

put a Stop to the Armament
s; however, the Preparations for
cks are continued with equal Ard
d, which is never done but upon
Decision of an Admiral is appoint
of great naval Reputation.

O N D O N

Letters from Paris it appears, that
Brazz, Lieutenant General of the
mies, Commander in Chief of the
nders and Hainault, and Grand-
emonies of France, died the 27th
Year of his Age. The Dutch
Small Pox. The Court, being
Satisfaction from the Algerines,
a definitive Resolution of treating
tes with the utmost Rigour. Abbe
amous Orator in the Parliament
talked a little too freely of the
y at Caen, where he was exiled,
Argenteau, where it is said he is
ned. The East India Company
d in their Returns will have but
Year. The Dauphiness advances
regnancy. The Court seems dis-
satisfying militant Zeal of the Bishop
rizing the Curate to refuse the
ady. The Count de St. Floren-
las wrote a Letter to that Pre-
of his Conduct; and that the
approves of the Proceedings of the
ardeaux on this Occasion.

We learn that the Master of a
arrived in this Port a few Days
clerkical State, informs us, that
Tripolitan Corsair off Porto Her-
nd of the Corsair obliged him to
- which being approved, he was
sue his Voyage without further
vice has been received here from
after the Dey had taken upon
rment of that State, he ordered
chebecks, a Frigate of 30 Guns,
s, on a Cruise in the Spanish and
ainst the Ships of such Christian
m he is not engaged by any par-
and as an Encouragement to the
hose Ships to take Prizes, he has
greater Advantages than have hie-
d by former Cruisers: And more-
that the Senate shall pay 150
Knight of Malta, and 50 Sequins
on Sailor who shall be found on
they shall take belonging to the
urther said, that the new Dev has
t of his Predecessor, for banishing
in order to encourage them to re-
has promised them greater Privi-
rd to Commerce, than they en-
of passing that Edict.

oped, which will be carried into
Month, for recovering the Money
l Ships and Vessels lost on the
; particularly the Hollan-ia, a
lost about ten Years ago; and we
t Hon. the Earl of Godolphin,
s and Seas adjacent, has granted
ats, Esq; full Power and Autho-
ays and Means for making this
he Term of five Years. A new
to work under Water, with
cessful Experiments have been
for this Purpose, and several Di-
s, among whom is Mr. Mitchell,
Money belonging to the India-
some Time ago on the Cape de

the Person who has taken Refuge
Man of very considerable Rank.
e late War he was concerned in
e some of which were fitted out
Expense; particularly the Ben-
ad likewise a Number of Ships
Newfoundland Trade. But, his
Profits arose from the Losses he
by running his Ships into the E-
causing them to be sunk at Sea,
he Insurers. In the Year 1746,
a Fraud of this Kind, one of his
on the Irish Coast, after private-
ds, but the Figure Mr. B—
red High Sheriff for the County
before, and keeping his Coach
the Affidavits of his secret Allo-
the Evidence of his Guilt at
the Insurers gave up the Affair.
ever, failed him in the Year
was obliged to fly the Kingdom,
which his Confederate, Lantry,
ip Nightingale, Thomas Bence,
Esq;

Esq; Member of Parliament for Barnstable, On
now lies under Sentence of Death in Newgate.
It is reported that the abovementioned Fugitive
has taken Sanctuary in a Convent, and is become
a Roman Catholic; if so, there are no Hopes that
the Portuguese will give him up, if demanded.

B O S T O N

April 11. On Thursday the 28th of last Month,
in the Afternoon, a very Terrible Accident happen'd
at the House of Mr. Aaron Willard, at Lancaster:
Several Children being at play in a Room, when
he and his Wife were from Home, one of them, a
Boy in the Neighbourhood, took down a Firelock, and
said it; but being told by Mr. Willard's Daugh-
ter, a Girl of about 13 Years of Age, that it was
loaded, he took the Rammer to try whether it was
or not, but the Rammer being too short it went down
even to the Muzzle, and therefore he thought it was
not, and so continued playing with the Gun till it
went off, and, being charged with Shot, kill'd the
said Girl and her Brother, a Child of about 9 Years
of Age, in an Instant.

April 22. Thursday last, between ten and eleven
o'Clock in the Forenoon, a terrible Fire happen'd in
the westerly Part of this Town, which in a short
Time entirely consum'd four or five large Dwelling-
houses, with the greatest Part of the Furniture, &c.
and as the Houses consisted of several Tenements, 'tis
said near twenty Families are burnt out. The Wind
was at North west, it blew excessive hard, and the
burning Shingles were carried by it over the Middle
of the Town, which falling upon the Houses, set a
burnance of them on Fire, so that the Inhabitants
were alarm'd with the Cry of Fire, and continually
running from one Place to another to extinguish it,
which at last they happily effected, but not before
several Buildings had suffer'd much Damage.

W I L L I A M S B U R G

May 3. Last Tuesday Evening, at Eight o'Clock,
was determin'd a Wager, sometime depending, that
one Man and Horse should perform a Journey of
1000 Miles in 744 Hours, which was performed
with the greatest Ease in much less Time; he having
rod 1014 Miles and 3 Quarters in 652 Hours,
being 82 Hours less than the Time allowed him to
perform it in. It was done by a pacing Horse, un-
fired, and a Negro Boy about 14 Years of Age.

May 9. On Saturday last arrived in Town from
Ohio, Ensign Edward Ward of Capt. Trent's Com-
pany, with an Indian Messenger from the Half-
King. Lieutenant Ward informs us, that on the
17th of last Month, the French, consisting of about
1000 Men, under the Command of Monsieur de Can-
trecaur, came from Venango, in 300 Canoes, and
60 Battoes, with 18 Pieces of Cannon, to the Forks
of Monongahela, where he, with 33 Soldiers, were
in Garrison: That as soon as they landed, they
marched in regular Order within a Musket Shot of
the Fort, and demanded an immediate Surrender,
threatening, on his Refusal, to take it by Force.
The great Superiority of the French, oblig'd him to
give it up, having obtained Liberty to march out
with every Thing he had in the Fort. The next
Day with his Company, he set out to meet the Forces
ordered from Alexandria to reinforce him, and at
Will's Creek, met Lieutenant Colonel Washington,
with a Detachment of 150 Men under his Command.
Colonel Washington on hearing this Account, thought
it unadvisable to proceed to the Forks with so small
a Force, but determin'd to march to Red Stone Creek,
about 37 Miles from the Fort, and there intrench
himself till he should be join'd by Colonel Fry.
The Speech brought by the Indian Messenger, from
the Half King, is full of the warmest Expressions of
Friendship and Attachment to the English Interest.
His Honour the Governor dispatch'd him on Tuesday,
with firm Assurance of a vigorous Assistance.

When all the Forces now ordered to the Ohio, from
this, and the neighbouring Governments, are arri-
ved, they will make up about 1100 Men, besides
the Assistance we expect from Pennsylvania, Mary-
land, South Carolina, &c. and a great Number of
Indians that are ready to join us.

N E W Y O R K, March 8.

Messrs. Printers, Plumb Island, Feb. 4.
The following Narration, if you think it worthy
of a Place in your Paper, you may freely commu-
nicate the same to the Public, since there are seve-
ral Men of undoubted Veracity, who were Eye-
Witnesses, and are ready to attest to the Truth of it:
"Yesterday about Ten in the Morning, there
appeared a strange Phenomena rising out of the
Sea, betwixt Gardner's Island and Plumb Island,
which was to Appearance like three Ships full rig-
ged, with their Sails spread, the largest of which
had a Pendant at her Main-top-mast Head: The
Persons who saw it were so near them, that they
could plainly discern the Men upon the Quarter-
Deck, as also their Yards, Tops, Blocks, Rigging
and other Appurtenances belonging to Ships; and

in a few Minutes they seem'd to engage each o-
ther; they could see the Smoke of their Guns, but
hear no Report." In the Time of the Engagement
they put about several Times, and the large Ship
haul'd up her Courtes; the whole was perform'd
with the utmost Dexterity, as tho' they were navi-
gated by the most skillful Mariners; and thus it
continued for the Space of a Quarter of an Hour
and then by Degrees vanish'd away. As we look
upon it to be a supernatural Production, so the
Consequences of it we will not pretend to deter-
mine.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, May 2.

The Schooner Argo, Captain Swaine, is sail'd
on a second Attempt for the Discovery of the
Northwest Passage.

May 9. Friday last an Express arriv'd here from
Major Washington, with Advice, that Mr. Ward,
Ensign of Capt. Trent's Company, was compelled
to surrender his small Fort in the Forks of Monon-
gahela to the French, on the 17th inst; who fell
down from Venango with a Fleet of 360 Battoes
and Canoes, upwards of 1000 Men, and 18 Pieces
of Artillery, which they planted against the Fort;
and Mr. Ward having but 44 Men, and no Can-
non to make a proper Defence, was oblig'd to
surrender on Summons, capitulating to march out
with their Arms, &c. and they had accordingly
join'd Major Washington, who was advanced with
three Companies of the Virginia Forces, as far as
the New Store near the Allegheny Mountains,
where the Men were employed in clearing a Road
for the Cannon, which were every Day expected
with Col. Fry, and the Remainder of the Regi-
ment.—We hear farther, that some few of the
English Traders on the Ohio escap'd, but 'tis sup-
posed the greatest Part are taken, with all their
Goods, and Skins, to the Amount of near 20,000 l.
The Indian Chiefs, however, have dispatch'd Mes-
sages to Pennsylvania, and Virginia, desiring that
the English would not be discouraged, but send out
their Warriors to join them, and drive the French
out of the Country before they fortify; otherwise
the Trade will be lost, and, to their great Grief,
an eternal Separation made between the Indians
and their Brethren the English. 'Tis farther said,
that besides the French that came down from Ve-
nango, another Body of near 400, is coming up
the Ohio; and that 600 French Indians, of the
Chippaways and Ottaways, are coming down Siota
River, from the Lake, to join them; and many
more French are expected from Canada; the De-
sign being to establish themselves, settle their In-
dians, and build Forts just on the Back of our Set-
tlements in all our Colonies; from which Forts,
as they did from Crown Point, they may send out
their Parties to kill and scalp the Inhabitants, and
ruin the Frontier Counties. Accordingly we hear,
that the Back Settlers in Virginia, are so terrify'd
by the Murdering and Scalping of the Family last
Winter, and the Taking of this Fort, that they
begin already to abandon their Plantations, and
remove to Places of more Safety.—The Confi-
dence of the French in this Undertaking seems
well grounded on the present disunited State of the
British Colonies, and the extreme Difficulty of
bringing to many different Governments and As-
semblies to agree in any speedy and effectual Mea-
sures for our common Defence and Security; while
our Enemies have the very great Advantage of
being under one Direction, with one Council, and
one Purse. Hence, and from the great Distance
of Britain, they presume that they may with Im-
punity violate the most solemn Treaties subsisting
between the two Crowns, kill, seize and imprison
our Traders, and confiscate their Effects at Pleasure
(as they have done for several Years past) murder
and scalp our Farmers, with their Wives and Chil-
dren, and take an easy Possession of such Parts of
the British Territory as they find most convenient
for them; which if they are permitted to do, must
end in the Destruction of the British Interest, Trade
and Plantations in America.

A N N A P O L I S

Friday last arriv'd here, from London, after a
Passage of 29 Days, Capt. James Dobbins, in the
Thames Frigate, with 130 of his Majesty's Passen-
gers, who were at Home so expert and knowing in
some Arts, that they were oblig'd to Travel for the
BETTER PROPELLO of his Majesty's American
Plantations; at least for the Term of Seven Years.
Capt. Dobbins, from his Departure from the Lizard,
came 1684 Miles in 198 Hours.

On Wednesday Morning last Week, about the same
Time that Mrs. Marriot's House in this Town was
struck with Lightning, one Edward Loyd, who
rented a small House and Tract of Land in Queen-
Anne's County, was thereby struck dead in an In-
stant. The Gust being very violent, and he very
fearful of Lightning, he got out of Bed, from his

Wife, in Order to kindle up the Fire, and as he sat
on his Bed, blowing it with a Wing, a Flash
came down the Chimney, which drove him back
against the Jamb, in a sitting Posture, with the
Wing in his Hand; he had nothing on but his Shirt,
which was coarse and strong, and the Collar and
other Parts of it were torn by the Lightning; but
there was no Mark to be found on his Body: The
Bedstead where he had just lain, was rent to Pieces,
and his Wife run'd. The next Day his Body turn'd
very black and much swelled.

Custom House, Annapolis, Enter'd since May 9.
Ship Thames, James Dobbins, from London;
Brig Nancy, William Strachan, from Madeira;
Ship St. Lawrence, T. Hooper, from London;
Ship Peggy, Benjamin Bell, from London;
Brig Grove, Robert Wilson, from Barbadoes.
Clear'd for Departure,
Ship Biddeford, John Cole, for Bristol.

J U S T I M P O R T E D

From LONDON, in the THAMES, and to be Sold
by the Subscriber, at ANNAPOLIS, during the
Ship's Stay there, and afterwards at the Ferry
Branch of Patuxco,
CHESHIRE and Gloucestershire CHEESE,
LEMONS, STRONG BEER and
ALE, in Bottles and Cask, LONDON POR-
TER in Barrels, choice CLARET in three
Dozen Hampers, French WHITE WINE in
Chests, each Chest containing thirty Flasks, China
and Earthen WARE, black OAKAM, and
OSNABRIGS, with fundry other GOODS
too tedious to mention.

James Dobbins.

D E S E R T E D from the Vir-

ginia Regiment, the 8th Day of May, the
following Men, viz.
Thomas Locker, born in Maryland, 28 Years of
Age, 5 Feet 6 Inches high, of a pale Complexion,
with dark Hair, and is well made, and active.
He had on a light grey Country made Cloth Coat,
with Side Pockets, and Leggings tied with yellow
Binding. He lived in the Eastern Branch of
Potowmack. He was punished for a former
Desertion, and probably has some Marks of it on
his Back.

Ignatius Jones, 23 Years old, born in Maryland,
and enlisted with Mr. Polson, at Lower Marib-
rough: He is 5 Feet 7 Inches and a half high, and
of a dark Complexion. Had on a short blue Coat
turn'd up with red.

Peter Brillinger, or Prelinger, 28 Years old,
a Swiss, or Dutchman, late of Alexandria, Butcher,
and formerly lived, as he said, about Manockas; he
is 5 Feet 8 Inches and three Quarters high, of
a dark, tho' jolly Complexion, and dark bushy
Hair, is short neck'd, and round shouldered: He
had on a very narrow brimmed Hat. He went
away in Company with his Wife, who is a slender
Woman.

Patrick Smith, enlisted by Mr. Polson, at Lower
Mariborough.

Whoever brings either of the three first men-
tioned Men to me, at Winchester, or to Major John
Carlyle, at Alexandria, shall have Two Pistoles
Reward for each, and for the last mentioned One
Pistole. Maj. Carlyle. Joshua Fry.

Conformable to LAW,

N O T I C E is hereby given, That
there is at the Plantation of Capt. John
Addison, near Bread Creek, in Prince George's County,
taken up as a Stray, a Sorrel Mare, with a
flaxen Mane and Tail, and branded on the rear
Buttock, but what the Brand is cannot be made
out.

The Owner may have her again, on proving
his Property, and paying Charges.

T H E R E are at the Plantation

of Capt. Thomas Addison, at Giffborough, at
the Mouth of the Eastern Branch of Potowmack
River, in Prince George's County, the undermen-
tioned Cattle, viz. A Red and White Bull, mark-
ed with a Crop and under Bit and over Bit in
the right Ear, and under half in the left.

Two Red and White Heifers, with the same
Marks.

A Black Steer, mark'd with a Crop and Slit
and under Bit in the right Ear, and a Hole in the
left.

A Brindled Pied Heifer, with a Sallow Park
in the right Ear, and under Bit and over Bit in the
left.

The Owners may have them again, on proving
their Property, and paying Charges.