

November 16. Yesterday the Right Honourable the House of Peers waited on his Majesty, at St. James's, with their Address of Thanks for His most Gracious Speech from the Throne. They concluded the loyal Address, with saying, "Permit us, Sir, to take this Opportunity to renew the most solemn Assurances of our inviolable Fidelity and Affection to your most sacred Person and Government. In this, our Duty and our Interest unite and are inseparable. Our Resolution is fix'd, and unalterable, to strengthen your Majesty's Hands, for preserving the Peace; supporting the Honour of your Crown; and maintaining the Rights and Possessions of your Kingdoms, against any Encroachments. The Maxim graciously laid down by your Majesty, that a mutual Confidence between you and your Parliament, is the surest Pledge of the Happiness, both of King and People, is highly worthy a British Monarch; and it shall be our zealous Endeavours, to demonstrate to the World the Stability of that Confidence; and, under the Protection of Divine Providence, to transmit to our Posterity the Blessings of your Majesty's Reign; in the Perpetuity of the Protestant Succession in your Royal House."

His MAJESTY'S most Gracious ANSWER.

MY LORDS, RETURN you my hearty Thanks for this very dutiful and affectionate Address. The Zeal you express for my Person and Government, and for maintaining the Rights and Possessions of my Crown, can not fail to have the best Effects, both at Home and Abroad. The Confidence which you repose in me, shall always be made Use of for the true Interest of my People."

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From Paris, Nov. 8. That a general Pardon will soon be published for past Offences.

They write from Chatham, that his Majesty's Ship Litchfield, a fine Fifth Rate, was ordered to be fitted out for Sea, with the utmost Expedition.

By Letters from Leicester, dated Nov. 8, we hear that on the Friday Night before, at Woodhouse Eves (a Village a few Miles from that Place) a barbarous Murder was committed by one Abbot Lewis, a Man who kept a Public House at that Town, on the Body of his Wife, he having by his own Confession violently beat and fractured her Skull, by throwing her against the Hand Iron, and by giving her several other violent Blows in different Parts. On Sunday the Coroner's Inquest sat upon the Body, and brought in their Verdict Willful Murder. It appeared that the Villain had fastened the Doors and Windows of his House before he committed the horrid Fact, but an Officer of the Excise, coming to survey, as usual, and finding the Door fast, demanded Entrance; upon which Lewis dragged the Deceased into a dark Entry, and laid her on her Face, and then went and let him in, and afterwards drank a Mug of Beer with the Exciseman, who not seeing the Wife, and suspecting something from the Noise he had heard, and from the Report of his often abusing her, insisted upon his searching farther; when he discovered the Deceased in Manner and Place above-mentioned. He made the Villain directly assist him in taking up the Body, and give all possible Assistance to recover her, but in vain; upon which he alarmed the Neighbourhood, seized the Murderer, and kept him Prisoner till Sunday, when he was committed to the County Gaol.

November 8. 'Tis strongly reported that the Right Hon. the Earl of Holderness will be appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the Earl of Granville Secretary of State, the Duke of Dorset President of the Council, the Right Hon. Henry Fox Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Right Hon. Henry Legge, Secretary of War.

November 9. Letters from Glamorganshire say, that the Rains there lately have been so very heavy, that the Floods have carried away an Arch lately built over the River Taff, being 144 Feet wide, and supposed to be the largest in Europe.

November 26. On Sunday the 10th Instant was lost near the Highland of Padstow in Cornwall, the Sloop Britannia, of Carmarthen; George Clement Master, bound from Biddeford to Carmarthen, but by Distress of Weather forced down the Channel. The Crew and Passengers were saved by the Assistance of Capt. Brown, of Topham. A large Boat from Padstow came off with seven Men, and boarded the Vessel whilst foundering; but would not take in any of the People, who must have inevitably perished in a few Minutes, but for the Hu-

manity of Capt. Brown, who seeing the brutish Behaviour of the others, immediately sent off his Boat, and brought all the People and Passengers on Shore.—What could cause such Inhumanity in a Christian Country, but the savage Disposition of the Inhabitants on the Coast, who make a Prey of others Misfortunes!

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman now on his Travels in Prussia.

"I was this Day at a Review and Exercise of a Regiment of Horse, when his Majesty gave the Word of Command during the whole Exercise; in one Part whereof the whole Regiment were to leap a Ditch six Feet wide: The King gave the Command, and the principal Officer was to lead the Regiment; in doing which it unfortunately happened that he was thrown from his Horse on the farther Side of the Ditch; whereupon the King commanded a Halt, then leaped the Ditch himself, and going up to the unfortunate Officer, told him, 'He had a great Regard for him, and was sorry he had Occasion to tell him he should never serve him more; for by his (the Officer's) Carelessness he might have lost a whole Regiment, had they been in a Battle.' After dismissing the Officer, his Majesty went through the Remainder of the Exercise at the Head of the Regiment. It was a very fine Sight; but the Disgrace of the Officer deprived me of Part of my Pleasure: He is really a fine Person, and universally beloved."

November 28. We are informed by a Dutch Gazette, that the German Prince who lately renounced Calvinism to embrace Popery, having taken the Resolution to bring up his Children in the same Religion, his Princess, to avoid being present at the Ceremonies necessary, has retired to the Hereditary Dominions of her Family.

Extract of an authentic Letter, dated at Philadelphia, October 8, 1754.

'The Tenure of our Province is become precarious, from the Settlement of above 2000 regular French Troops (besides Indians) within 200 Miles of this City.—I only wish that his Majesty and British Parliament knew our Danger, and that of the whole English Northern Continent.—Our Assembly consists of thirty six Members, thirty whereof are Quakers, and nothing can be done by them for the Defence of the Country. I am assured Ways and Means might be found to compel our Assembly to do every thing needful for our Preservation.'

CHARLES-TOWN, (South-Carolina), Feb. 6. A MESSAGE from the GOVERNOR to the ASSEMBLY.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen, I SEND for your Perusal and Consideration, the Copy of a Letter from the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Robinson, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State.

It were Presumption in me, to recommend what comes from such Authority: The high Station of the Person who writes it, the clear and persuasive Manner in which it is written, the Importance and Interestingness of the Subject, all bespeak your serious Attention. How great an Instance of his Tenderness and Affection, both our Royal Master, and great Father of his People, here given to us, in resolving with his known courageous Constancy and Steadiness to assert our Rights! Such a Conduct in the best of Kings, must make the most deep and lasting Impressions on the grateful Hearts of dutiful Subjects, and will not suffer you to hesitate, in raising, forthwith, as large a Sum as can be afforded, as your Contribution to a Common Fund, to be employed provisionally in the general Service of America.

Let us vie with the most zealous Provinces, in shewing a Regard for the general Cause of securing his Majesty's American Dominions against all Incroachments, by giving a Portion out of that Plenty which Providence hath bestowed upon us for a Series of Years.

Every one who owns a Duty, and professes Loyalty, to his Majesty, a Love to his Country, or a Regard for himself, will give cheerfully and liberally: And if any would be so mistaken, as to prefer their Riches to these Considerations, they will find it their Interest to give liberally also, as the most proper Means to secure their All. In short, Preparation for War, is the most ready and effectual Way of preserving Peace.

In the Council Chamber, the 11th Day of Jan. 1755. JAMES GLEN.

A MESSAGE from the ASSEMBLY to the GOVERNOR, in Answer to the foregoing.

May it please your Excellency,

THIS House having consider'd your Excellency's Message, brought down with a Copy

of a Letter from the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Robinson, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, on the 14th Instant; and being very ready and willing to contribute, to the utmost of our Ability, toward defraying the Expence of the Service mentioned in your said Message, have ordered a Bill to be brought in, for stamping and fixing public Orders, to the Amount of Forty Thousand Pounds Current Money (being equal to Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Fourteen Pounds, Five Shillings, and Eight-pence Halfpenny, Sterling) to be sunk in Seven Years, by a General Tax; and for granting the said Sum of Forty Thousand Pounds to his Majesty, for the Defence of his Majesty's Dominions in North-America.

In the Commons House of Assembly, the 21st Day of January, 1755, by Order of the House, HENRY MIDDLETON, Speaker.

In the Commons House of Assembly, the First Day of February, 1755.

Resolved, That this House (in Obedience to his Majesty's Orders, signified to the Governor by any of the principal Secretaries of State) have endeavoured, to the utmost of their Power, to raise and grant to his Majesty, an Aid toward defraying the Expence of defending his Majesty's Dominions in North-America, as considerable as the present Circumstances of the Inhabitants of this Province (who have other large Sums to provide for their own immediate Security and Defence) would admit.

Resolved, That by the Bill which his Excellency has been pleased to disallow, Provision was made for raising such Aid in the most expeditious Manner, and agreeably to Methods hitherto observed in this Province for raising such Supplies as have been granted to his Majesty upon the like emergent Occasion.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, that such Aid could not be raised so immediately and expeditiously as the Service must necessarily require, in any Manner whatever other than as by the Bill is pointed out and provided.

Ordered, That the Governor's Message, which was brought down to this House on the 14th of last Month, with the Message in Answer thereto, and the said Bill, with the above Resolves, be printed in the Gazette.

By Order of the House, CHILDREMAS CROFT, C. D. C.

February 6. We hear, that some civil Comotions have lately happened in Georgia, but that they have terminated on the Expulsion of two Members of the Assembly there.

BOSTON, January 27.

We have the following sorrowful Account from Braintree, viz. That Lord's Day, the 19th Instant, Mr. William Wild, junior, and his Wife, attending the public Worship, left their two only Sons at Home, the eldest of them eight Years of Age, the other about six, who went from the House to a Pond near by, which was froze over, and returning on the Ice, it broke under them, and they were both drowned.

The Night after the 5th Instant, a large Dwelling-House in Woodstock, belonging to Mr. John Throop, was consumed by Fire, and all that was in it, but no Life lost.

February 3. Wednesday last, Robert McKean, of Litchfield, in the Province of New-Hampshire, went to a Warehouse in this Town; and agreed for a Parcel of Goods, the Pay to be in New-Hampshire Bills, and producing one of Eight Pounds, he was told it was a Counterfeit, upon which he got about Half of it up (the other Part being snatched out of his Hands) and tore two other Bills to Pieces, and threw them into the Fire. Upon searching him, several other Bills of Eight Pounds, and some of a lower Denomination, were found upon him. He confessed that he had put off some of the Bills at Shops in this Town. He is now confined a Goal, and it is thought he will soon discover his Accomplices, and turn Evidence for the King.

Salem, January 25. Last Week a Gentleman of this Town received a Quantity of Chees from Rhode-Island, recommended to him for extraordinary good; but having parted with a few of them to some of his Neighbours, all that eat of them were very severely purged; upon which several others had the Curiosity to try if it would have the same Effect upon them, and were soon after fasted, for they vomited and purged to such a Degree for some Hours, that Life was almost despaired of. The Chees that were thus poisonous, was marked E. B.

Another Salem Person of good Credit, who giving some Account of this Affair, says, As to the Truth of it, being a near Neighbour, I was an Eye Witness to it in more than two or three of the Persons who eat of it, and saw the Operation.

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ANNAPOLIS, Yesterday before Noon, he received a Letter, by Express, from Alexandria in Virginia, his Excellency set off for the House of Assembly adjourn'd. Capt. Spencer is arriv'd, and has brought Letters from Richard Harrison and John Throop, who kept the Street, and is said to have 3000 Pounds.

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To Mr. JOHNSON, S I R,

BY this Opportunity Representatives of this thought necessary to be g at this critical Juncture. quainted before they set was then determined to GAZETTE.

The Governor's Speech the last Assembly, natur how the Body of the Pe raising a Sum of Money that all Ranks of Peop Necessity, and willing They rather, indeed, ap mur, and many, open Dissatisfaction, that so n pended, while nothing and Purpose. I am, Your m A

To Col. ROBERT JESSE, HENRY WAGGAMAN, and Mr. JOHN DEAN, Somerset County.

WE the subscribing County, in Pursu Constituents, under a B Instructing their Repres Body, think proper, at acquaint you with our S tions we entertain of yo Trust, which we have in you.