

lony is divided into several Counties, and is full of People; for in the latter End of Queen Anne's Reign the Palatines first found their Way thither, and they encouraged their Friends throughout the German Empire to come over to them. There have gone only from the Port of Rotterdam, from 4 to 3000 Palatines to Pennsylvania per Annum, from that Time to this; besides many English, Scots, and Irish. Philadelphia is the Capital; it contains 5000 Houses, and for its Bigness, is as fine a City as any on the Globe. Its Streets are all laid out in a Line, so that standing in the Center, you may see four different Ways from one End of the City to the other. The Houses are well built, their Town House elegant, and their Market-Place equal to any in Europe. The City stands between two navigable Rivers. The Inhabitants trade to most Parts of Europe, Africa, and America, and all the American Islands. They carry on a considerable Trade particularly to London and Bristol, taking off vast Quantities of Woollen and other Manufactures, for which they pay in the same Manner as New-York. There has been lately an Academy erected in the Capital City, which has made a surprising Progress.

The next Colony is Maryland, of which Lord Baltimore is Proprietor: But whatever be the Cause, it is thinly inhabited. It is a very fruitful Country, and produces very good Wheat, and other European Corn, and a great deal of Indian Corn. The Inhabitants have Abundance of black Cattle, and Hogs; but their principal Article is Tobacco, of which they send a great deal to England. They have several good Rivers. Their chief Town is Annapolis, which is not large. Unhappily for this Colony, the Felons of England, are thought good enough to be incorporated with its Inhabitants. However, the People take all our Manufactures that they have Occasion for, which they pay in Tobacco, Deer-Skins, and Fur.

Virginia, is the most ancient of all the Colonies, and is of great Extent, having about 180 Miles Sea-Coast; and its Extent back in the Country is unbounded. The Soil is extremely good, producing all Sorts of European, and Indian Corn, in great Abundance; but is most famous for Tobacco. As it lies in 37 Degrees it is not so cold as the other Northern Colonies, and therefore, as the Farmer is not obliged to procure so much Hay for his Cattle in Winter, they have great Stocks of black Cattle. They have very fine Rivers, all well supplied with Fish, and wild and tame Fowl in prodigious Quantities. The People live in great Plenty, but are not quite so Numerous as in some other Colonies, because they employ Negroes in the raising of their Tobacco. Williamsburg is the Capital of the Province, but is not large. Here their Courts are kept and their Governor resides: Here they also have a College, at which the Youth receive their Education. In New-England are two Universities, Cambridge and Newhaven, which are very large and elegant Buildings, and have very considerable Libraries. No Country is better supplied with fine Rivers than Virginia; so that Ships from England go 150 Miles up them to load at the Planter's Door with Tobacco, the Revenue of which Article to the Crown is prodigious; and vast Quantities of it are imported to Britain, and exported again to other Countries, which we pay in Cloths, Stuffs, Hardware, and every other Manufacture.

North-Carolina lies in about 35 Degrees, is very hot in Summer, and not very cold in Winter. It was granted by King Charles II. to General Menk, Earl of Cravan and Berkley, and others, and has been but very indifferently managed. It is a very fruitful Country. Its Produce is Indian Corn, Rice, Pulse, Tobacco, Pitch, Tar, Deer-Skins, Fur, Wax, and Tallow. It contains many Sorts of Timber, the Principal is Pine of several Kinds. As the Inhabitants have but little Winter, they abound in Cattle and Hogs; of the latter the Woods are full; They fatten themselves on Chestnuts, &c. so that they are no Expence to the Farmer. Their greatest Disadvantage is, that they have a dangerous Sand Bar all along their Coast; and but one good Harbour for Ships of Burden, which is Cape Fear, their principal Town: Next to it is Edenton. They have many fine Rivers, navigable a great Way up the Country. The English Goods which they consume, they take chiefly from Boston, New-York, Philadelphia, and some directly from London, for which they pay in Tobacco, Pitch, Tar, Deer Skins, and Fur.

South-Carolina lies in 32 Degrees, is very hot, and has but very little Winter. Its Produce is the same with that of North-Carolina; but its principal Produce is Rice, with which it supplies almost all Europe; and if the Article of Indigo, which they have lately fallen on, will succeed, this will soon

become one of the richest Colonies we have; and we shall save the vast Sums which we pay France annually for that Article.

Charles-Town is the Capital of this Province, and is about as big as the City of Gloucester. The Inhabitants are very genteel and polite. All this Country has every necessary, and most of the Conveniences of Life. Many fine Rivers, and good Harbours. All the Goods they consume, they have from England, and pay for them in Rice, Pitch, Tar, Deer-Skins, and Fur.

The last Colony is Georgia. This lies in 29 or 30 Degrees Latitude, and is extremely hot, a poor light Soil, and but thinly inhabited; it was settling as our Frontier next to the Spaniards; and we had great Hopes of making there great Quantities of Silk. Some has been made, and more might: Its Latitude is proper for it; they abound in Mulberry-Trees, and if they bring this Affair to Perfection, it will be a prodigious Advantage to England.

Such is the British Empire in North-America; which from Nova-Scotia to Georgia, is a Tract of 1600 Miles Sea-Coast; a Country productive of all the Necessaries and Conveniences of Life; and which already contains a greater Number of People than either the Kingdoms of Naples and Sicily, Sardinia, Portugal, Spain, Denmark, Sweden, or Prussia, or the Republic of Holland. In short, there are but three Powers in Europe, which surpass them in Number, the German Empire, France, and perhaps England. America is become the Fountain of our Riches, for with America our greatest Trade is carried on, as appears by Lloyd's List; and our Entry Bills at the Custom-House of London only, shew the great Quantities of our Manufactures which they consume.

This is the Country, which the French have many Years envied us, and which they have been long meditating to make themselves Masters of: They are at length come to a Resolution to attack us, in profound Peace, in one of the best of those Colonies, Virginia; and in that Part of it which lies on the River Ohio, to which Country they never pretended before. Every one knows, that the English were the first and only Europeans who settled Virginia. The Grants from the Crown to these Colonies are bounded West by the South Seas: Therefore as far as we can go back, purchasing our Peace with the Natives, is undoubtedly the Dominions of the Crown of England. The French however, if they find their Way to the Coast of Virginia, will easily over-run the Provinces, because each Province considers itself as independent of the Rest, and the Invaders from Canada all at under one Governor; to unite 13 Provinces which fill an Extent of 1600 Miles is not easy; Cato, on a like Occasion, said *delenda est Carthago*, and I am informed, that a noble Lord distinguished by his political Talents, speaking of the Affairs in Virginia, used the same Words, with a little Alteration, "Canada must be subdued."

#### BOSTON, April 27.

A Few Days ago, a Vessel arrived at Portsmouth, in 14 Days from Barbados, the Master of which reports, that the French had quitted the Neutral Islands, and retired to Martinico, where the Inhabitants were under strong Apprehensions of a Visit from the English; and that all the Frenchmen on the Island of Barbados were put under Confinement. He also says, that no Packet was arrived there from England, when he came away.

The Government of Piscataqua have made an Act for the Emission of One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pounds, old Tenor, for carrying on the present Expedition. And last Week the Honourable Joseph Newmarch, and Clement March, Esqrs. two of their Committee, came to Town, and have agreed with an Engraver to strike off that Sum.

May 1. On the Fifteenth of last Month divers evil minded Persons, armed with Guns and Swords, broke into the Dwelling-house of one William Race, then living nigh the Town of Sheffield, in the County of Hampshire, within this Province, and whilst the said Race was endeavouring to escape from his said House, in order to avoid their Rage and Fury, one or more of them fired at the said Race, and wounded him in several Parts of his Body, by Means of which Wounds he expired immediately. All the Persons concerned in this barbarous and inhuman Deed have fled from Justice. Whereupon,

Last Monday his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, at the Desire of the General Court, was pleased to issue a Proclamation, promising that a Reward of One Hundred Pounds shall be paid out of the public Treasury immediately upon Conviction of any of the Murderers of the said Race,

to such Person and Persons as shall have informed against and discovered such Murderer or Murderers.

'Tis said these Men belong'd to New-York Government, and that the above-mentioned outrageous Behaviour was occasioned by some Disputes relating to Lands in Controversy as to the Boundary Line.

On Saturday last his Majesty's Ship the Mermaid, Captain Shirley, fell down to King Road. And Yesterday Morning his Majesty's Ship Syrus, Capt. Proby, arrived here from New-York; which, with the Success, Captain Rous; makes three to Gun Ships now in this Harbour.

#### NEW HAVEN, May 7.

It is worthy Remark, to observe with what Austerity and Spirit, the Levies raising in and for the Colony of Connecticut, inlist in that Service, on a good Supposition, that they shall have the Esquies of the British Constitution to encounter with, under their own Officers, and not be left a Sacrifice to either private Pique or public Ambition: Such was the Spirit of the ancient Romans, and such will be always the Spirit of every true Lover of Virtue, Liberty and his Country. This Colony is poor, and has little else worthy of public Boast: The Destruction at Carthage, seems to stick in the Minds of most in this Government, and frightens them from inlisting in public Service, when they know not what they have to expect: But it is neither Danger nor Difficulty they dread when they are satisfied their King calls for them indeed, only for his Honour and the Nation's Good. On such Principles as these, we are assured the Colony Troops on the present Occasion are now full, and ready to march on a Moment's Warning. This must be esteemed a good Omen of Success, and convince our Enemies, that English Virtue is not yet entirely rooted out by the Wiles and Effeminacy of France. 'Tis plain it is not the Lucre of their Pay or Reward that tempts them, those being rather less than any other Governments: But only what is dear to Englishmen. Go on my Countrymen, and prosper.

#### NEW-YORK, May 5.

His Excellency WILLIAM SHIRLEY, Esq; Colonel in his Majesty's Army, and Governor in Chief of the Massachusetts-Bay, as also the Honourable ROBERT HUNTER MORRIS, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, arrived here on Tuesday last from the Westward. They landed at Whitehall at Half after Noon, under the Discharge of the Cannon in Fort-George; and were welcomed ashore by his Honour Governor DE LANCEY, the Members of his Majesty's Council, and other of the principal Gentlemen of this City. The City Militia were ordered to muster on the Occasion, and the Streets were lined with the Men on their Rest, while his Excellency and the Gentlemen passed on into the Fort, where his Majesty's, and all the loyal Healths, with Success to the English American Enterprises, being first drank, they proceeded through the Line still formed by the Militia, to the New-York Arms in the Broad-Way, where an handsome Entertainment was provided for the Purpose, and where the aforesaid Healths were repeated, and went round with great Cheerfulness and Alacrity. The Militia were discharged between Two and Three in the Afternoon; and the several Governors, we are told, expressed great Satisfaction on the Appearance; the Doors, Windows, Balconies and the Tops of the Houses, being particularly decorated with red Cloaks, &c. added no small Beauty to the scene, and Diversions of the Time.

Governor Shirley set off on Saturday Evening last, for Boston, being accompanied out of Town by sundry Gentlemen of Distinction.

We are assured that the Honourable WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esq; one of his Majesty's Council of this Province, is, by Colonel Shirley, appointed Major General, and Commander in-Chief of the American Forces to be employed in an Expedition to the Northward: As also of such Indians as shall assist his Majesty in the same.

Major General Johnson embarked Yesterday for Albany; as did likewise at the same Time, or will embark this Morning, for the same Place, Two Hundred of the new raised Soldiers.

Yesterday a Number of Recruits, supposed to be between 150 and 200, arrived here from New-England, having been raised in that Province. It was reported, and feared, a few Days ago, that they had been lost on their Passage.

His Excellency the Hon. JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; Governor of New-Jersey, has issued a Proclamation, bearing Date the 24th ult. wherein he says, that the Legislature of that Province have made Provision for the Pay, Cloathing and Subsistence of 500 Men, to join the Forces of the other Colonies on the present Expedition; and entreats

all his Majesty's Subjects under the Command of PETER SCHUYLER, and Experience.

#### PHILADELPHIA

Extract of a Letter

"The general Disposition talk'd of: This is there is a Squadron of the Command of Hawke; and as ment will rejoice in a very good Chance for a Gentleman. Money, Store, wanting. The last Week a Court held at Lancaster, a tried, convicted, and six. George Chamberlain for Burglary; and a great Readiness and his Majesty's Service."

May 15. We heard of the Turk and Cumberland that Waggon and for the Use of the Army, and a great Readiness and his Majesty's Service."

Saturday last died County, aged upwards of 80 Years. GEORGE PLATER, one of his Lordship's of Patuxent, and a Province; a Gentleman, which could not be, as HORACE At his Life was a Grif, to every one.

On Friday last Execution was executed, at the Sentence at Kent County, and robbing the Streets last.

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