

Thirst of War, opposing Care, void the Snares. Noble Ardour burns, rapid Conquests stay, this Way: ...

N. E. W. Y. O. R. K. December 2. Captain Caldwell, in six Weeks from Cork, acquaints us, that two Regiments of Soldiers then on the Irish Establishment, had received positive Orders to hold themselves in Readiness to embark for Virginia, upon the first Notice.

PHILADELPHIA, November 28. Extra of a Letter from a Gentleman in New York, to his Friend here, November 13, 1754. The following Particulars I have just received from Albany, viz. The French Governor at Canada, and his Clergy, are doing what they can to draw off the two Castles of Mohawks from us, which, if not soon prevented, they will effect, promising them very largely. The Governor has sent by the last Cachnawaga's a very hearty Invitation to them to come to Canada, and that he will receive them with open Arms. The Onondaga's, Cayouga's, and Tuscararo's, went to Canada last Month, to the Number of 140. The Indians at Oswego have behaved very insolently to our People, and more particularly so since Washington's Defeat. Many French and Indians marched to the Ohio in September. Last Month twelve of the Cachnawaga's and Schaweidadda's, were sent from Canada to the Shawana's, and River Indians, living at and about the Ohio; their Orders are to treat with these Nations, and demand an Answer to a Message sent them last Year by the Governor of Canada; and they are to do what they can to alienate them from us, or at least to make them neuter in the Ohio Affairs.

December 5. Extra of a Letter from an Officer at Will's Creek, November 21, 1754. We have now got a Fort completed, with Barracks for our Men at the Back of it, well built, comfortable for the Winter. We had the Pleasure of being joined three Days ago, by his Excellency Col. SHARPE, with one Company from Maryland. Mr. SHARPE appears to be a stirring, active Gentleman, and, by his Method of proceeding, I believe a very good Soldier, cheerful and free, of good Conduct, and one who won't be trifled with. In the Spring, if we have a good Body of Men, I make no doubt but we shall be able to do something to Purpose. By the present Situation of the French, they are not to be drove out of their Forts, without our Numbers are greatly increased.

Since our last, an Express arrived here from the back Parts of this Province, with Advice, as we are informed, That a Defeater from the Virginia Regiment, having told the French that a considerable Body of Forces were this Winter expected from England, they had reinforced their Fort at Mobergabela with upwards of 1000 regular Troops, 8 Cannon, and a large Supply of Provisions; that the French have also greatly increased their Garrisons at the Upper Forts on Ohio, and have begun a Settlement, with 300 Families, in the Twighawee Country, on this Side of the S. W. End of Lake Erie, in order, as it is thought, the better to supply the French Forts on Ohio, with Provisions for the future; that likewise 70 French Indians, of the Anundack Nation, were lately arrived at the Ohio, and upwards of 300 more of the Cachnawaga, and Outawa Nations, were daily expected there.

Last Saturday, after a short Illness, departed this Life, in the 45th Year of his Age CHARLES WILKING, Esq; Mayor of this City. As it may be truly said that this Community had not a more useful Member, his Death is justly lamented as a public Loss to his Country, as well as an almost irretrievable Loss to his Family and Friends.

In the Character of a Magistrate, he was patient, indefatigable, and actuated by a steady Zeal for Justice. As a Merchant, it was thought that no Person amongst us understood Commerce in general, and the trading Interests of this Province in particular, better than he; and his Success in Business was proportionably great. As a Friend, he was faithful, candid and sincere. As a Husband and Parent, few ever exceeded him in Tenderness and Affection. Being himself a sincere Christian, he was strictly attentive to the Education of his Children in every virtuous Qualification; and in a particular Manner, he was remarkable in the Discharge of that essential Part of a Parent's Duty, so little considered—a regular Attendance, together with his numerous Family, on the public Worship of God. And for this accordingly, they will now have Reason to bless his Memory; since the Impressions thereby received, will go farther to teach them how to bear their present heavy Affliction, and recommend them to the Favour of the World (degratate it is) than all the external Advantages,—all the Fortune, Grace and Good-nature, he has left them possid'd of.

On Tuesday last died here MICHAEL LIGHT-FOOT, Esq; our Provincial Treasurer. And Yesterday Dr. SAMUEL PRESTON MOORE was appointed by the General Assembly in his Stead. ANNA POLIS: For Dorchester County Representatives, Col. Henry Hooper, Maj. Henry Travers, Mr. Charles Goldborough, and Mr. Joseph Cox Gray, are chosen. For Frederick County, Messrs Henry Wright Crabb, Joseph Chapline, Edward Sprigg, and Josiah Beall, are chosen.

Extra of a Letter from a Gentleman in London, to his Friend here, dated August 15, 1754. The Death of Mr. Pelham has not occasioned any great Alterations: The Duke of Newcastle being now at the Head of the Treasury; so that Public Affairs go on in the same Channel; but an Incident has lately happened at the Court of Madrid, which I hope will be of great Service to this Nation, and that is, the Removal of Ensenada the Prime Minister, who after a Conference of some Hours with the King, was seized when he got home, and sent to the Castle of Granada, his first Secretary was sent to that of Villadolid, and all their Papers secured: This has been done by the Advice of an old Grandee, entirely in the Spanish and not French Interest. Wall, who was here Ambassador, is now Prime Minister, so that we flatter ourselves that the French Interest is at an End in that Court, for as the old Spaniards have now the Power, they will always keep it, and I hope keep to the old Spanish Maxim, PACE CON INGLITERRA, ET GUERRA CON TOT' MUNDANO. [Peace with England, and War with all the World]. Ensenada had given Orders to destroy all our Ships in the Bay of Honduras and Miqueto Shore, without the King's Privy or Knowledge, but since his Removal, Orders are gone to countermand those: And in Case they should be put in Execution, our Ambassador has been assured that full Satisfaction shall be made for any Damage that may be done, by Virtue of those Orders, to any of his Majesty's Subjects.

The General Assembly of this Province, for Want of a sufficient Number of the Gentlemen coming to Town, did not meet on Tuesday last, according to the Return of the Writs; and towards Evening his Excellency our Governor issued his Proclamation 'til Yesterday; and Yesterday Evening, for the same Reason, his Excellency prorogued them 'til this Day. This Forenoon they conven'd; and the House of Representatives unanimously made Choice of the Honorable Col. Henry Hooper, to be their Speaker.

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 the 12th of December, 1754.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower House of Assembly,

AS the late Transactions of the French on this Continent, and the fatal Consequences that must inevitably attend their Execution of the Scheme they have projected against us, have been so often defacated on, in the most public Manner, since the same unhappy Cause that calls us together at this disagreeable Season, first obliged me, after my Arrival, to desire an extraordinary Meeting of the several Branches of this Legislature; I presume there is little Occasion for me, at this Time, to repeat the several Arguments which the present Posture of Affairs must suggest to you; as sufficient Motives to prompt you to exert yourselves at this important juncture. You are not, I conceive, now to learn, that in Pursuance of a Plan to secure a Communication between their Northern and Southern Settlements, and, in Time, render themselves Masters of all the Continent, from Cape Breton to the Gulf of Mexico, that restless and ambitious People have proceeded to build several Forts on his Majesty's Lands; one especially at a small Distance from the Frontiers of this Province, and have Garrisoned it with a large Body of Regular Troops; that they already extend their Claim to Lands far within the Limits of this Province, and are making great Preparations for enlarging their Conquests; that not satisfied with cutting us off from all Intercourse with the Indian Natives, with whom we have hitherto, it seems, presumed to carry on a Contraband Trade, they have employed Numbers of those Natives to depopulate and distress these Colonies; and have also themselves, committed every Kind of Hostility on our Fellow Subjects, who have been unfortunate enough to be exposed to their Cruelty and Insults.

These, Gentlemen, are Circumstances that present to our View no very agreeable Prospect, and I doubt not but the Reputation of them, makes every One of us burn with Resentment, and urges

us to take the most speedy and effectual Measures; to prevent the dreadful Calamities that our Possessions must otherwise feel, from the Vicinity of such a People.

What Resolutions the Virginians have hitherto taken, I apprehend you are no Strangers to; and I am encouraged to hope, that the other neighbouring Governments, whom I have solicited, will show an equal Zeal, and emulate their Conduct. That your Resolutions will confirm the Opinion his Majesty has been pleased to entertain of you, and merit the Confidence that he has thought fit to repose in the Affections and Loyalty of his Maryland Subjects, by distinguishing their Governor with the Honour of Commanding the combined Forces that shall be assembled to oppose the Enemy's hostile Attempts, I entertain the most sanguine Hopes; and that you will generously concur with the neighbouring Provinces, to enable me to answer his Majesty's Expectations and Royal Intention, in honouring me with such a Commission. A Commission, also, from his Lordship the Lord Proprietary, whereby his Lordship, from an earnest Desire and Solitude, to contribute to the Restoration of Peace and Tranquillity to this, and the other British Colonies, has been pleased to dispense with my temporary Absence from his Government, that I may pay the most ready and punctual Obedience to his Majesty's Commands, shall, with the Royal Commission, be laid before you: And I will assure you, that the View of being thereby enabled to contribute, in a more particular Manner, than I could have otherwise done, to the Security and future Quiet of this Province, makes me receive these Testimonies of his Majesty's and his Lordship's Favour with infinite Pleasure, and enter on the Service with the greatest Alacrity. And, Gentlemen, as my future Reputation will, in a great Measure, depend on the Issue of this Meeting, I cannot help again repeating my Hopes, that your Resolves will be such, as must demand my Acknowledgments, and make it my future constant Study to express my Gratitude, by my Endeavours to promote, to the utmost of my Ability, the Welfare and Prosperity of the People you are here to represent.

CHOICE Madeira, and White WINE, to be Sold very cheap, by Lancelot Jacques.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in Baltimore-Town, on the 20th of November last, a Servant Man, named John Edwards, of a fairly down Look, about 5 Feet 8 or 10 Inches high, aged 24 Years, by Trade a Gardener. Had on and with him, a Fustian Frock with blue white Metal-Buttons, black Cloth Vest and Breeches, a Pair of brown Cloth Breeches, blue Worsted Stockings, one Pair of Yarn, two Ozonabrigs Shirts, two of white Holland, and Country made Shoes.

Whoever secures the said Runaway, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, if taken in Baltimore; Three Pounds, if taken in any other County in the Province; if taken out of the Province and brought home FOUR PISTOLS, paid by Lloyd Buchanan.

RAN away on the 1st of this Instant December, from the Subscriber, living at Tom's Creek in Frederick County, an Irish Servant Man, named John Cady, about 20 or 21 Years of Age, a Husbandman, of short Stature and slim, fair Complexion, had long fair Hair, two of his upper Teeth (one on each Side his Mouth) stand pretty far out. He had on and with him a Country Linnen Coat blue and white mix'd, with a small Cape, a Jacket of the same, and a Woolen Jacket the Stripes across, one Pair of Leather and one Pair of red Cloth Breeches, light blue Stockings, one white and one Check Shirt, and two Felt Hats.

Whoever takes up the said Servant, and secures him so that he may be had again, shall have a Pistole Reward, beside what the Law allows, and reasonable Charges, paid by John Smith and Joseph. William Blair.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Thomas Wells, near Snowden's Works, taken up as a Sray, a small Black Mare, branded on the near Buttock with a large blotted Brand, and on the off Buttock with two blotted Dots, and has a small Star in her Forehead.

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