts, the Property of which the English Company reserves to itself, as being favourable situated for the Safety of its Settlements. Neither Company is to concern itself with the Quarrels that may happen between the Indian Princes. The two Nabobs set up by the Influence and Arms of each Party, are acknowledged in that Quality by both Companies. By Means of this Regulation, which will be signed in a few Days, if not already signed, it is expected that the Commerce of the two Companies in the East Indies will meet with no Obstructions while Peace remains in Europe.

We are assured that the Parliament of Toulouse has issued an Arret which condemns the Mandate of the Bishop of Montauban to be torn and burnt by the Hands of the common Hangman. It is also said, that the Earl of Albemarle, Ambassador from the King of Great-Britain, has complained to the Court about the same Mandate, as there are some Reflections in it concerning the British Affairs, which are either very unguarded, or inconsistent with the Peace and Friendship subsisting between the two Crowns, and quite unbecoming a Dignitary of the Gallican Church.

This Day being his Majesty's Birth Day, who then enters into the Seventy First Year of his Age, his Majesty will receive the Compliments of the Nobility, foreign Ministers and Gentry. It is remarkable his present Majesty is the oldest King that ever sat on the English Throne, no King or Queen of England having ever attained to that Age.

The King of Prussia's stopping Payment of the Residue of the Silesia Loan, being looked upon as a national Concern, it is said that it will be laid before the Parliament in that Light next Session.

Novemb. 14. By a Letter from Paris we hear, that the Grand Affair on the Carpet is come to that Extremity that it is expected some Heads will soon be taken off, as an Example to bring a noble obstinate Body of Patriots to an humbler Submission.

Nov. 14. His Prussian Majesty among other military Alterations has ordered the Fusil to be used instead of the Musquetron, and the Cloathing of the Troops to be in the French Fashion, and likewise some Part of the French Exercise to be introduced.

They write from Marseilles, that a French Vessel from Bourdeaux, laden with Sugar and Coffee, was lately brought to, off Lisbon, by an Algerine Chebec, whose Captain after examining her Passport, and finding it genuine, returned it in a kind of Pet, saying, 'We are at Peace with too many Nations: We must absolutely break with some, or it will be in vain to put to Sea'.

Dublin, October 30. On Saturday the 27th Inst. died in the 74th Year of his Age, Mr. George Grierson his Majesty's Printer: His private and domestic Virtues those best can tell, who felt their Influence; but his unwearied Assiduity and Zeal during a Course of fifty Years to serve the Public in his Profession deserve in Return from it that particular Regard to his Memory, which all Ages and Countries have agreed to pay to the Inventors or Improvers of useful Arts; in which truly honourable Class that he had a Right to claim a Place, will be readily acknowledged by all who know the History of Printing in this Kingdom: Before his Arrival our highest Attempt in that Way was a Pfalter, and that most meanly printed, so that Mr. Grierson may in some Measure be it led the Introducer of that noble Art into this Kingdom, and to what a Pitch of Perfection he brought it, let his correct and elegant Editions of Tacitus, Horace, Juvenal, &c. witness. Animated by his Example we now rival England in the Beauty of our Impressions, and save to the Nation great Sums of Money which were formerly drawn from it for Books. In his Profession he hath set, in two Points principally, an Example worthy of the Imitation of his Brethren, but which it is to be feared, will always be more admired than followed; the first that he was so scrupulously just, that he never once intrenched upon the Property of another, or to use the Bookseller's Phrase, printed their Copies; the second was yet of a higher Nature, that he never contributed to propagate Vice or Dissention, by publishing Books of a licentious or factious Tendency; he considered it as the greatest Debafement and Prostitution of an Art calculated to diffuse Knowledge, and its Attendant Virtue, amongst Men, thus to be made the Tool of Vice or Party, and the Accomplice in Corruption; and it was his fixed and invariable Principle, that no pretended Ignorance of the Nature or Contents of such Books, could excuse the injuring Society in so important a Point. In fine, That Love to Mankind, which was the governing Principle of all his Actions, was the most sincere and indisputable Proof of his real and unaffected Piety and Love of God, for according to the Saying of the Apostle's, which the Deceased had often in his Mouth, and more in his Heart, 'If a Man say, I love God, and hateth his Brother, he is a Liar; for he that loveth not his Brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this Commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his Brother also.'

Dublin, Nov. 6. Mr. John Ford, aged 100, was married to Miss Egan of Mullingar, aged 19.

BOSTON.

Jan. 21. We hear from Providence, that about a Fortnight ago, as a young Man was assisting in drawing off the Returns from a Still, he had the Misfortune to slip into the Cistern of scalding Liquor, and tho' he was soon taken out, yet he died an Hour or two after, his Flesh looking as if it had been boiled.

We have the following melancholy Account from Holliston, viz. That in that small Town have died from the 19th of December last, to the 14th Day of this Instant January, 44 Persons, of whom 27 were Heads of Families, and that many others are sick.—That the Distress was so great, that they were obliged to get Persons from the neighbouring Towns to assist them in attending the Sick, and to bury the Dead.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 4.

By Captain Manley, who arrived here last Week from Boston, which Place he left two Days after the Post came away, we have the following Intelligence, viz. That he sailed from Cape Fear in North Carolina, the 16th of December last, in the Snow St. George of this Place, a new Vessel, in Company with Captain Lewis, in a Snow, and another Snow belonging to Captain Quinch, all bound for London; but had not been many Days out, before his Vessel sprung a Leak, which increased daily, notwithstanding both Pumps were kept constantly going, until the 3d ult. when, finding himself in Latitude 41, 40. Lon. 50, 14. from London, and all Hands quite fatigued with con-

stant Pumping, he bore away for Boston; where to their very great Joy, and contrary to Expectation, they arrived in six Days after. The whole Crew, save the Captain and Mate, were frozen and wore out to such a Degree, that they were not capable of lending the least Assistance in discharging the Vessel, but it was hop'd would all do well.

From Fairfield, near Stratford in New England, we learn, That three Persons in that Neighbourhood were froze to Death by the Extremity of the Weather we had here this Day Fortnight: They were absent in a Canoe a fishing when the Gale began, and being unable to get from a Marsh where they landed, they there perished.

ANNAPOLIS.

There is nothing more easy to be observed, than that great Numbers of Copper Pence, or English Half pence, are crowding in upon us, and many of them counterfeit, by which some must sooner or later suffer Loss, in Proportion to the Number they possess. There has lately been great Stir and Tumult in New York (where they used to go at a Penny a piece) on the crying them down to fourteen for a shilling of those which were Good; the vast Quantities which they had there passing among them, obliging them to make use of Whitebarrows and Carts in carrying Payments. And, without any great Spirit of Prophecy, it is easy to foretell, that in this Province we shall be under the like Inconvenience, if a stop is not soon put to their present imaginary Worth, beside our being drain'd of good Money, in Proportion to the Quantity which is or may be brought among us. To render this Inconvenience, Fraud, Iniquity, or whatever the Reader shall think proper to call it, plain and obvious to the meanest Capacity, we shall only instance in One Shilling Sterling, which passes for Eighteen Pence Currency; with Eighteen Pence Currency, or One Shilling Sterling, we can buy Four Dozen and Six Eggs, at Four Pence a Dozen their common Price; and, with Eighteen Pence Coppers, which at best is but Nine Pence Sterling, we can purchase the like Quantity; a manifest Loss somewhere of Twenty five per Cent, or Three Pence in a Shilling. As it is much better and easier to prevent than to cure, it is submitted to the Public, Whether NOW is not the Time, before we have greater Numbers palm'd upon us, One and All, to pay and receive good English Halfpence at Fifteen for a Shilling; but as for the bad One they are not worth Three Pence a Dozen, if any Thing at all. In New York, where Halfpence now pass Fourteen for a Shilling, a Pistole passes for Twenty Eight Shillings, and a Piece of Eight for Eight Shillings; here every Body knows they pass for less.

About a Fortnight ago, died at his House on Patuxent River, Capt. JAMES DUKE, aged upwards of 60, who for above 20 Years past was a worthy Magistrate of Calvert County, and for some Years their Presiding Justice: A Gentleman beloved and esteemed.

Last Saturday, one Absalom Butler, was committed to Baltimore County Goal, for the Murder of a Person near the Temporary Line some Time since, who died by Blows of his Fist, or other Weapons received in Boxing.

We hear from Kent County, That one Thomas Cartwright, a few Days ago, beat a Servant of his so barbarously that he died a short Time after. The Coroner's Inquest brought in their Verdict Willful Murder; but Cartwright is absconded. It is said they were both much in Liquor, and that Cartwright when drunk was of a morose, quarrelsome Disposition.

Last Monday proving a snowy bad Day for travelling, there did not come to Town a sufficient Number of the Representatives to compose a House, and his Excellency prorogued them to next Day, when the General Assembly met.

THE SPEECH of his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland, to both Houses of ASSEMBLY, on Tuesday the 26th Day of February, 1754.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

THE Possibility of your undergoing any Inconveniences from being convened at this early Season, would have determined me against meeting you so soon, had not the Receipt of a Letter from the Governor of Virginia, made me apprehensive, the Welfare of this and the neighbouring Colonies might suffer from any longer Delay.

Alarmed at the Prospect of seeing our common Enemy Masters of all the Country adjacent to the inhabited Parts of these Provinces, his Majesty's faithful Subjects in Virginia, solicit our Aid to defeat their ambitious Enterprises; in the Event of which

which, I am persuaded too much into this Occasion. Let your Neighbours Expect imply a Sufficiency, the Earl of Holdern Room, I shall only ters which I have vernal on the C and also one from we, as well as the send Commissioners Prefert to the India Affections of those when, their being rest, would threaten quences. Your R have the most sang est Testimony of y vice, and demonstr the Interest, Safety tments.

To his Excellency Governor and the Province of The humble A D of

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