whereby he, with some others near him, were wounded; but their Wounds did not prove dangerous. The Perpetrators of this wicked Fact owned it, knowing they ran no Risk of suffering for it.

BOSTON.

July 1. On Tuesday last departed this Life, after a lingering Sickness, in the Fifty first Year of his Age, The Right Worshipful THOMAS OXNARD, Esq: Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in North America: A Gentleman whose Loss is not only deplored by the Fraternity, over which for eleven Years he presided, but by all those who had enjoyed the Pleasure of his Acquaintance. He was an experienced Merchant, an upright Dealer, an affectionate Husband, a tender Father, a sincere Friend, a kind Master. He was free from Bigotry and Enthusiasm, and his Religion, on the Duties of which he constantly attended, was truly Catholic. The News of his approaching Death was received by him with Composure and Resignation; he set his House in Order, and, in Expectation of a better Life, he bore the last Agonies of this with a most Christian Fortitude. Reader, wouldst thou shine in these amiable Virtues, imitate him. His Corps was attended to the Grave last Friday by a numerous Train of Relations, of Free and Accepted Masons, Friends and Acquaintance. The Free and Accepted Masons dressed in black, and cloath'd with white Aprons and Gloves, walk'd before in a Procession of two, with the Grand Master's Jewel, usually worn by him, pendant from the Ribbon, on a tassel'd black Velvet Cushion, carried next to the Corps. Immediately before the Cushion walk'd the Deputy Grand Master, with the Grand Wardens, the past Grand Officers, the other Officers of the Grand Lodge, the Masters, Wardens and Officers of the other Lodges in Town, in their Order: All the Masters and Wardens with their Jewels pendant upon black Ribbons. After the Interment, the Fraternity walked before the Relations, and returned with them to the Mansion House of the Deceased, where they took their Leave. The whole Attendance was conducted thro' a vast Number of Spectators with great Order and Decency.

We have certain Advice, that his Excellency, with the Gentlemen who attended him, arrived safe at Falmouth in Casco Bay on Wednesday last, where all the Transports were likewise arrived.

July 8. We have Advice by Letters from Falmouth in Casco Bay of the 2d and 4th Instant, That the Transports were all got in well, and the Soldiers all in good Health:——That they there met with 42 Indians, 27 of which were Males, chiefly of the Norridgewock Tribe.——That on Friday the 28th ult. his Excellency our Governor was pleased to open the Treaty with them: And the Day following let them know his Design and Resolution of Building a Fort on Teutonic Falls; which the Indians on the Monday following objected to; but after further Conference, they took the Matter again under Consideration, and the next Day declared, that they were willing the Governor should build a Fort according to his Desire; and that he might do it where he pleas'd on Kennebec River; and that the English might settle their Lands which they had fairly purchased, without any Molestation from them. That the Indians discover a very peaceable Temper; and seem very desirous of continuing in Friendship with the English: That on the 3d Instant the said Indians had a great Dance, and the next Morning departed Home well satisfied. That on the Friday before, the Governor sent an Express to St. George's to invite the Penobscutt's; and that they have since had certain News that they were coming, and were daily expected.

A Vessel which arrived here last Week from Bermudas, was in her Passage a few Days ago struck by Lightning off Cape Hatteras, which ran down the Mast and stove a Hole thro' the Deck, and struck down two of the Men, who lay stunned for some Time; one of them had the Skin on the back Part of his Head rip'd from the Scull, and was scorch'd on his Back quite down to his Wasteband; but upon being let Blood they both recovered soon after.

By a Letter from Frankfort, on Kennebec River, dated the 17th of June past, we have the following very remarkable Account, viz. That a few Days before the Date of that Letter, as Obadiah Albee, and his Brother, with one Trask, were going down Sheepscut River, in a large Canoe, they espied a Bear in the Water, at which they discharged a Gun, and wounded her, but not mortally, for she immediately made up to the Canoe, and Albee's Brother struck at her with an Ax, but missing his Blow, she catch'd hold of hit Arms, and pulled him overboard, where he was soon drowned: After this she got into the Canoe, and seizing Obadiah Albee, tore him very much; but at last he and Trask got into the Water, and swam towards the Shore, but observing the Bear had left the Canoe, they returned and endeavour'd to recover it; but Albee being much wounded was drowned before he could reach it.——This Obadiah Albee was some Time since tried for his Life in the County of York, for killing an Indian at Wiscasset.——Trask with Difficulty saved his Life by swimming to the Shore.

NEW-YORK.

July 8. By the last Advices from Albany we are informed, That none of the Indians came down 'til the 20th of June past: That the Mohawks, did not arrive 'til the 27th, in the Evening, and Hendrick, their Sachem, the next Day: That the Governor delivered his Speech to the Indians, in Behalf of this and all the Provinces, on the 29th: That several of the Indian Sachems spoke to the Governor the Day before he made his Speech to them: That they were to give their set Answers on Monday the first Instant: And, That the Indians seem to be in a very good Temper with the English, notwithstanding the Artifices of the French to induce them to the contrary.

We are told from South Carolina, that the Sloop mentioned in this Paper of May the 13th last, Whitesides, Master, taken in the River Gambia on the 3d of March last, by the Negroes, was retaken by the Carolina Sloop mentioned to be bound in, Capt. Rosse, Commander, after a very smart Engagement on both Sides.

By Capt. Man, and Capt. Savage, each in 32 Days from the Bay of Honduras, we are told, That about a Fortnight before they sailed, near 300 Spaniards came by Land against the Bay-men, with a Design to cut them off; but were repulsed and obliged to withdraw by the Attack of only 100 of the Inhabitants, who killed and wounded a great Number of them, and were not afterwards invaded.

July 15. From Albany we are told, That the Treaty ended there, in Favour of the British Interest, the latter End of the Week before last, and that several of the Gentlemen who assisted therein, designed to visit the Mohawks Country, being thereunto invited by sundry of the Mohawk Chiefs.

By a Vessel from the Isle of May, arrived here since our last in 32 Days, we are told, That Capt. Corne, in the Sloop Sarah and Elizabeth of this Port, had put into that Isle a short Time before she sailed, having been chaced off the Coast of Africa by a large French Vessel of Force, after he had been at Anchor some Days, made Purchase of a valuable Cargo, and was endeavouring to get it on board. Capt. Corne, who lost his Boat and two Anchors in endeavouring to escape, reported on his Arrival in the Isle, that Capt. Keteltas, who sails out of London in a Brig, was taken a little Time before he arrived on the Coast, by the above French Vessel, after a short but smart Engagement, in which he had five or six of his Hands killed, and he afterwards carried to one of their Settlements.

PHILADELPHIA, *July* 18.

Extract of a Letter from New-York, July 15.

'Tis strongly reported this Morning, that nine Sail of the Line have been seen going into Cape Breton.

ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS.

Wednesday, *July* 17, 1754.

THE Honourable the Speaker, and 29 other Members of the Lower House, assembled at the Stadt House.

Two Members were sent to acquaint his Excellency the Governor therewith.

Two Members of the Upper House came to the Lower House, and acquainted the Speaker, that the Governor required the immediate Attendance of the Lower House, in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker, attended by the Members, went up.

His Excellency the Governor made a Speech to both Houses. [*Printed in the last Week's* Gazette.]

Mr. Speaker, and the Members, returned to their own House.

The Governor's Speech was read.

The Gentlemen who were of the several Committees last Session, were continued this Session.

The House ordered, That a Member should acquaint the Rev. Mr. *Myers*, that he is requested by the House to read Divine Service, at VII in the Morning, and VI in the Afternoon, during this Session.

Ordered, That a Writ of Election be issued, directed to the Sheriff of *Kent* County, to choose a Representative for that County, in the Room of Mr. *Abraham Falconar*, deceased since last Session. [*This is the fourth Writ of Election directed to the Sheriff of that County, since the last General Election in* 1751, *one of them for electing Two Members, the others each for a single Member.*]

Thursday, *July* 18.

Four more Members appeared.

Col. *John Henry*, returned for *Worcester* County, (in the Room of Col. *Selby*, deceased), appeared, was qualified, and took his Seat.

An Address to the Governor, was brought in, read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

The Address was brought in Ingrossed; and was presented to his Excellency, by *D. Dulany*, Esq; and Ten other Members. [*See the Address on the first Page of this Paper.*]

Post Meridiem. Three more Members appeared in the House.

The House having taken into Consideration that Part of the Governor's Speech, which recommends a Provision to be made for his Majesty's Service towards the Assistance of the *Virginians*, now attacked and invaded by the *French*,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Six Thousand Pounds* Current Money be raised to be applied for that Purpose.

Fourteen of the Members were appointed a Committee to enquire into Ways and Means for raising the said Sum of 6000 *l.*

The House adjourn'd.

Friday, *July* 19.

One more Member appeared.

The Question was put, Whether Persons refusing to take the Oaths to the Government, when Tendered, shall be Taxed for his Majesty's Service, or Not? Carried in the Negative, Nays 26. Yeas 12.

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker, his Answer to the Address of the Lower House. [*See the first Page.*]

Post Meridiem. One more Member appeared.

Six continuing Bills, were brought in, read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Leave was given, to bring in a Bill,——*For his Majesty's Service.*

The House adjourned.

Saturday, *July* 20.

One more Member appeared.

Col. *Hooper*, from the Committee appointed for enquiring into Ways and Means for raising and replacing the Sum of 6000 *l.* Current Money for his Majesty's Service, *&c.* brings in their Report: With which the House concurr'd.

Then the Question was put, Whether Hawkers, Pedlars, or Petty Chapmen, trading in this Province without a License, be liable to the Payment of a Sum of Money to be ascertained in the Act; Or, to an Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize? Carried for the Former. Yeas 28. Nays 12.

The House adjourned 'til Monday.

[*By the abovementioned Report, it was proposed to raise,*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
On all Coaches, Chairs, and such like Carriages, each Wheel per Annum	0	5	0
On all Ordinary Licenses, an Addition of	1	0	0
On all Servants imported for Seven Years or upwards	1	0	0
On all Servants imported to serve for less than Seven	0	5	0
On all Negroes imported, an additional Duty of	0	10	0
On all Licenses to be granted to Hawkers and Pedlars, each per Annum	4	0	0

On all Madeira *Wine imported, 2d. a Gallon.*

Ordinary Licenses to be applied towards paying the said sum of 6000 *l. after having discharged the several Sums for which it is now engaged.*]

ANNAPOLIS.

THIS Afternoon his Excellency the Governor put an End to the Session, (after passing An Act for his Majesty's Service, *and some continuing Acts), with the following* SPEECH:

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

BEFORE putting an End to this Session, I cannot help expressing my Satisfaction with the Confidence you repose in me as to the Disposal of the Money granted at this Time, which I shall take Care to have employed in the Manner that may be most conducive to the Public Good. I should have been glad you had taken under your Consideration the other Matters recommended to you at the Opening of this Session; but as most of you must be desirous of attending your home Affairs at this Season, I have, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, thought fit to prorogue this Assembly to the last Tuesday in *November* next; and you are to take Notice you are prorogued to that Day accordingly.

By