

ineffectual that of the Chamber Royal, whereby Mr. Gueret de Voisin had been decreed to appear personally, Liberty to M. de Montuchet who was imprisoned in the Bastille, and the Revocation of the Letter de Cachet, which was the Cause of Mr. Million's absconding, and to assure his Majesty, that they would not do any Business until he had ordered that their Demands should be complied with. It is assured that next Tuesday they will have an Answer from the Court.

LONDON, January 22.

Extract of a Letter from Ferral, Nov. 20.

"The following is the State of the Spanish Navy at this Port, which I hope will be an Amusement to yourself and Friends: The Harbour is very extensive, being 30 Miles in Circumference, and its Entrance so narrow that a Cable will reach from one Side to the other, and is strongly fortified. You'll observe that in all the King's Yards in Spain the Constructors in every Class are English, and the Ships built in the English Taste. Here are 12 Ships on the Stocks, and four Sail launched, all of 64 Guns, but as large as our 80 or 90 Gun Ships; for they have 150 Feet Keel, and 50 Feet extreme Breadth; but the greatest Work is their inclosing Part of this Harbour into a Basin to lay the Ships up in, with a Mould, or Quay, which Foundation is laid in five Fathom of Water, above a Mile in Length, and 40 Yards broad; upon this Quay, on the Inside, are Storehouses; on the Outside a Line of Defence, that will mount a great Number of Cannon, and when completed will be the greatest Work of the Kind in Europe; 12000 Men are employed on these Works; the Master Attendant here is acquainted with you, his Name is H——t, formerly a Boatswain in our Service."

January 21. Mr. Joshua Appleby of Durham, Chemist, having discover'd an easy and expeditious Method of rendering Sea Water fresh and wholesome at Sea; and the same, on a Reference from the Admiralty, having been thoroughly examined, and approved by the College of Physicians, and the Commissioners of the Victualling; the Lords Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, have published the Process, used by the said Joshua Appleby, in the London Gazette, that so useful a Discovery may be universally known. It is as follows:

"Put twenty Gallons of Sea Water into a Still, together with six Ounces of Lapis Infernalis, and six Ounces of Bones calcined to whiteness, and finely powdered. From this Quantity fifteen Gallons of fresh and wholesome Water may be extracted, in two Hours and a Half, at the Expence of little more than a Peck of Coals.—This Proportion of Ingredients will answer very well in these Northern Seas; but in some Parts of the Mediterranean, or Indian Seas, where the Water is more salt and bituminous, the Quantity must be increased to nine Ounces of each.—The Ships Boiler should not be used for this Process, what Remains being very noxious."

The following Extract of a Letter from Paris, dated January 23, has been published by Authority in the London Gazette.

"The late Reports of a contagious Distemper raging at Rouen, appear, upon the best Enquiry, to be without Foundation; and altho' a Disease has been rife in that Town, yet it was in no Degree pestilential; nor was it thought of Moment enough to cause any Precautions to be taken here, or elsewhere, by the Government, or to interrupt the constant Intercourse carried on by trading Boats, &c. between Rouen and this Place."

BOSTON, March 4.

One Day last Week, an Old Bachelor of Medfield, about 20 Miles from this Town, drove hither a five Year old Steer, of his own raising, the Weight whereof was 2268 Pounds, and so very fat that it was admired by all who saw it. The Owner had brought it up in the most tender Manner, and set his Affections so much upon it, that at parting with it, he mourned as one that had lost an only Son.

March 11. Last Monday Morning came to Town from Martha's Vineyard, Capt. Fortesque Vernon, Commander of a Brigantine, bound from South Carolina to this Port, and his Mate, Mr. William Harris:—By him we are informed, that on Tuesday the 19th of last Month, they had violent Gales of Wind, and a high Sea, and being off Noman's Island, near Martha's Vineyard, they were, in the Night, drove among the Rocks at the East End of that Island, and the hinder Part of the Vessel sinking, all the People on board, being 27 in Number, betook themselves to the Fore-part of her, where they remained till the next Morning in a very distressed and dangerous Condition, the Weather being very cold, and at that Time almost

broke to Pieces; but perceiving they were call'd to by some Body, from the Island, one of the Men stripp'd himself and attempted to swim to the Shore; but the Sea being boisterous he could not attain it, and therefore endeavoured to return to the Vessel, but in the Attempt was drowned: The rest expecting every Moment to perish got in the Boat, which was soon fill'd by the Waves, and set them all adrift among the Rocks; but with great Difficulty, and by the Assistance of Mr. Manner (who lives on the Island) seven of them got ashore, in a very poor, feeble Condition; but being furnished with warm Beds and Cloaths, they recovered their Strength in some good Measure.—The others were drowned.

Last Thursday, at the Court of Assize, held here for the County of Suffolk, came on the Trial of George Kelley, alias William Welch, indicted for the Murder of Darby O Brian, in November last, by stabbing and cutting him in the Belly, so that he soon after died, as has been mentioned in some of our former Papers; of which the Jury found him guilty: And we hear that he has since not only confess'd this Crime, but also several others which he has been concerned in from Time to Time.

March 25. From Portsmouth in New Hampshire we have Advice, that last Wednesday Night, a Number of armed Men, supposed Two or Three Hundred, came to the Prison there; broke the Door to Pieces, and carried off two Men who had been confined about three Weeks, on a strong Suspicion of their having killed two of the Eastern Indians several Months ago.

April 1. We have very good Intelligence, that eight Thousand Troops, with their Wives, and Children, were sent from France to America, in the Year 1752, viz. Two Thousand Five Hundred to Canada, Three Thousand Five Hundred to Mississippi, and Two Thousand to St. Domingo, and that those Troops are arrived at the several Places of their Destination.—From this Intelligence, and certain Accounts that we have of the Encroachments of the French both from Canada and Mississippi, upon his Majesty's Territories, back of the present Settlements of the Southern Colonies, the Forts they are building, their having engaged three large Tribes of Indians living upon the Lakes, to take up the Hatchet against the English, added to their Encroachments upon Nova-Scotia, and the new Forts they are building near Kennebeck River, within this Province, contrary to the most solemn Treaties, and all done since the late Peace; it is very easy to penetrate the Designs of the French, and without the Spirit of Prophecy to foretell, that if there is not a vigorous and united Opposition effectually to prevent it, they will, in a few Years, lay a solid and lasting Foundation, for making themselves in Time Masters of all America.

We hear from Rhode Island, that at the Sessions held at Newport the last Week, one Coggeshall, and Averell, both belonging to Connecticut, were convicted of passing a Number of Counterfeit Bills (knowing them to be such) in Imitation of the Sixteen Pound Bills of the late Emission; and that agreeable to the Sentence of the said Court, the said Averell was on last Tuesday Se'nnight pillory'd, cropp'd, and branded, but that Coggeshall's Punishment is put off until some Time in May next.

WILLIAMSBURG.

April 5. The General Assembly of North Carolina, have voted Twelve Thousand Pounds Proclamation Money, for the Ohio Expedition; and have ordered Seven Hundred and Fifty Men to be immediately raised, under the Command of Colonel Innes, and marched into this Colony.

Last Sunday an Express returned here from Charles Town, South Carolina, whither Place he left the 14th ult. by whom we learn, the Assembly of that Province was then sitting, that both Houses seem'd very sanguine in raising a Supply for the Ohio Expedition, and that the Sum agreed on was One Hundred Thousand Pounds.

NEW-YORK.

March 25. A large Quantity of Counterfeit British Halfpence was seiz'd in this City on Tuesday Morning last, by the Surveyor and Searcher of his Majesty's Customs.

Capt. Kip from St. Thomas informs us, that when he was at St. Eustatia, the Store of Mr. Frederick of that Island was broke open, and robb'd by some Frenchmen, of Goods to the Amount of £. 500, but upon diligent Search, the greatest Part were again found, and nine of the Frenchmen, who were suspected to be concerned, apprehended and committed to Goal.

April 1. Capt. Kendrick from Bristol, met with exceeding bad Weather on his Voyage thither: On the 21st of February, Francis Healy, his Mate, in setting a Studden Sail, fell overboard, and was drowned;

and on the 2d ultimo, the Sea running prodigiously high, he carried away his Boltsprit and Mast, and was in imminent Danger, expecting to founder every Moment.

On the 7th ult. a Ship belonging to New England, bound from the West Indies, was cast away at Barnagat; but the People, and some of the Cargo, 'tis said, are saved.

April 8. A Subscription is now on Foot, and carried on with great Spirit, in order to raise Money for erecting and maintaining a public Library in this City; and we hear that not less than 70 Gentlemen have already subscribed Five Pounds Principal, and Ten Shillings per Annum, for that Purpose. We make no Doubt but a Scheme of this Nature, so well calculated for promoting Literature, will meet with due Encouragement from all who wish the Happiness of the Rising Generation.

Last Tuesday Morning £. 150, in Counterfeit British Halfpence, was seized in a House in this City, by George Harrijen, Esq; Surveyor and Searcher of his Majesty's Customs. [Such Affiduity as this, in making two considerable Seizures within a fortnight's Time, will, we trust, be an effectual Step towards preventing the Importation of Counterfeit Copper Halfpence into this Province, so prejudicial to the Country in general, and the fair Trade in particular: and will, undoubtedly, reflect no less Honour on one so zealous for the Good of the Common Weal, than Dishonour on the Person or Persons who may at Times import them, contrary to the express Words of the Act of Assembly of this Province, lately made and provided in that Behalf.]

PHILADELPHIA.

April 4. In a Letter from Bristol, of the 6th of February, Mention is made of the Native in the East Indies having taken Pondicherry from the French: And that Governor Cornwallis, or Thomas Pitts, Esq; would have the Government of New-York.

From Lisbon there is Advice, that there happen'd a violent Storm in the Streights on the 10th of January last, by which they had heard of the Loss of about thirty Sail of Vessels: And that a few Days before our Vessels sailed, two Ships were lost on Lisbon Bar, an English and Frenchman.

Capt. Masbet, in a New York Brigantine, bound to London, is lost on the Isle of Wight; the People saved.

Capt. Middleton, from Bermuda, informs us, that Capt. Langdon, of the Ship Jacob of New York, bound to the Bay of Honduras, foundered on the Passage; and that the Crew took to the Boat, and got safe to Bermuda, after being twenty Days at Sea, and their Water just gone as they came in.

ANNAPOLIS.

Last Saturday, about One o'Clock, his Excellency our Governor returned home in Health, from the Eastern Shore, having been above a Month on his Tour, thro' all the Four Lower Counties there. His Excellency was received, entertain'd, and accompanied, in and thro' all of them, with the utmost Tokens of Deference and Respect.

On the 15th Instant, his Excellency's Gift of Twenty Pounds, was ran for near Talbot County Court House, by Four Horses. There were a great Number of People on the Race Ground, suppos'd to be upwards of 2000 Horse, beside a great Number of Carriages; and in the Middle of the Ground was erected a Stage, about 60 Feet in Length, and 20 in Width, for the Reception of his Excellency, and a Number of the Gentlemen and Ladies, who could from thence view the Horses quite round the Course. The Prize was won by a Horse belonging to Mr. Rice of that County.

We hear from Saint Mary's County, that at the Assizes in that County, last Week, the Mulatto Fellow who was taken up for a Rape and Murder, committed on a Girl about 12 Years of Age, lately mentioned, was tried and found guilty; but what Death he is to suffer we have not yet heard.

Monday last his Excellency our Governor, in Council, was pleas'd to prorogue the General Assembly of this Province (which stood prorogued to the first of May) to Wednesday the Eighth of May, when they will certainly meet for the Dispatch of Public Business.

Yesterday Morning about 8 o'Clock, a Fire broke out in the Dwelling House of Mr. Fleming, Black-Maker, near the Dock in this City; but how the Fire was occasioned cannot be found out; it had got to such a Head before it was discovered, that it was impossible to save the House, and it was with the utmost Difficulty that the adjacent Neighbourhood, which is very thick built, was prevented from the same Fate; but by the Calmness of the Weather, and great Diligence of the People, it was prevented from spreading.

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