

Letters of the best Authority, from Officers in the Army, contain the following Particulars of the Engagement on Monongahela.

His Excellency General Braddock having proceeded with the whole Army to the Little-Meadows, 'twas there found impracticable to advance in that Manner, a Detachment was therefore made of between 12 and 1300 Men, with the Artillery, necessary Ammunition, Provision and Baggage, leaving the Remainder with Col. Dunbar, with Orders to join him as soon as possible. With this Detachment he proceeded with Safety and Expedition, till the 9th of July, when he passed and repassed the Monongahela, by advancing first a Party of 300 Men, which was immediately followed by another of 200. The General, with the Column of Artillery, Baggage, and the main Body of the Army, passed the River the last Time about One o'Clock. As soon as the whole had got on the Fort Side of Monongahela, a very heavy and quick Fire was heard in the Front, when the Rear immediately advanced to sustain them; but the Detachment of 300 and 200 gave Way, and fell back upon them, which caused such Confusion, and struck so great a Panic amongst the Regulars, that afterwards no military Expedient could be made Use of, that had any Effect upon them. The Men were so extremely deaf to the Exhortations of the General and Officers, that they fired away, in the most irregular Manner, all their Ammunition, gathering themselves into a Body, contrary to Orders, 10 or 12 deep; would then in their Confusion, level, fire, and shoot down the Men before them, so that it was imagined, that two Thirds of those killed and wounded, received their Shots from our own Soldiers. At Length, in Despite of every Effort to the contrary, they gave Way, and retired; leaving the Artillery, Ammunition, Provision, and every individual Thing, a Prey to the Enemy: Nor could they be persuaded to stop, till they got as far as Gift's Plantation; nor there, only in Part, many of them proceeding even as far as Col. Dunbar's Party, who lay six Miles further. The Officers were absolutely sacrificed by their unparalleled good Behaviour and Bravery, advancing before the Men, sometimes in Bodies, and sometimes separately, hoping by such Examples, to engage their Soldiers to follow them, but to no Purpose. By this Behaviour they greatly suffered, there being about 60 killed and wounded, a large Proportion out of the Number that were there. The General had five Horses shot under him, and at last received a Shot thro' his Lungs, of which he died the 13th at Night. The Virginia Officers and Troops behaved like Men, and died like Soldiers; for out of three Companies that were there that Day, scarce 30 came safe out of the Field; of these Captain Peyrony and all his Officers down to a Corporal, were killed. Capt. Polson's Company (who was himself killed), shared almost as hard a Fate, for only one of his escaped. Capt. Stewart and his Light Horse behaved gallantly, having 25 killed out of 29, which he brought into the Field. Col. Washington, one of the Aid de Camps to the General, behaved with the greatest Courage and Resolution, and came off unhurt, having two Horses shot under him, and four Bullets thro' his Cloaths. Happy was it that Col. Dunbar's Detachment was not in the Engagement, for Numbers would have been of no Service, and all our Provisions being lost, 'tis highly probable the whole must have either starved, or fallen into the Hands of the Enemy. As our Number of Horses was so much reduced, and those remaining extremely weak, and many Carriages being wanted for the wounded Men, the Ammunition and superfluous Part of the Provisions, left in Col. Dunbar's Convoy, were destroyed, to prevent their falling into the Hands of the Enemy; and as the Artillery was lost, and the Terror of the Indians remaining strong on the Mens Minds, as also the Troops being extremely weakened by Deaths, Wounds and Sickness, it was judged impossible to make any farther Attempts. [The Consequences of this Defeat, 'tis apprehended, will be fatal to our back Inhabitants, many of whom, 'tis feared, will leave their Habitations; but we have the Pleasure of informing the Public, that the General Assembly now sitting, shew a true patriot Spirit, and are taking the most effectual Methods for the Defence of their Country, and its undoubted Rights.] By an Express this Morning from Augusta County, we have the melancholy Account of the Murder of Col. James Patton, who was killed by a Party of Indians, the last Day of July, on the Head Branches of Roanoke, and eight more Men, Women, and Children. Col. Patton was going out with Ammunition, &c. for the Use of the Frontier Inhabitants, and stopping at a Plantation on the

Road to refresh himself, the Convoy being about five Miles before, he was beset by 16 Indians, who killed and stripped him, and then made off with his Horse, &c.

We are likewise well assured, That the Indians have kill'd 7 or 8 People in the County of Halifax, near Smith's Mountains, and that at least 70 or 80 Families have left their Habitations in that County and fled for it, some to North-Carolina, and some further down into the County, and the County of Lunenburg.

ANNAPOLIS, August 21.
The latest Account to be depended on from the Westward is, That a Fortnight ago an Officer, who had been sent with a Party of Men over the Allegany Hills to reconnoitre, was returned to Fort-Cumberland, and reported, That on his Way towards the Meadows he met with two Friend Indians, who expressing a great Regard for the English, and for his Safety, advised him immediately to retire, and save his Party from the Hands of 400 French and about 100 Indians, who were then at the Place where Col. Dunbar was encamped, when he received the News of General Braddock's Misfortune. The Indians also told him, that a Detachment of 100 French was ordered to advance to the Meadows, and prepare some Materials for a Place of Defence, which is to be there constructed.

By a young Gentleman, just come from Philadelphia to Baltimore-Town, we learn, that a Report prevailed there, that Admiral Boscawen had taken Six French Men of War; which Report we hope will be confirm'd by the Post on Monday next.

We hear that Sir John St. Clair is expected in Town, in a few Days.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, Entered,
Schooner Elizabeth, Thomas Ireland, junr. from Barbados;
Schooner Sophia and Anne, Richard Boone, from Barbados.

Cleared for Departure,
Sloop Dolphin, Thomas Bispham, for Boston.

THE Public are caution'd to be aware of some Counterfeit Bills, in Imitation of the Twenty Shilling Bill of this Province, as some of them may possibly be now passing. They differ from the true Bill in the Coat of Arms, the false ones being much coarser in the Strokes, than the true Bills; and the Motto in the false Bills being hardly intelligible; the Boots on the Fisherman in the Arms of the false Bill appear much whiter than in the True, the shading Strokes being much more distant from one another than in the true Bill; the Letters in general thro' the false Bill appear larger and coarser than in the true Bill; the Letter Y, in the Word TWENTY at Top, in the false Bill, is shallower in the opening, and longer in the lower Part, than in the true Bill; and there appears more white in all the Letters in the Word TWENTY, in the false Bill, than in the True; the Asterism after XX. S. at the Bottom is much larger than in the true Bill; the Signers Names are done pretty well; the Paper of the false Bills is thicker and coarser than the True; and the Word MARYLAND at the Bottom of the Bill, is mark'd on the Back, instead of being stamp'd in the Paper as all the true Bills are.

By Order of the Commissioners,
RICHARD DORSEY, Clerk of the Paper Currency Office.

COMMITTED to the Sheriff of Anne-Arundel County, as Runaways, the two following Men, viz. John Butler, who says he is a Freeman, and that he served some Part of his Time with John Falconer, of Kent County, and the other Part with Barry Peters, in York County, Pennsylvania: He is about 5 Feet high, has on a Plaid lapell'd Jacket, faced with Velvet, an Osnabrigs Shirt, and Crocus Trowsers. The other is named John Brass, who says he belongs to Jonathan Mullinix, at Elk-Ridge. Their Masters may have them, on paying the Fees, and the Charge of this Advertisement; by applying to JOHN RAITT, Sheriff.

THE Subscribers having been a long Time confined in Anne-Arundel County Prison, for Debts which they are unable to pay, give this public Notice, that they intend to apply to the next Session of Assembly for an Act for their Relief.

THOMAS SOMES,
JOSEPH BICKERTON,
JOSEPH OWINGS,
JOHN MACCALLY,
WILLIAM DAY,
HENRY WHIDDON.

August 18, 1755.

RAN away last Night from the Baltimore Iron-Works, on Patapsco, in Maryland, a Convict Servant Man, named William Cowling, about 30 Years of Age, he has been in the Country about 14 Months, is a lusty well-set Fellow, born in the West of England, and speaks broad, was bred to Farming, and understands driving a Team of Horses; he is of a brown Complexion, has short light brown Hair, a red Beard, is about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, and has a lubberly Walk. Had on when he went away, an old Felt Hat, a brown half-worn Kersey Coat, without Lining, trimm'd with flat white Metal Buttons, two Osnabrigs Shirts, Crocus Trowsers, and Country Shoes iron'd round the Heels. It is like he may change his Name and Cloaths.

Whoever secures said Servant, so that he may be had again, shall have, if taken 20 Miles from home, Forty Shillings; if 40 Miles from home, Three Pounds; and if taken out of the Province, Four Pistoles Reward, and reasonable Charges, if brought home.

RICHARD CROXALL.

Pig-Point, August 8, 1755.

Mr. GREEN,

AS many scandalous and malicious Lies have been invented, and industriously propagated, either to injure myself, or my Owner, in the Loading of my Ship; among others, that I had brought into the Country Warlike Stores for our declared Enemies the French, and the Roman Catholics: In order to remove any Impressions such base Lies may have made on any of my Freighters or others, I desire you will publish the inclosed Affidavit; and I further hereby promise a Reward of FIVE PISTOLES to any Person, who shall discover the Author or Authors of such scandalous Lies, so that he or they may be convicted of the same by a due Course of Law. I am, SIR,
Your humble Servant,
HENRY CARROLL.

WE, the Officers and Seamen, now under the Command of Capt. Henry Carroll, of the Ship Concord, bound to London, having, to our great Surprise, frequently heard that our Commander was accused of lying with a fair Wind at the Mouth of Patuxent River, at our Arrival in this Province, during the Space of Six or Eight Days, and during that Time was landing Warlike Stores for our declared Enemies the French, or supposed to serve some wicked Designs of Roman Catholics; we therefore think ourselves in Justice bound to declare his Innocence, and make it known by a public Affidavit on the Holy Evangels of ALMIGHTY GOD to the following Facts:
"First, That the Wind came foul, and continued blowing from N. to N. W. for the Space of four Days: The fifth Day we sailed up the River.
"Secondly, That our Commander left us at the Mouth of the River; nor did we see him till he came down the River in a Canoe, with William Crandall, six Days after, to meet the Ship, and then found her aground on the Upper Pomposet.
"Thirdly, That during our Stay at the Mouth of the River, we neither directly nor indirectly landed, nor caused to be landed, any Goods, nor Package, except a Crait of Earthen Ware, and two Boxes, which were sent by Col. Fitz-bugh's Negro Pilot to his Master.
"We also swear, as above, that we neither directly nor indirectly know, that there was any other Package landed there, or elsewhere, that looked like Warlike Stores; nor did we land any other Cast, or Firkin, except two Firkins of smoaking Pipes for Major Thomas Disquith, till we came to our Moorings at Lyon's-Creek: And that we unanimously think the above Accusation to be malicious, false, and groundless."

Calvert County, &c. THE following Persons were sworn to the Truth of the foregoing, before
DAVID ARNOLD.
DANIEL HYDE, Chief-Mate.
FRANCIS HARLAND, Carpenter,
JOHN KILTY, Second-Mate,
JOHN LILLY, Seaman,
ALEXANDER NEALE, Ditto,
JAMES MARTIN, Cook,
MATTHEW FLIN, Steward.
And at the same Time the above Persons being examined by me, Whether they or any of them heard any Person or Persons drink treasonable Healths, or in any wise speak disaffectedly of the present Government, &c. who all swore that they never did hear any such Expressions on board said Ship. DAVID ARNOLD.

LOST, on the Road between Annapolis, a great was contained; Nine Guinea Moidores, and two Pistoles. Any Person who will bring to the Printer of this Paper MOIDORES Reward.

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ing engaged. For Freight James Creagh on board the West Branch of Patapsco, or junior, Merchant, in Baltimore.

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A PARCEL of LAND Hundred Acres, being merly belonging to the Esq; deceased, commonly of the Name of Rebooth, situated Fork of Nanticoke, in the The said Land will be laid a good Title made to the enquire of Daniel Sullivan, Esq; Mr. Corbin Lee, of timore, Mr. George Lee, of George's, or John Lee, junior Essex, in the Colony of Virg

TO BE S
A VERY good GAR above six Years to serve of the Printer hereof.

RAN away from the Sub Town, in Calvert County Man, named Peter Carey, we Stature, has the Irish Brogue, on a new Felt Hat, and Osnabrigs. Whoever secures the him to the Subscriber, shall Reward, paid by

JOHN I
GOLD-SMITH, in A
MAKES or Repairs all vermith's, or Jewellers may be had Ready Cash for Work exchange'd for old. Having a good Workman Watchmaker's Business, any their Work, in that Way, po reasonable Rates, by
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STRAYED or Stolen out of Mr. Robert Gill Port, a Dapple Grey, naturally branded on the near Buttock has three Feathers on his Th Mane, a short Switch Tail, fore Hoofs are crack'd on Hands high. Whoever takes and brings him to the Rev. M Tobacco, shall have Ten Shill
FRAN
N. B. It is supposed found and carried him to Alexandria inform me, so that the Th had, shall have a Pistole Rew

THERE is at the Plant Griffiths, at Elk-Ridge, a Bay Mare, about 13 Hand is about 9 or 10 Years old, Forehead, two or three Saddle blindly on the near Buttock in the other, was trimm'd and has a Sprig Tail. The Owner may have her Property, and paying Charge

THERE is at the Plant junior, at Elk-Ridge, a White Horse, a little Flea-bit of his right Ear, about 13 Hand branded on the near Buttock W, and has a shuffling Pace. The Owner may have his Property, and paying Charge