

Portugal by Factors of their own Nation, who, after enriching themselves in a few Years, return home with immense Wealth, leaving their Houses to Relations or Clerks who are their Countrymen. The Portuguese, vexed to see Foreigners fatten on their Spoils, ask, why the Factors for foreign Trade are not entrusted to them? The Ministry have appeared for some Years sensible to these Complaints; and have from time to time made Attempts to put the Natives in Possession of the Magazines and Houses where the Foreigners deposit the Goods sold in Portugal or sent to the Indies. The Foreign Merchants answer, that they are, and always will be, ready to consign their Goods to the Portuguese, if these be able to answer and pay for them, like the Factors they have employed hitherto. The Foreign Merchants have done more: They have offered Goods to some Portuguese, asking how and when they expect to pay for them. The latter were unable, and did not presume, to promise Payment 'til the Return of the India Fleet: And being urged to explain themselves further, they were forced to own, that before the Return of the Fleet they should have Occasion for fresh Goods for the following Year: And thus their Vent would increase without their being able to insure the entire Payment of the first Goods 'til the third, fourth, or fifth Year, because their Indian Factors would require all that Time to convert them into Money.

It is apparent that the English and Dutch cannot deal with the Portuguese on these Terms; the Factors whom they have hitherto dealt with having always made their Payment before the Return of the India Fleet. To this stumbling Block, so difficult to remove, another is added. The Portuguese Ministry would have the English, instead of the vast Sums they carry out yearly, take their Returns in Goods of the Growth of Portugal, such as Salt, Sugar, Hides, &c. brought from Brazil, Africa, and the Indies. A Proposal so reasonable could not be rejected, if the Portuguese would sell these Goods at the Prices they are sold at elsewhere. This is the Point under Consideration at present: There are great Hopes of its being settled; and if once adjusted to the reciprocal Satisfaction of the Parties concerned, the Portuguese Ministry will find some Expedient to adjust the first, by advancing Money to the Natives to pay their English and Dutch Correspondents.

April 9. On Saturday died at Hackwood Park near Basingstoke in Hants, the most noble Charles Powlett, Duke of Bolton, Marquis of Winchester, Baron St. John of Basing, and Baron of Powlett.

April 23. Letters from the Canaries advise, That the Governor lately sent thither from Spain is very strict in searching all foreign Ships that put in there; and a Dutch Ship having made Opposition to those new Orders, the Spaniards boarded her by Force, confined the Captain, and likewise put the Dutch Consul in Prison for taking his Part. A French Vessel, that also touched at the Canaries, in her Return from the West Indies, has been served in the same Manner; but the Captain readily submitted to the Search, that his Voyage might not be retarded.

Extrait of a Letter from Ipswich, April 19.

"This Morning came on the Election for Members to represent this Borough in Parliament; the Candidates were Admiral Vernon, Mr. Kent, and Sir Richard Lloyd: The Admiral was met at Bishop's Hill by upwards of 2000 People, where they formed a Cavalcade in the following Manner: First, a jolly Tar on Horse-back, with a blue Silk Flag, and VERNON wrote thereon in Gold Letters; upwards of 50 Jacks, Pendants and Ensigns, two and two; a Band of Music; the Admiral's Gentleman and Servants, two and two; the Admiral in his Coach; about 100 Horsemen, being the principal Gentlemen of the County of Suffolk, two and two; about 300 single Votes for the Admiral, two and two; all with blue Cockades in their Hats, with the following Motto in Silver Letters, CHRISTIANITY, LIBERTY, and LOYALTY: Lastly, the Populace, who paid the highest Regard to the Admiral's Request, that Harmony and good Humour may reign amongst them; and not Quarrels, Drunkenness and Discord.—About Ten o'Clock, News came that Sir Richard Lloyd had declined, whereupon the Admiral and Mr. Kent were returned.—No Name but that of VERNON the whole Day."

Oxford, April 21. The Election of Knights for our Shire draws near a Conclusion, there being a very few legal Votes to poll. This great Contest has been carried on with Spirit (and yet with Decency) on both Sides. One Interest having polled some customary Freeholders, or rather Copy holders, induced the other to do the same; but upon a Representation thereof both Sides agreed to strike off those Votes and to poll no more of them.

Three Persons who had voted twice (and that without the Desire of either Party) and came to poll again, were committed to our Castle and there are like to remain.

Monday Night the Poll for Oxfordshire was, Lord Wenman 2017, Sir James Dashwood 1995, Lord Parker 1804, and Sir Edward Turner 1776. The following is an Extrait of a Letter from our Correspondent at Dunkirk, dated March 26.

"For ten Days past, the Coldness of the Weather in Flanders has been much feverer than any which the oldest Inhabitant can remember. The Passage of Barges in the Canals is totally obstructed by Ice; and such a Quantity of Snow has fallen in and about St. Omer's in the Space of two Days, that a Gentleman measured a Depth of ten Feet in his Garden; and in the Fields, where the Snow has been driven by the Wind, it stands in Hills 40 and 50 Feet high. The Roads between St. Omer's and Lille are impassable; and the Woodcocks, which the Severity of the Weather has brought down in great Numbers, are made so tame by Cold and Hunger that the Farmers take them without Difficulty from the roosting Place they have chosen in Barns, and under Hay Ricks."

CHARLES-TOWN, (in South Carolina).

May 3. We hear, that the House of Assembly of this Province have come to a Resolution, to send for four Fire Engines for the Use of this Town.

May 21. A small Shock of an Earthquake was felt here last Sunday Morning, about 11 o'Clock, which lasted about 4 Seconds; and being unusual in this Country, created no small Surprize and Astonishment. The Tremor was scarce perceptible in Town, but in the circumjacent Parts of the Country very plain; and a Noise was very distinctly heard, most like the Rattling of Coach Wheels going over a Bridge.

PHILADELPHIA.

June 27. We have Advice from the Capes, that on the ninth Instant they had a violent Storm there at North East, by which one of their small Vessels, bound in from Virginia, was drove out as far as Latitude 36. That when the Gale abated she spoke with a large Londoner, bound to Virginia, that had lost her Main and Mizzen Masts; and with a Brigantine from Barbadoes, for the same Place, without her Bolt-sprit, and her Foremast sprung; and saw five or six Vessels more, who had all received some Damage by it: That Capt. Eve, of this Port, outward bound, had sprung his Mast, and had put back to Lewes Town; And that a Sloop belonging to Egg-Harbour, was drove ashore three Leagues to the Southward of the Cape, but was got off again; she lost her Boat, Cable and Anchor.

July 4. By Capt. Knox from Barbadoes, there is certain Advice, that the Rebecca, Capt. Lowther, of this Port, who was some Time ago taken and carried into Martinico, by a French Guard de Coast, is condemned and sold there.

Extrait of a Letter from Albany, June 26.

"Here is now the greatest Flood for the Time of Year that has happened within the Memory of Man. Several Sloops are driven from their Anchors, and carried down the River, with many Piles of Boards, Plank, &c. that were on the Banks. All the low Lands, Pastures, Meadow and Corn Ground, near the River, are under Water; the perpendicular Height of the Rising said to be twelve Feet. We hear from the Country, that many Mills are carried away; the Damage supposed to be many Thousand Pounds."

ANNAPOLIS.

We have a certain Account, that there has lately been a bloody Engagement between the Virginian Forces, and the French, near the Ohio; but the Reports are various, and we have not as yet been able to obtain an exact and perfect Account of the Particulars, so must defer them till another Week: Thus much we are assured of, that Col. Washington was greatly overpowered with Numbers, and had a good many Men kill'd and wounded; and that he is returned to Williamsburg.

Thursday last, John Wright, John Smith, and Toney, the three Men (so often mentioned) who run away with Mr. Creagh's Sloop, were brought up from Virginia, and committed to our Prison, where they are well loaded with Irons. It is said they will soon be tried at a Special Court to be appointed for that Purpose.

Last Sunday Ambrose Elliott, a Servant of Mr. Raitt's, was accidentally drowned in Severn.

There did not a sufficient Number of the Members of the General Assembly, come to Town on Tuesday, the Day to which they were prorogued, and his Excellency the Governor further prorogued them till Yesterday, when they 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 Wednesday the 17th of July, 1754.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

THE Cheerfulness with which you have attended every Business, relative to the common Interest of these his Majesty's Colonies, obviates every Doubt that I might entertain of any Exception being taken to my calling you together again so soon: And I flatter myself, that the present dangerous Situation of Affairs, will not only evince the Necessity of it, at this Time, but engage you, without Hesitation, fully to comply with the Directions contained in the Earl of Holderness's Letter.

The Designs of the French must now be evident to every one: They have openly, in Violation of all Treaties, invaded his Majesty's Territories, and committed the most violent Acts of Hostility, by attacking and entirely defeating the Virginian Troops under Col. Washington.

In this Emergency, the Hopes and Expectations of our Neighbours, whom, in Duty, Honour, and Interest, we are engaged to support and defend, are fixed upon us for Assistance; and what must the World think of our Conduct, or what Calamities may we not expect, if, from an unseasonable Parsimony, we coldly look on, while they are cut to Pieces? The boundless Ambition of the common Enemy, and the cruel Rage of their savage Allies, now upon our Borders, flushed with Victory, indispensably require a vigorous and immediate Exertion of all our Powers, to check their Progress.

The Indians, who are our Friends, likewise claim our Assistance: While their Warriors are in the Field with our Troops, their Women and Children are sent to us, to be protected and supported: This is the greatest Demonstration they can give of the Confidence they place in us. Nor can I doubt, but that at this critical Period, when the French are employing every Artifice to alienate their Affections from us, you will embrace so fair an Opportunity of firmly attaching them to our Interest, by taking Care to have their Wives and Children kindly and hospitably treated, while they are obliged to stay with us and implore our Protection.

As our Settlements on the Frontiers, must be the first exposed to the Inroads of the Enemy, I have ordered a Supply of Ammunition to Frederick County; and, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, issued a Proclamation, for the Militia to be put in the best Posture of Defence, that they may be prepared to Act, in case of Necessity: And, by the same Advice, have, at the earnest Request of Col. Innes, Commander in Chief of the North-Carolina Forces, granted him a supply of Arms, which, considering the present Urgency of Affairs, could not have been denied.

The Money in the Treasurers Hands, for the purchasing of Arms and Ammunition, being near exhausted, I must recommend to you, in the strongest Manner, the raising a sufficient Fund for that Purpose, so necessary at this Time, for the Defence of the Province: And must likewise observe, that the present State of the Militia, requires your most serious Attention.

Gentlemen,

There never was a Conjunction, in which your Unanimity, Vigour, and Dispatch, were more necessary than Now: And, as I depend upon the Prudence of your Resolutions, I am persuaded, you will make such Provisions adequate to the present Emergency, as will best express your Zeal, for his Majesty's Service, the Security and Welfare of this Province, and the Support of the common Cause.

ALL Persons, in this Province, indebted to the Estate of Capt. John Fearon, deceased, or to Mr. Peter Fearon, of London, Merchant, Executor of Capt. John Fearon, are hereby desired to pay their respective Debts to the Subscriber, Attorney in Fact for Mr. Peter Fearon.

Lancelot Jacques.

N. B. The said Jacques receives Debts due; in this Province, to Mr. Hunt, of London, Merchant; and all indebted to him are requested to pay.

TO BE SOLD,

FOUR Plantations in good Repair, and well improved, all choice plantable Land, belonging to Doctor Duell, lying near Capt. Johns's Run in Frederick County, and only 13 Miles from Rock Creek Warehouse. Those who incline to purchase, for Terms, may apply to Mrs. Duell, living near the said Plantations.

Mr. Geo. Scott.

THE RE was lat

here, a Box, (directed to) mark'd J. S. which upon opening contain a Suit of Cloaths, a Velvet of Stockings, Shoes, and Hand-sealed Letter without any exception dated "March 19, 1754." I am the Place; supercrib'd, "Monsieur dear Scriviner." Subscribed, Hannah Scriviner."

If the Owner can be found, or Things, on applying to the Person in Charge of this Advertisement.

N. B. The second Postoffice these Words, "Mr. Alexander" man and Mrs Sarah ex home you will be lord man

RICHARD W. PERUKE MAKER, PHILADELPHIA.

MAKES and

Perukes, at the lowest Price, by the late Ships from London, those of the Trade, choice Hairs, some of which with Horse, prepared; also, Caus Ribbons, Steel mixing Cards, Brushes, Powdering ditto, N. S. Sizes, a large Hone, &c. a Goods, Linnens, Woollens, Ware, Tea, &c. which he cheap, for ready Money. N. B. He gives good Hair useful in his Trade.

COMMITTEE

of Calvert County who confesses he is an Indian belongs to Mr. John North East in Cecil County He is a lusty well-set Fellow Englishman. He came ashore Landing, on the Bay Side, he says, is the Property of Carpenter, at the Head of Feet, and the Charge of this

RAN away ab

since, from the Subj. George's County, a sensible Fellow, named Peter, who Mrs. Sarah Beatie, in Ann is about 5 Feet 6 Inches high and brings him to the Subj. ward of Five Pistoles, paid John

RAN away the

stant July, from the Baltimore Town, a Convict William Faulkner, by Trade, a lusty, strong, well set Fellow, has a down Look, Coats, and Beard. Had a Coat, with Metal Buttons Places, a coarse white Shirts, Breeches, and old Shoes. It is supposed he will pro change his Apparel.

Whoever apprehends the him home, shall have taken in the Province; a Province, Five Pounds, and

Conformable

NOTICE is he

there is at the Plan Nanjamsy in Charles County a middle siz'd Black Horse Thigh with a T, and has Back. The Owner may his Property, and paying

Conformable

NOTICE is he

there is at the Plan in Frederick County, near a Stray, a Sorrel Mare, has a Blaze in her Face but no Brand to be discerned. The Owner may his Property, and paying