

May 9, 1754.
RDAY was committed to Custody, on Suspicion of being a *James Brown*, who denies he has says he came into *York River* in Months ago, the Captain's Name Ship's Name he has forgot; he the Brogue, has on a blue Cloth es, a striped Flannel Waistcoat; he is of a swarthy Complexion, Eyes.
 may have him again, on Appli e Fees, and Charge of this Ad.
William Young,
 Sheriff of *Baltimore County*.

Persons indebted to the *Capt. Joseph Cowman*, late of *Annapolis*, deceased, are desired to come and settle their Balances, to prevent Trouble who have any Demands against him, are desired to bring them in legally shall be immediately paid, by *Joseph Cowman*, Executor.

LONDON directly,
 The good Ship *HANBURY*,
JAMES CREAUGH,
 Commander;
 A new Vessel, built at *Annapolis*, staunch, strong, and well fitted, and now lying in the *Ferry Branch* of *Patapsco River*.

load **TOBACCO** on to be consign'd to any of the *Lea*- without Exception, on the follow- Five Pounds Sterling per Ton, of brought to the Ship's Side; or at rling per Ton, if fetch'd from any er, at the Ship's Charge. No doubt but this Vessel will be early re, having near one Third of her for her.

or Passage apply as follows, viz. *Creaugh*, in *Annapolis*, *Chamier*, at *Elk Ridge Landing*, *Orman*, in *Baltimore Town*, *Creaugh*, on board the said Vessel. er, as Owner of the above named ave to observe to all the Gentlemen *Messieurs John Hanbury* and *Company*, was intended for their Service, and an extraordinary Expence to get her e to have loaded last Fall, but could hopes, nevertheless, that the Good- essel, her being the Built of this owners of the Freight (a Consider- ch regarded now Tobacco is so low) nity of her being an early Vessel, m, and other Gentlemen Shippers ants, to give her the Preference of which shall be gratefully acknow-

and obliged Servant,
Patrick Creaugh.

IMPORTED,
LIOR, CARROLL, and WHITE,
AND, to be Sold by the *Sub-* Store in *UPPER-MARLBOROUGH* *River*.
 Variety of *European* *India* **GOODS**, *Sail Duck*, *An-*, *Cordage*, *Twine*, *Ship Chandle-* at the most reasonable Rates, for *Cash*, or *Tobacco*.

Stephen West.

Subscriber being removed *Marlborough*, all Persons who have against him, contracted during his *Annapolis*, are desired to send in their *Dr. Dick's* Store there, that they may paid; And those who are say d to him, are requested to settle and respective Accounts to *Mr. James* all grant proper Discharges for such *Stephen West*.

Office in *Charles-street* a *SEMENTS* of a moderate *per Week* after for *Cor-*

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MARYLAND GAZETTE

Containing the freshest Advices foreign and domestic.

THURSDAY, June 20, 1754.

LONDON, January 19.

The following surprizing Discovery of a Murder, committed above Twenty Years before, we have in a Letter from Worcester of the 5th Instant.

THE Father of a very eminent and learned Physician now in *London*, had Occasion to make a Journey with a Gentleman of his Acquaintance, into a distant Country; and coming into a large Town about Dinner Time, thought proper to call at an Inn to dine, before they pursued their Journey; and while their Dinner was providing, took a walk in the Church Yard till it was ready. They went up to the Sexton, who was making a Grave, and stood to look at him, and asking him some Questions concerning the Town, and adjacent Country, they saw a Skull that he had thrown out with the Mould, which the Gentlemen had frequently their Eyes upon; they saw it wave backwards and forwards several Times, which very much surprized them, seeing nothing that could give it that Motion; which induced one of them to take it in his Hand, and looking thro' the large hole on the hind Part of the Head, thro' which the Brain communicates with the Marrow, saw a large Toad within the Skull, which, in moving, gave the Skull the waving Motion, which they observed it to have; and at the same Time, on a more attentive View, observed the Point of a large Nail that had been forced thro' the Bone, the rusty Head of the Nail appearing on the outside of the Skull; this, (without taking any Notice of it to the Grave Digger) caused them to ask him several Questions concerning the Person that had been buried there, and how long since, and the Place he was buried from, and of the Disorder that caused his Death. To which the Sexton answered, that he had been in that Office above Twenty Years, and that the first Grave that he made, was for a Gentleman that lay at such an Inn (naming the Inn that these Gentlemen intended to dine at) who went to Bed in Appearance well, and was found dead the next Morning; and the next Day, was buried in this Place, without further Enquiry; and believed that to be his Skull, as this Ground had not been opened since his Funeral, till now. They asked who kept the Inn at that Time; were informed that the very same Persons that kept it now, kept it, when the Gentleman was buried, and that they were People in good Credit. This Information, caused the Gentlemen (instead of going to Dinner) to enquire for a Justice, and took the Grave Digger and Skull before him, where the Sexton repeated what he had before said; which caused the Innkeeper and his Wife, to be sent for, who confessed the forcing the Nail into his Skull, while he was asleep, of which he died. On this Confession, they were sent to *Gaol*; and at the following Assizes for the County, were tried for that Fact, and were condemned, and executed for the same. This is a Fact well attested.

PARIS, March 25.

AREPORT has obtained for some Days, that the Inhabitants of the *Cevennes* are in open Revolt, and have cut off a military Detachment which had been sent against them. The Cause of this Revolt is not mentioned, nor any Particulars of the Action. The *Cevennes* are in the South of *France*, on which it is as it were the Highlands, and religious Wars have been maintained there by the Protestants with signal Reformation.

LONDON.

February 28. We are informed that *Mr. Ferguson*, who has contrived and made several very curious Machines, for explaining and improving Astronomy, exhibited lately, before the *Royal Society*, a new Contrivance of his own Invention, by

which the whole Progress of any Eclipse, is represented to the Eye, with the Passage of the Shadow on the Earth, with the greatest Exactness; the whole gave general Satisfaction, and the Author encouraged to proceed in his Studies.

Extract of a Letter from *Ipswich*, dated Feb. 25. On Sunday Night the 17th Instant, the famous *Baxter*, alias *Poulter*, the notorious Highwayman, who was condemned last Assizes, for robbing *Dr. Hancock* of *Salisbury*, made his Escape from our *Gaol*, and on Tuesday following was retaken at *Wookey*, near *Wells*. He gives the following Account of his Escape and re-taking: Being permitted to lie in the Room with *Newman*, the Debtor, he with *Newman* got out of the Window, and with the Assistance of Ropes let themselves down, that he walked ten Miles with his Irons, till they came to a Wood, where he was six Hours getting them off, when they resolved to go for *Wales*, and calling at an Alehouse in *Okey* to drink, were seen by a Boy who came for a Half-penny worth of small Beer, and remembered his Face, from having seen him at the Assizes at *Wells*, which Boy reported it to three *Mafons*, who immediately took them both, just as they were going off, having paid their Reckoning. Yesterday an Express arrived from *London*, to order his Execution to Day. He passed all Day Yesterday in fervent Devotion, received the Sacrament, &c. After which, being questioned in a solemn Manner about the Truth of what he has related in his Book of Discoveries, he declared, as he hoped to be received into the Kingdom of Heaven through the Merits of *Jesus Christ*, that every Thing mentioned in it was true; being then questioned about the *Gaol-keeper's* having received Money so favour his Escape, which had been reported, he declared there was no Foundation for it; nothing of that Sort having passed between them. He declared he was very willing to die, provided he could first see his Wife, who was immediately sent for to *Bath*.

March 15. Our Readers will not be displeas'd to hear, that by the Accounts we have received from various Parts of Europe, it is confirm'd, that the Language of our Country is at this Time making a very rapid and extensive Progress abroad. In *France*, the reading an English Author intelligently and fluently, is become a polite Accomplishment; and in many Parts of *Germany*, to be well instructed in the English Tongue, is considered as an essential Part of Liberal Education. This Sollicitude to cultivate a Knowledge of the Language, seems to arise from a general Conviction, that the literary Productions of Great Britain exceed both in Number and Value those of all other Nations.

March 23. The *Brazilian* Nations on the Confines of the Country that are to be yielded to the *Crown of Spain*, have peremptorily declared that they will not submit, alledging, that it is a Mark of the lowest and basest Slavery, to be transferred from Nation to Nation, for their Convenience, and that therefore they are determined to convince such as shall put that Treaty in Execution, that they have not Brutes, but Men, to deal with.

March 26. Yesterday it was reported, that the *French* have taken Possession of a back Settlement to the Province of *Virginia*.

Two Men of War are ordered to join the Sloops of War appointed to go to the *West-Indies*, for a further Protection of the British Settlements in those Parts.

On Wednesday last ended the Assizes for the County of *Monmouth*, when *William Price*, for the barbarous Murder of *Jonas Levy*, the travelling Jew, receiv'd Sentence of Death; and next Day was executed accordingly, and his Body deliver'd to the Surgeons.

Our Advices from *Italy* are still very mysterious: Every Person means to preserve the public Tranquility, and yet most of them seems to prepare for War. Some are raising Troops, others are nego-

ciating Alliances, and all seem to agree in this Point, that the best Way to maintain Peace, is to keep in a Posture of Offence and Defence; while simple Politicians think all this Trouble and Expence might be saved, if every Potentate would only produce fair Accounts of their respective Revenues and Resources, whereby they might judge of the Mischief they could do each other in Case of a War.

March 30. Our Advices from the *East Indies* represent the Affairs of the *Dutch* in the *Island of Java* as in a very critical Situation, on Account of some Differences between the Emperor and his Nephew, in which the former wants to compel them to side with him, threatening, in Case of Refusal, to expel them wholly out of the *Island*: And this Menace is supported by an Army of 50,000 Men, to which the *Dutch* can oppose only 6000.

April 1. Our Correspondent at *Falmouth* has sent us the following Advices. On Saturday last the *Fly Catch*, *William Fielding*, Master, arrived here with an Express to the Admiralty. She brings an Account, that the *Eagle* Man of War, *Commodore Pocock*, in a strong Gale of Wind the Monday before at 7 o'Clock in the Evening drove upon the *Bristol* Man of War in *Kinfales Road*. The Gale was so violent, that they were very near being lost; to prevent which they were forced to cut away all their Masts, and are now both safe, tho' in a very shattered Condition, and Warring to get over the Bar of *Kinfales*. All the rest of the Fleet have escaped without Damage, and the Hands are well, only much fatigued with assisting the Crews of the *Eagle* and *Bristol*. When they are safe over the Bar the Admiral will go into *Cork Harbour*.—The *Beehive* Cutter, *Gale*, in the Service of the Customs, brought into *Penzance* a few Days since a Smuggling Cutter, the Cargo of which, consisting chiefly of Brandy and Tea, is said to have cost upwards of 1000 Pounds.—The latter End of last Week the Officers of the Port of *Gweek* seized a Quantity of wrought Wool, designed, as is supposed, for *France*; a Traffic that must be highly prejudicial to these Kingdoms.

April 11. Tuesday Evening died, at *Caldecot*, near *Abingdon* in *Berkshire*, *Mr. EDWARD CARTE*, Editor of *Thuanus*, Author of the *Life of the first Duke of Ormond*, and of Three Volumes of the *General History of England*: The Fourth Volume of which Work was in great Readiness for the Press. By his Death the World hath lost a very able and indefatigable Writer: Who, at least, hath given such a masterly Proof of his Knowledge in the Constitution and Polity of this Country, in the Design which he was carrying on, as may interest all its Readers in a Concern for so unhappy an Interruption of an English History, written upon English Principles.

Worcester, March 21. *George Steel*, alias *John Pilkington*, who was executed on Thursday last, behaved to the last, with great Hardiness and Obstinacy.—On his Trial he was remarkably bold and insolent; for when the Judge had pronounced Sentence of Death on him, concluding with Praying the Lord to have Mercy on his Soul, *Steel* immediately cried out, *And the Lord have Mercy on your Soul, and every Body's else here*. He acknowledged he had formerly belonged to the noted *Baxter's Gang*, and was principally concern'd in Horse-stealing, but could not be prevailed on to discover any of the Accomplices, yet was so generous to inform several Persons where they might meet with their Horses that had been stolen from them. On the Morning of his Execution two of his Acquaintances came to take their Leaves of him, which he would not permit them to do, till they had pulled off their Gloves which they happen'd to have on. In his way to the Gallows, he exposed himself to View as much as possible, and often laugh'd; and observed a Person crying of *Hot Mutton Pies*, he expressed an Inclination to have one, and called out for that Purpose; but, upon recollecting himself, he thought it would be