the Motions of the French Fleet, and, if possible, to prevent its Junction with that of the Spaniards: Some say only to demand the Superiority always shewn to the British Flag; which, if refused, the Consequence is obvious. In a Word, from our best Advices, War seems unavoidable, and, for my Part. don't care how soon."

We hear that the New-Jersey Provincial Forces, are to set out for Albany the latter End of this Week, or the Beginning of the next, under the Command of Col. Peter Schuyler. And,

Yesterday a Sloop arrived here from Virginia, with Arms for our Provincial Forces, which are now raising in this City, and in the Towns adjacent; and we hope we shall soon be able to acquaint the Public of their being compleat.

June 9. By Letters from London (via Boston) dated the 26th of April, we learn, that Admiral Boscawen was sailed from England, for Halifax, in Nova Scotia, with 7 Ships of the Line; and that there was the greatest Reason to believe War was unavoidable.

We hear that Captain James Kennier is appointed Aid de Camp to Major General Shirley, whose Regiment is soon expected here from Boston.

Last Saturday Sir WILLIAM PEPPERRELL, Baronet, who commanded the Forces at the Reduction of Louisburg, received a Commission as Major-General in his Majesty's Army; and we doubt not will again distinguish himself in the intended Attack upon the French Encroachments on our Frontiers; his Regiment being almost 700 strong, all picked Men, great Part of them already on Duty. And 'tis said that a Detachment from that Regiment, now encamped on Nutten-Island, will embark for Albany this Week.

We hear the New Jersey Forces are embarking.

A Letter from Shrewsbury acquaints us, that three or four French Sailors are taken up there, who landed near Sandy-Hook not many Days ago: 'Twas said they belong'd to a French Vessel that came for Provisions, and that the French Sailors were put ashore, and Englishmen clapt on board, till the Vessel was loaded, when they were to be exchang'd again. If this be true, and suffer'd to pass, to what Purpose are our Laws to prevent furnishing our Enemies with Provisions made? And more especially at this Juncture, when the afflictive Hand of Providence seems to hang over us, and threatens us with the Desolations of War and Famine at the same Time.

We have the following shocking and melancholy Account from Kats-Kill, near Albany, viz. That about a Fortnight ago, a Servant Woman in that Neighbourhood absconded from her Master, the better to consummate her Nuptials with her Lover, against whom we are told he was extremely averse, and sent out two Indians in order to bring her back: They overtook her on the Road, and demanded her Return, which she readily consented to, and was met soon after by her Master on Horseback, who, regardless of the most moving Intreaties of the young Woman to the contrary, and not apprehending the Consequence, tied her cross handed to his Horse's Tail, who presently after taking Fright, flung his Rider, and tore the poor Creature Limb from Limb; nothing being found hanging to his Tail but her two Hands, and Part of her Arms, after he had run near seven Miles. Her Master immediately surrender'd himself up to Justice.

And from Barnagat, Little Egg-Harbour, and Country round about there, we learn, that a very great Fire happen'd in the Cedar Swamps, on the 20th of May last, and burnt with such Violence, that in a few Days Time it render'd desolate Lands to the Extent of near thirty Miles, the Trees and ready cut Shingles being intirely burnt to Cinders, and most of the Inhabitants reduced thereby to mere Penury and Want. And it was with the utmost Difficulty that Hawkins's Swamp was preserv'd from the Conflagration, of which no Account could be given how it first began.

PHILADELPHIA.

May 29. Yesterday Morning the first Stone of the Pennsylvania Hospital was laid by Mr. JOSHUA CROSBY, President, assisted by the rest of the Managers, and the Physicians of the Hospital. The Stone is of Pennsylvania Marble, with the following Inscription:

IN THE YEAR OF CHRIST
MDCCLV,
GEORGE THE SECOND HAPPILY REIGNING,
(FOR HE SOUGHT THE HAPPINESS OF HIS PEOPLE)
PHILADELPHIA FLOURISHING,
(FOR ITS INHABITANTS WERE PUBLIC-SPIRITED)
THIS BUILDING,
BY THE BOUNTY OF THE GOVERNMENT,
AND OF MANY PRIVATE PERSONS,
WAS PIOUSLY FOUNDED,
FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SICK AND MISERABLE.
MAY THE GOD OF MERCIES
BLESS THE UNDERTAKING!

June 5. We hear from Wills's Creek, that the Waggons and Horses lately contracted for in the Counties of Lancaster, York, and Cumberland, were safely arrived at the Camp, and gave great Satisfaction to the General, and the other Officers, being, for the most Part, by far the best of any that have been engag'd in the Service of the Army since their Arrival. We likewise hear that there are fine Bottoms for several Miles round the Camp, in which there is a great Deal of good Grass and other Food for the Horses: And that the Army in general are very healthy, impatient to enter on Action, and wait chiefly for the Arrival of the Forage purchased in this Province.

In a Letter from Susquehanna, dated the 31st ult. it is mentioned, that a Person was just return'd from the Camp, and brought Advice, that before he left it, two Men came there, who were supposed to be Spies, one of them being known to have been among the Virginia Forces on the same Business before Washington's Defeat last Summer. They own'd they came from the French Fort, and pretended they were very numerous there. One of them attempted to make his Escape, and being a good Runner, was overtaken only by one Man, who brought him back, when he was immediately put in Irons, and it was thought would soon be hang'd.

ANNAPOLIS.

We hear from Queen-Anne's *County, that on Tuesday last one* James MacKoy *was committed to Prison there for breaking open and robbing several Houses near* Chester *River. It seems he has been a very bold and daring Offender, and in one House took the Keys from under the Pillow where the People lay asleep, open'd and rummag'd the Desk, and left it open, and a Night or two after came again, return'd some Things, which he did not want, and took away others which suited him better.*

We are told that his Excellency Major General Braddock, *and all the Forces under his Command, are gone from* Wills's *Creek towards the* Ohio. May the Great GOD OF HOSTS Crown their Enterprize with Success!

Our General Assembly is to meet here on Monday next.

Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS, *Enter'd*,
Brig Nancy, Robert Bryce, from Barbados.

THOSE who are in long Arrears to the Publisher of this Paper, are earnestly requested to make Payment, that he may be enabled to discharge his own Debts, which MUST *be paid. They are desired to reflect, that Business cannot always be carried on, by Credit* ONLY.

Baltimore Town, June 11, 1755.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Ship ANNE-GALLEY, *Capt.* WILLIAM HAMILTON, *and to be Sold by the Subscriber, at his Shop in* Baltimore-Town, *at the most reasonable Rates, Wholesale or Retail, for Bills of Exchange, Current Money, or Tobacco,*

GREAT Variety of DRUGS, MEDICINES of all Kinds, CHEMICAL and GALENICAL; likewise of PAINTS ready ground in Oil.

1 *William Lyon.*

TO BE SOLD, 1

A NEW BILLIARD-TABLE, with 5 Pair of Balls, 2 Dozen of Tacks, and a Pair of Q's, and every Thing thereto belonging, in neat good Order. The Frame is Walnut with Eight Feet, Mahogany Cushions, green Silk Twist Pockets, and Superfine green Cloth. Any one inclining to purchase, may try the Truth and Goodness of it, in *Annapolis*, at the House of *John Anderson.*

All Persons wanting Billiard Tacks or Q's, may be supplied at reasonable Rates by the said *Anderson*; of whom may be had good Bacon and Hogs-Lard.

By Directions of a late ACT,

THIS is to give Notice, That there is taken up by *John Rodwell*, at the Mouth of *Patapsco, Anne Arundel* County Side, a Yaul about 16 Feet Keel, her Gunwale and Stern painted red, she had two old clumsey Pine Sapling Oars in her, an old Square-Sail and Bumpkin-Foresail tore to Pieces, two Gallon Juggs, and a Piece of Pig-Iron instead of a Grapnel.

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

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June 18, 1755.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living near *Lower-Marlborough*, in *Calvert* County, on Saturday Night last, the following Indented Servant Men, *viz.*

Robert Horsburg, a *Scotchman*, a Taylor by Trade, aged about 35 Years, a fresh colour'd well-looking Fellow, inclinable to be fat, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high. Had on and took with him sundry wearing Apparel, *viz.* a good mix'd grey second Mourning Coat, an old grey Ditto, black Cloth Waistcoat, a white Linen Ditto, black Breeches and Stockings, good Shoes, white Linen Shirts, Muslin Cravats, a good grey cut Wig, Hat, *&c.*

George Griffith, born in *London*, likewise a Taylor by Trade, fair Complexion, small Stature, about 5 Feet 4 Inches high, and about 22 Years of Age: Had on and with him, an old Bearskin Coat, lined with red Shalloon, with Metal Buttons, black Breeches, a Pair of light colour'd Cloth ditto, two Pair of Osnabrig Trowsers, new Check Shirts, grey Worsted Hose, good Shoes, fine Felt Hat, old brown cut Wig, *&c.* 1

There went in Company with the above Servants, a fresh colour'd young Man, about 19 Years of Age, lusty and well grown, has a remarkable large Wart between his under Lip and Chin: He had on and with him, a light colour'd Fustian Frock, a Drillings Frock, both lin'd with brown Holland, with Metal Buttons, white Linen and Check Shirts, Muslin Cravats, a Camblet Waistcoat, white Linen ditto, mix'd Thread Hose, Country made Pumps, brown cut Wig, Castor Hat, *&c.* who may probably pass for the Master of the above Servants. pd.

Whoever apprehends said two Servants, and brings them home, or secures them in any Goal, so that they may be had again, shall receive FOUR PISTOLES Reward for each, paid by

John Skinner.

N. B. The above Servants took with them some Cutlasses, two Pair of Taylor's Shears, and other Things.

STRAYED away from the Subscriber, in *Annapolis*, a Dark Bay Horse, 13 or 14 Hands high, is a natural Pacer, has a Star in his Forehead, and a Switch Tail; but not branded. 1

Whoever will bring the said Horse to the Subscriber, shall have Ten Shillings Reward.

William Chalmers.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *John Norton*, living near *Bladensburg*, in *Prince George's* County, taken up as a Stray, a Bay Horse, about 12 Hands high, branded on the near Shoulder I T, with a Stroke a-cross the Middle of each of them. 1 pd.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Jacob Meek*, near the Head of great *Seneca* Creek, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a large Bay Roan Gelding, branded on the near Shoulder L, with a Stroke at the Top, trots and paces, has a small Star in his Forehead, his two hind Feet white, is Hog-back'd, and had a small Bell. 1 pd.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

ON Friday the Twenty-ninth of *August* next, will be exposed to Public Sale, at the Plantation of the late Mr. *Vachel Denton*, deceased, near *Annapolis*, several young

Country-born Slaves,

consisting of Men, Women, and Children; amongst the Men are some choice Farmers, who understand Plowing, Mowing, Threshing, *&c.* there are two Sawyers, one not more than 22 Years old, who can set and whet; the other somewhat older: Amongst the Women are some brought up in the House to Houshold Work and Cookery; one of them an excellent Washer and Ironer, and has been hired out for some Time for that Purpose. Also all the Houshold and Kitchen Furniture. Plantation Utensils, black Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and Horses and in short, all the Deceased's Personal Estate, for good Bills of Exchange, Paper Currency, or Gold and Silver. The Sale to begin at Twelve of the Clock, and to be continued until all is Sold. 3

Anne Denton, Executrix.