

and insist that those Lands belong neither to the King of Spain, nor to the King of Portugal, but to them. As the Fathers of your Society serve these Missions, and you have the Honour done you of being reputed the Authors of all the Mischief that happens in this World, it is given out, that these new Differences are excited underhand by you, and that it is at your Instigation the Indians refuse to comply with the King of Spain's Orders: Which, however, is false; for three of those Missions are actually evacuated; but the Inhabitants disliking the Country that was assigned them, have joined the four other Missions, and are determined to maintain their Ground. They form altogether a Body of 25 or 30,000 Men. The Plenipotentiaries of the two Crowns have caused them to be reconnoitred by a Detachment of 200 Soldiers, who are returned by the Way they went, without having done any Thing. The Plenipotentiaries are now separated, those of Spain being gone to Buenos-Ayres, and the Portuguese to Nuova Colonia. Both are employed in assembling all their Forces, in order to compel the Indians to submit to the Conditions, which gentle Methods could not induce them to agree to.

"The Portuguese make bitter Lamentation for the Loss of Nuova Colonia. The Prejudice they suffer by it is in Fact very considerable. The clandestine Trade which they carried on there with the Spaniards brought them in a great Deal of Money: On the contrary the Country which the Spaniards have yielded to us, will be of no Service to us. It will even furnish them with Opportunities of enrolling the Portuguese who shall settle in it, and who will never cultivate a good Understanding with the Savages who inhabit the neighbouring Forests, and whom the Tapas, now highly incensed, will support with their whole Force."

Feb. 28. The 11th Infant died at Paris, M. de Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu, greatly lamented by his Friends, Acquaintance, and Fellow-Citizens, for the Candour of his Mind, the Simplicity of his Manners, and all social Virtues; esteemed through all the Nations of Europe, where his Work of the Spirit of Laws had extended itself, by numerous Editions, and Translations into several Languages, but mostly by his own Country, which he endeavoured, successfully, to free from many Prejudices and Errors, both Civil and Ecclesiastical, which Time and insensible Growth of Power, had made them receive and look on as founded upon Truth and Reason; his Benevolence extended itself to all Mankind, having endeavoured to soften the Laws of War, and the cruel Rights that were thought to attend Conquest; he is and ought to be revered by us, whose Constitution he thought the best that Reason could have, and that human Passions could admit of; but that as Rome, Lacedemon, and Carthage, had perished, he thought and lamented that ours must sink under the same Causes.

We hear, that notwithstanding the great Loss William Beckford, Esq; Alderman of Billingsgate Ward, and one of the Representatives of this City, had the 13th Instant, by his fine Seat at Fonthill, near Hindon, in the County of Wilts, being burnt down, has given fresh Orders, that as soon as the Rubbish, occasion'd by the above Catastrophe, can be remov'd, they lay the Foundation for the Rebuilding of it upon a different Plan, which has intirely remov'd the Apprehensions of the Country People's losing so worthy and great a Benefactor, as he has been to that Country for some Years past.

March 5. They write from Madrid, that from the Nature of the Preparations making there, there is Reason to believe the Spaniards have some Siege in View.

Letters from Paris advise, that to the Apprehensions of a War many ascribe the Complaisance shewn at present to the Parliament (without whose Assistance it would be difficult to raise Money) and the kind Reception that for some Time past a certain Marshal has met with at Court.

It is computed that the Value of the annual Exports from our Colonies and Plantations in America, including the Freight, amounts to 4,800,000 l. or thereabouts; and that by this Exportation no less than 27,000 Seamen are employed and maintained.

Now as much the greatest Part of this Sum must annually centre in Great-Britain, we may from thence judge, what an Addition is made to the Riches and Power of this Country by our Colonies and Plantations in America, and what Numbers of industrious Manufacturers and Mechanics of all Sorts must be employed and maintained in this Island by providing for our People who inhabit that Part of the World.

How careful then, how zealous, ought we to be at all Times, especially upon the present Occasion, to provide for their Safety, and to exert our utmost Strength in removing, or guarding against, every

Thing that either has, or may have, a Tendency to their Ruin!

We hear that at a Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Lewis in Suffolk, it was resolv'd, that a Petition should be presented to Parliament for Leave to enlarge their Harbour.

Last Tuesday upwards of Thirty-two Hundred Weight of Tea was seized in New Forest, Hampshire, near Christ Church, by five Officers of the Revenue, assisted by a Party of Soldiers.

Yesterday 900 Quarters of Wheat were shipped for Ireland, 800 Quarters for the Straights, 600 Quarters for Holland, 4600 Quarters of Wheat Meal for Portugal, and 3000 lb. of Gunpowder for Nova-Scotia.

In the Night of the 25th of last Month, a Fire happen'd at the House of Thomas Chambers, Esq; at Studley in Warwickshire, which was reduced to Ashes in so small a Time as to prevent saving either Furniture or Apparel; and had it not been for the Alarm of a Dog, the greatest Part of the Family must have perish'd in the Flames.

Dublin, Feb. 15. On Tuesday died suddenly, as he was eating his Dinner, Henry Roe, Shoemaker, in Cut-purse Row, aged 100. It is remarkable that he never had an Hour's Sickness, and departed this Life without the least Pain: He had never seen a Plough, nor any Kind of Corn grow.

St. JOHN'S (in Antigua) February 22.

Last Tuesday Morning the following Accident happen'd on board a Snow lying at a Hulk in the Cove. A Negroe Man having Occasion to kindle a Fire in the Caboose, brought a Bottle of Powder thereto, and, after taking a small Quantity out, to supply the Want of Tinder, set the Remainder down by him: While he struck Fire, a Spark unfortunately reached the Bottle, which immediately burst, and reported like a Hand Grenado, whereby the Fellow was dreadfully wounded in the Breast: He did not seem hurt directly, but silently retired a few Yards, and leaned against Part of the Vessel, tho' in a short Time he gradually reclined backwards, fell on the Deck, groaned and expired. Another Negroe Man was also much wounded in his Head and Breast.

April 1. A Person who arrived here Yesterday from Martinico, confirms the Account of a Frigate having lately stopped there, and proceeded to Leeward. He moreover says, that she left a Packet, with express Orders, that it should not be opened till the 25th of April.

BOSTON.

April 27. One Day last Week, a strapping Country Fellow was leading his Horse with his Hands behind him, down the Long Wharf; and as he pass'd by the T, an unlucky Sailor slip'd the Bridle from the Horse's Head, and placed it on his own, leaving the Horse and two Panniards of Apples to his Mischance, to be properly taken Care of, who soon conceal'd them.—The Countryman, after leading the Tar some considerable Way, turn'd about, and, to his great Consternation, found in the Room of his Horse, the Appearance of a Man.—The Sailor observing the Confusion in the Countryman's Face, with a very serious compos'd Countenance, address'd him in the following Words, "My good Master, I would not have you be surpriz'd at this strange Appearance, for 'Things now turn out exactly agreeable to the Prediction of my old Grandmother.—This Grandmother of mine was a Witch—and taking Offence at me about seven Years ago, traasf-mogrify'd me into a Horse; but for my Comfort, told me, that, in such a Time, I should be releas'd, and resume my old Form of Existence,—which Time is out this Day, and accordingly I am now changed from an Horse to a Man." The Countryman finding himself jocky'd, and the People by this Time crowding round him, told the Sailor, if he would return him the Horse, he was welcome to his Load: The Horse presently appear'd without the Panniards.—The Fellow mounted, and rode up the Wharf as fast as he could drive.

May 1. On Monday last, his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleas'd to dissolve the Great and General Court or Assembly then sitting here.—Some Reasons of State were strongly urged for their farther Continuance, but the House was so zealously attached to Parliamentary Precedents, and to the just Liberties of the People, that they would hearken to no Proposals which might have the least Tendency to break in upon either. It was said that new Instructions would soon be offer'd, relating to Expeditions, &c. and should that be the Case, 'tis a great Pity they did not come in Time to be hid before the late House, for it is greatly to be fear'd

WE SHALL NEVER HAVE SUCH ANOTHER.

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NEW-YORK.

May 5. As several of the new-raised Soldiers for his Majesty's Service, have of late deserted from their proper Officers, both in this and the neighbouring Governments, it may be necessary to acquaint the Inhabitants of this Province, that the Act of Parliament against Mutiny and Desertion, says, "That if any Person shall harbour, conceal, or assist any Deserter from his Majesty's Service, knowing him to be such; the Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence, the Sum of Five Pounds: Or if any Person shall knowingly detain, buy, or exchange, or otherwise receive, any Arms, Cloths, Caps, or other Furniture, belonging to the King, from any Soldier or Deserter, upon any Account or Pretence whatsoever, or cause the Colour of such Cloths to be changed; the Person so offending shall forfeit, for every such Offence, the Sum of Five Pounds, to be levied by Warrant, by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, upon Conviction by Oath of one or more credible Witnesses before a Justice of Peace. And in Case such Offender shall not have sufficient Goods and Chattels whereon Distress may be made, or shall not pay the Penalties within few Days after such Conviction, then the Justice shall and may, by Warrant, under his Hand and Seal, either commit such Offender to the common Goal, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for the Space of three Months, or cause the Offender to be publicly whipt, at the Discretion of the said Justice."

May 12. By a Law of this Colony lately pass'd, Provision is made for raising and subsisting eight Hundred Men in the Pay of the Province, to be divid'd into eight Companies, each Company to consist of a Captain, two Lieutenants, four Sergeants, three Corporals, one Drummer, and Eighty-nine private Men; and their Pay as follows, per Diem, Captains 8 s. Lieutenants 6 s. Sergeants 1 s. 8 d. Drummers 1 s. 6 d. Corporals 1 s. 6 d. and private Men 1 s. 3 d. There is a Bounty allowed of 32 s. 6 d. and a Blanket, to those who enlist. The Troops to be arm'd and cloth'd by the Province: The Cloathing is a good lapp'd Coat, a Felt Hat, a Shirt, two Pair of Osabrigs Trowsers, a Pair of Shoes, and a Pair of Stockings. As these Forces are to be employed in Conjunction with those of the other Provinces, the whole under the Command of Major General JOHNSON, in Defence of the Northern Frontiers, and building Forts in his Majesty's Lands, and are to be discharged as soon as the Service is over; it is not doubted but under so good Encouragement, Men will cheerfully and readily enlist, and that the eight Companies will be completed in a short Time. As a further Encouragement to Persons of Interest to raise Companies, such Captain on mustering his Company, is intitled to receive One Hundred Pounds to defray the Expence he may be put to.

ANNAPOLIS.

This Day his Excellency our Governor issued his Proclamation, summoning the General Assembly of this Province (which stood prorogued to the first of July) to meet here on Monday the Twenty-third Day of June.

George Stewart, Esq; is appointed Secretary of this Province, in the room of the Honourable George Plater, Esq; deceased.

Custom-House, Annapolis, Enter'd since May 15. Brig Sophia, William Kenney, from Biddeford; Sloop Mutual Friendship, Henry Coffin, from North-Carolina; Sloop Unity, Henry Hammond, from Rhode-Island; Sloop Elizabeth, George Guion, from St. Christopher's.

Cleared for Departure.

Brig Charles, Jacob Walters, for Barbados; Sloop Betsey, William Sargeant, for Rhode-Island; Sloop William, Reuben Moor, for Jamaica; Sloop Hopewell, William Thomas, for Virginia; Schooner Sophia and Anne, Richard Boote, for Barbados; Sloop Hester, John M'Caull, for Philadelphia.

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