

land: But in this Point the Courts of Vienna and H—— do not seem to agree; for when any Potentate is desired to relinquish a good Claim for the Interest or Conveniency of an Ally, that Ally ought to make him some Compensation for it.

*Extrait of a Letter from Paris, dated April 23.*

The Restoration of the Parliament is nearer at Hand than is generally imagined, and it is assured, that three great Prelates, and two great Ministers, will have all the Honour of effecting this great Work. His Majesty will publish an Edict, enjoining his Parliament to resume their Functions, and discharging them from that Part of their Authority which was entrusted to them upon Oath, and which relates entirely to Ecclesiastical Affairs, for the future Management of which Branch of his Authority his Majesty will establish a supreme Tribunal on purpose. The King, who is naturally pacific, and but little versed in these Affairs, could not have found out a better Expedient; which is also highly approved of by the Dauphin, who is guided in every Thing by the Holy Fathers. From this Turn of Affairs, Conscience will be less practised in France, than has been, and People will soon be accustomed to go into the other World without the Viaticum.

According to our Advices from Genoa, the Revolt of the Corsicans, and of the Inhabitants of San Remo, and lastly, the present critical Situation of Affairs in Italy, seem greatly to embarrass the Councils of that Republic, in which there are constantly two Factions, that of the old Noblesse, and that of the new, which are sure never to agree; inasmuch that Proposals, very prejudicial to the State, are frequently carried by a Majority of Votes, which is sometimes dearly bought, as may happen to be the Case in an Affair now under Consideration, which is, what Measures will be proper for the Republic to take, in Respect to the Houses of Bourbon and Austria, in case the former should endeavour to alter the present System of Affairs in Italy, as several Advices would insinuate. As for the King of Sardinia, his Intention is to continue Neuter, as long as he can; but if the House of Austria should be in Danger of being crushed, he would certainly declare in its Favour.

May 11. The King of Prussia has the Honour of being the first Monarch in Christendom that has effected a Reform in the Law, by reducing it into a narrower Compass, and rendering the Administration of Justice much cheaper and more expeditious; since which others have work'd upon his Plan, according as it could be adapted to the Constitution or Customs of their respective Countries: Austria, Naples, Sweden, and Bavaria, have already copied the Example of Prussia, and thereby delivered their Subjects from Swarms of Locusts and Harpies that lived by the Ignorance and Folly of the People, and grew fat under the glorious Obscurity and Uncertainty of the Law: And by the last Advices from Moscow it appears that the Empress of Russia is going to do the same. The French too seem to be sensible of the Necessity of such a Reformation among them; but the present Situation of their domestic Affairs is not favourable for it. Cou'd it be effected there, one might hope to see some thing of the like Kind take Place in Britain; for as we are so forward to imitate France in Follies and Vices, it might possibly then become fashionable to imitate her in this important and necessary Article.

*Extrait of a Letter from Plymouth, dated May 7.*

This Evening the Tyger and Cumberland Men of War sail'd for the East Indies; but as it is since calm, I believe they are anchor'd in the Mouth of the Harbour. I likewise here that there are three Ships arriv'd from the East Indies in the Offing, one for London, suppos'd to be the Colchester from Coast and Bay, one for Amsterdam, and one for Rotterdam.

H A L I F A X, (in Nova Scotia.)

June 8. Thursday the 16th past, the Settlers of Lawrence Town set out from this Town, in order to go by Land for that Place, having a strong Guard of 200 regular Troops, exclusive of Officers, commanded by Capt. Stone, with a Number of Rangers; which Place they arriv'd at the Saturday following, having made a Road from Dartmouth Side to said Town, which is but little more than 17 Miles Distance from us; they immediately went to picketing in the Neck, which they compleated in a short Time, and have raised and finished the Block House, Store House, &c. and mounting their Cannon; they are also picketing the Town, and have broke up the Soil, which appears to be extraordinary good, and planted a considerable Quantity of Potatoes; they are in high Spirits, and by the favourable Accounts we have since received, we are in Hopes that in a few Years the Settlement will answer our best Expectations.

We hear, the Parliament have granted the Sum of £ 47,000 to this Government for defraying the Charges of the current Year, and £ 11,000 more to make good the Deficiency of the last Year.

June 15. Last Thursday Evening about 11 o'Clock died suddenly of an Apoplectic Fit, John Wynn, Esq; Captain of one of the Companies in the Regiment of Militia in this Town: He had formerly been a Sea Commander in his Majesty's Service; and was Son to the Hon. Sir Richard Wynn. It is somewhat remarkable, that the Beginning of the same Evening Mrs. Wynn had received a Letter from England, acquainting her, that they were inform'd that Captain Wynn was dead, and that she was left a Widow in poor Circumstances, but just entering upon a second Marriage, and blaming her Conduct very much in not informing them how her Affairs were, &c. upon the Reading of which Letter Captain Wynn laugh'd very heartily, and said he would write an answer which should fully convince them to the contrary, little thinking himself so near his End.

Yesterday Capt. Russell arriv'd here in 8 Weeks from London, who informs, that the Honourable Charles Lawrence, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel of Governor Hopson's Regiment, and President of his Majesty's Council, is appointed Lieutenant Governor of this Province.

B O S T O N.

July 15. Wednesday last arriv'd here from Falmouth, in Casco Bay, the Ship Bureau, Captain Joseph Inches Commander (in the Government's Service) with several of his Majesty's Council, the Speaker, and divers Members of the Honourable House of Representatives, who attended his Excellency to the Eastward, and were present at the Conference with the Indians. By them we have the agreeable News, that the Norridgewalks and Penobscots readily ratify'd and confirm'd the former Peace, and told the Governor, they had no Objection to his Excellency's building Forts where ever he thought fit; and as a Proof of their Sincerity (*Indian Sincerity*) several of their young Men desired to come and reside amongst us, five of whom are already in Town, and several of their Children are expected in the Fall, for the Benefit of Education. That Major General Winslow, with the Forces under his Command, was gone up Kennebec River, to build several Forts thereon, and that when he had seen them in great Forwardness, he was to leave a sufficient Number of his Troops to protect the Workmen till they were finished, while he, with 500 more, march'd to the Head of the Rivers, where it has been reported the French have erected Forts, and made Settlements: [This the Indians utterly deny.] And if he finds any French settled there, has Orders to warn them off, and if they refuse to obey, then to compel them by Force. And that his Excellency intended to stay at Falmouth some Time longer, to expedite the important Affairs now carrying on in the Eastern Parts.

We hear that our Forces now at the Eastward, amount to about 1000 Men, as likely spry Fellows in general, as ever were raised in New England.

We have Advice from New York (at the Eastward) that on the 7th Instant, John Seymour, of that Town, whose Wife had laid in but 4 Days, forcibly took the Child out of her Arms, ran to the Bridge, and threw it into the River, where it was drowned. The distressed Mother ran after him, crying out to spare the Child; and went up to her Arm Pits in the Water in Order to save it, but in vain, and is since dangerously ill. The Wretch being asked the Reason why he drowned his Child, said, *The Devil bid him do it*; and told his Son, about 13 Years old, that he knew he should be hanged, but advis'd him (the Son) to serve God as faithfully as he (the Father) had done the Devil. — It is remarkable that in the Year 1745, this same Man, without any Provocation, on the Lord's Day, cut his Wife's Throat in such a Manner, that he very nearly dispatched her, but the Knife being dull, he could not make clean Work of it before she escap'd out of his Hands.

N E W Y O R K.

July 22. Tuesday last arriv'd here in Health, from Albany, the Honourable JAMES DE LANCEY, Esq; as did the Gentlemen Commissioners from Pennsylvania, the next Day.

We can assure the Public, that the Report of a French Fleet being at Cape Breton, is without the least Foundation, as a Gentleman who left that Place, about 20 Days since, informs us, that very few Vessels of any considerable Force were then there; that their Fortifications for some Time past have been in a very ruinous Condition; but that 500 Masons, and others Artificers, were soon expected there from Old France, in order to erect some new Batteries, repair the old Ones, and strengthen the Walls of that City.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, July 25.

Besides what is mentioned in Col. Innes's Letter, there is another in Town, wherein it is said, that a Gentleman had arriv'd at Winchester, from North Carolina, with Advice, that the two Companies who were on their March from that Place, to join the other Forces, were countermanded, the Governor having Advice, that the French were erecting Forts near the Back Parts of that Province. And that another Gentleman had come there from the South Branch of Patowmack, who inform'd, that many of the Back Inhabitants were coming down to Winchester with their Effects, for fear of being cut off by the Indians; and that in general they were in the utmost Consternation.

A N N A P O L I S.

Monday last a Commission was issued, appointing John Brice, George Stewart, James Moust, and John Bullen, Esquires, or any Two of them, to be Judges of a Special Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery, to be held at Annapolis.

Tuesday and Tuesday Night last, we had a great deal of Rain: In Baltimore County the like has scarce been ever known, and the Damage done there is very great; some of the Iron-Works have suffer'd; almost all the Bridges are carried away; the fine large Bridge at Baltimore Town is remov'd about 60 Feet; many Corn Field Fences wash'd away; much Corn wash'd up by the Roots; and the Roads made almost impassible.

Saturday last the Cricket Match, between Eleven from Prince George's County, and Eleven from Annapolis, was play'd near Mr. Rawlings's cool Spring, and Won by the former; the Difference being very few.

(Continuation of the ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS begun in our last.)

Monday, July 22, 1754.

TEN Members, not present last Week, appeared in the House.

Post Meridieum. A Bill, — For his Majesty's Service, was brought in, read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, passed, and was sent to the Upper House.

The House adjourn'd.

Tuesday, July 23.

Six continuing Bills [Numb. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7], were read the second Time and pass'd.

Four continuing Bills [Numb. 8, 9, 10, and 11], were brought in, read the first and second Time, by especial Order, and pass'd.

Post Meridieum. His Excellency the Governor communicated to the House, the Lord Proprietor's Answer to their Address of October last.

The Bill [Numb. 12], was brought in, read the first and second Time, by especial Order, and pass'd.

The House adjourn'd.

Wednesday, July 24.

The several Bills [Numb. 2, to 12], which were read and pass'd Yesterday, were sent to the Upper House.

The Bill, — For his Majesty's Service, was brought down from the Upper House, pass'd, and was order'd for ingrossing.

The Journal of Accounts was sent up.

Post Meridieum. The Bill, — For his Majesty's Service, was brought in Ingross'd, was read and assent'd to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill.

The House adjourn'd.

Thursday, July 25.

A Message was sent to the Upper House, requesting that their Honours would send down the several continuing Bills before them.

The Bills [Numb. 2, to 12], were brought down, all pass'd; and were read, and order'd to be ingross'd.

Post Meridieum. The Bills [Numb. 2, to 12], were brought in Ingross'd, read and assent'd to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills.

The Journal of Accounts was brought down, with a Message, not pass'd.

Two Members were order'd to acquaint the Governor, that no Business lay before the House.

The Paper Bills were brought down.

Two Members from the Upper House, acquainted Mr. Speaker, that the Governor required the immediate Attendance of the Lower House, in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker, and the Members, went up; and Mr. Speaker presented to his Excellency, the following Ingross'd Bills, which had pass'd the Two Houses this Session; all which his Excellency pass'd into Laws in the usual Manner, viz:

1. An ACT for his Majesty's Service.

2. An ACT continuing AB for Punishment of Ho Offenders.

3. An ACT continuing AB for destroying Wolves in

4. An ACT continuing AB for the more effectual Offenders, and for taking s Clergy.

5. An ACT continuing AB to enable the several Clerks, within this Province County Records and Papers s

6. An ACT continuing complementary AB to an AB en an Imposition on Negroes, and quers imported, and also on Ir the importing too great a N into this Province.

7. An ACT continuing AB to make the Testimony of against convicted Persons.

8. An ACT continuing AB to exempt Persons appe Arrests in Civil Cases.

9. An ACT continuing additional Supplementary AB to an AB relating to Servants of

10. An ACT continuing additional and explanatory AB impowering the Comm Courts to levy and raise Tob cessary Charges of their Count

11. An ACT continuing AB for the more effectual Pun eiber Slaves, and for taking Clergy from certain Offenders AB to an AB entituled, An a

multuous Meeting, and other gres and other Slaves, and of trying Slaves.

12. An ACT continuing Act to prevent certain Evils tending the Sale of strong Li Horse Races, near the yearly called Quakers, and to preven curse of Negroes and other S Meetings; and also one other

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