

THE MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices foreign and domestic,

FRIDAY, December 26, 1755.

NEW-YORK, December 8.

On Wednesday last his Excellency our Governour was pleased to open the present Sessions of the Council and General Assembly for this Province, at the CITY-HALL, in this City, with the following SPEECH to both Houses, viz.

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly, HIS Majesty having been pleased, by his Royal Commission, to constitute me his Captain General and Governour in Chief of this Province; my Departure from England was no longer delayed, than in making the necessary Preparations for it. Upon my Arrival, I found this and several other of his Majesty's Colonies, cheerfully engaged in an Expedition for removing the French Encroachments at Crown-Point; and soon after received an Account of the Action on the Eighth of September last, between the provincial Forces, under the Command of Major General Johnson, and the Forces under the French General the Baron de Dieskau, in which the latter were repulsed, and himself taken. On the Fourteenth I embarked for Albany, to reside there during the further Prosecution of this Design, that I might be nearer at Hand to render every Assistance in my Power to promote the Success of it; which, I am sorry, is not equal to the Expectation we flattered ourselves with. Two Forts have been erected by the Army, one at the Great Carrying-Place on Hudson's River, and the other at the South End of Lake-George. These Forts will not only facilitate any future Attempt against the Enemy on that Quarter, but if properly maintained and garrisoned, tend greatly to the Security of the Country. Before I left Albany, Measures were concerted for placing Garrisons in them; and Commissioners in the Behalf of this Province, the Province of Massachusetts-Bay, and the Colony of Connecticut, are gone to the Camp to settle every Thing relative to the Garrisons; and when fixed to discharge the rest of the Forces, conformable to an Agreement, which, with other Papers necessary for your Information, I shall order to be laid before you.

Gentlemen, I am commanded by his Majesty to recommend to you, in his Name, without Delay, to consider of a proper Law to be passed, for settling a permanent Revenue upon a solid Foundation, for defraying the necessary and established Charges of Government, taking Care that such Law be indefinite, without Limitation of Time; and that Provision be made therein, for a competent Salary to the Captains General and Governours in Chief of this his Majesty's Province; and likewise, for competent Salaries to all Judges, Justices, and other necessary and usual Officers and Ministers of Government; and also for a certain permanent Fund for repairing and maintaining the Fortifications, for making annual Presents to the Indians, and for the other contingent Expenses attending that Service; and, in general, for all such other Charges of Government as may be fixed or ascertained.

As the Act to regulate the Militia of this Colony, will expire by its own Limitation, on the Nineteenth Day of February next, I must recommend to you the continuing of that useful Law, with such Alterations or Amendments as may appear to you to be necessary.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly, From my short Residence in this Province, it cannot be expected I should point out to you any new Funds for raising the necessary Supplies. You will consider of the Revenue his Majesty demands of you for the Support of his Government; and if the Funds heretofore established for this Service appear insufficient, you will fall upon such others as may effectually answer his Majesty's just Expectations. I shall only recommend to you, to avoid as much as possible the laying any further Impositions on Trade, upon the Encouragement of which, the Prosperity of every trading County principally depends.

As the two Forts built by the provincial Forces, are to be garrisoned by a Proportion of the Troops raised by each Government, I must recommend it to you to provide your Quota of that Expense; and also for the Payment of what is still due to the Troops, and such contingent Charges as have arisen in the Course of this Service.

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly, His Majesty, ever zealous in promoting the Happiness of his People, is taking such Measures to vindicate the Honour of his Crown, and for the Defence of his undoubted Rights and Dominion, as must excite in all his Subjects the highest Sentiments of Duty and Gratitude. And as from the present critical Conjunction of Affairs, a Rupture with France may be soon expected, and the French even at this Time are using strong Efforts to distress these Colonies; it behoves every one to exert himself to the utmost of his Ability. I shall not therefore doubt of your enabling me to enter into, and pursue such Measures as shall appear necessary for our own, and the Defence of all his Majesty's Colonies. The Prosperity of which, I hope, in the Course of my Administration, to convince you I have most warmly at Heart.

Fort-George, New-York, 24 December, 1755. CHARLES HARDY.

To his Excellency Sir CHARLES HARDY, Knight, Captain General and Governour in Chief in and over the Province of New-York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

The humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of NEW-YORK.

May it please your Excellency, WE his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council for the Province of New-York, return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your Speech.

We have a just Sense of his Majesty's Attention to the Happiness of all his Subjects; and with Hearts full of Gratitude, acknowledge his particular Care of us his remote Subjects in America; and have Reason to hope his Majesty, who has already shewn his Concern for the Defence of his own undoubted Rights, and his tender Regard for the Protection of his People in these Parts, will be pleased to send us such further Assistance, as may disappoint all the Efforts of the French, and remove them from the Encroachments they have made upon his Territories.

The Forts that have been erected at the Carrying-Place, on Hudson's River, and at the South End of Lake-George, we are fully convinced will not only facilitate any future Attempt against the common Enemy in that Quarter, and tend to the Security of these Northern Countries; but may also serve as Places of Retreat and Shelter, to such Parties as may be sent out to annoy the French, and return on them that Kind of War which they have barbarously carried on against the People of these Colonies.

Your Excellency's early Determination of embarking for Albany, upon Intelligence of some Action that had happened at Lake-George, before you were informed of the Event; your Resolution of residing there to be near at Hand, to render every Assistance in your Power to promote the Expedition, and protect the Frontiers, fill our Hearts with the warmest Sentiments of Gratitude; and your Excellency's Vigilance and Service done there, by your personal Presence, demand our most sincere Acknowledgments, and give us the fullest Assurance, that your Excellency's Administration will continue to demonstrate you have the Prosperity of this Country warmly at Heart.

We assure your Excellency, we will, upon all Occasions, exert our utmost Abilities for the Service of our King and Country, and to render your Administration easy to yourself, and happy to the People committed to your Charge.

By Order of the Council, JAMES ALEXANDER, Speaker.

City-Hall, New-York, 24th December, 1755.

To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following ANSWER.

Gentlemen, I RETURN you Thanks for your kind Address. The just Sense you express of his Majesty's Attention to the Happiness of all his Subjects, cannot but be acceptable to him. His Majesty's early Care of his Subjects in America, leaves no Room to doubt of such further Assistance as may be necessary to remove the French from their Encroachments, and secure the future Tranquillity of these Colonies. I am obliged to you for the favourable Sentiments you entertain of me, from my Endeavours for the public Service; and you may be assured the true Interest and Prosperity of this Province shall be my constant Care and Attention. Fort-George, New-York, 5th December, 1755. CHARLES HARDY.

NA P L E S, August 19.

SINCE the Arrival of a Courier from Spain, our Armaments both by Sea and Land, are carried on with greater Vigour than ever.

Repeated Complaints having been made of the great Affliction with which many Families in this Neighbourhood are overwhelmed, by having their Daughters decoyed away by the Women of Pleasure to share their Infamy by being made Prostitutes, about forty of the most notorious of these abandoned Seducers were a few Days ago taken into Custody, and after receiving a severe Reprimand from the Civil Magistrate, each was whipt from the Magistrate's Houfe to the Goal placed on an Ass with her Back uncovered. They were attended by a Dominican Friar, who addressing himself by Turns to the Offenders and to the Bystanders, set forth with great Energy and Power the dreadful Consequences of fulfilling the Lusts of the Flesh which war against the Soul.

The Crowd was so great that even the Tops of Houses were covered with Spectators of this new kind of Cavalcade, in which the Hoopings of the People and the pathetic Declaration of the Dominican furnished a very uncommon Contrast.

L O N D O N,

October 7. As our naval Force is at present so much superior to that of France, the Majority of the Nation, who are too apt to despise their Enemies, may laugh at the Project of the French Ministry to increase their Navy; they may either think that France has not Money enough to raise from other Services, to raise a Fleet equal to ours; or, at

the worst, that we shall take their Men of War as fast as they put them out to Sea. It is hoped we shall do so, as it is probable we may, with good Management; but it is possible, that our Enemy may find Money enough to keep us so long in Play at Sea, that tho' we come off Conquerors, the Cause may be like that of two Clients in Chancery, where he that gains the Cause is reduced to his last Shift, and the Loser left stark naked. This may be the Case unless proper Methods be taken to make Virtue and useful Knowledge revive amongst us, by discountenancing certain fashionable Diversions, where the Great and the Vulgar meet promiscuously, some to lose their Money, some to over-reach others, and all to lose their Time. It will likewise be necessary to look out for Men of Merit, and prefer them only without enquiring whether they, or their Friends or Relations, have any Interest in paltry Borough's, &c. In short it will be necessary to lay aside Faction, Corruption, and Venality; for out of these pestiferous Weeds, Heroes can hardly spring up in Numbers sufficient to save a declining State. Whoever reflects upon the Fate of Carthage, a Common-wealth, must allow it possible for an old maritime Power to be over-matched on their own Element by a new one.

St. JOHN'S, is ANTIQUA, November 4. On Saturday last, his Majesty's Ship the Winchester of 50 Guns, brought into St. John's Road, the four following French Vessels, which were taken by Commodore Frankland's Squadron, viz.

- Ship Grand Duke d'Aquitain, from Bourdeaux to Cape Francois.
- Ditto Alicion, from Angola to St. Domingo, with upwards of 500 Slaves.
- Ditto St. Pierre's, from Martinico to Maricillet.
- Snow Partain from Gold Coast to St. Domingo, with 900 Slaves.

November 13. Just now arriv'd a Sloop from Barbados, the Master says he was brought to by the Warwick, Capt. Shoulham, on Friday last, who presently after took a French Snow from Bourdeaux, bound to Martinico.

B O S T O N, December 1.

Since our last, we have heard more of the terrible Effects of the late Earthquake, than the throwing down of Chimnies, Stone Furnaces, &c. viz. That many excellent Springs of Water are dried up, or their Course altered and new Ones opened in other Places. In many Parts of the Country a great Number of Eruptions appear, from whence a fine Sand and Water continue to issue out. By a Letter from New Hampshire, dated a Week ago, we are told, that in some Parts of that Province, the Shocks had been more frequent than in these Parts of the Country, the Author of the Letter having felt Ten or Eleven, and some other People affirmed they had felt at least Twenty. At Newington, in that Province, it is said, there was an Eruption near the Meeting-house, sixty Rods long, and two wide. A frightful Chasm this!

December 8. By Captain Johnson, who arrived here on Tuesday last, in free Vails from Lisbon, we are informed, that 4 or 5 Days after he came out, being then about 60 Leagues in the Westward of the Rock of Lisbon, and out of Soundings, his Ship was on a sudden set a trembling by a great Agitation of the Sea; and that soon after, the Water was so violently agitated, that the Ship trembled and shook to such a Degree, that the Binnacle was overturned, and the Vessel seem'd as if she had struck on a Rock or the Shore. This happened about a Fortnight before the terrible Shock of an Earthquake felt in these Parts on the 18th of November past.

About a Fortnight ago, we had Advice, by Letter from St. Peter's, in Newfoundland, that a French Fleet, consisting of 17 Men of War, and Transports, was arriv'd at Spanish River, in Cape-Breton, where they were landing their Men, &c. little or no Credit was given to this Advice; but last Saturday, a Vessel arriv'd here from Newfoundland, the Master of which says, that on his Passage from this Town to Placeaux, some Time ago, he met with a French Bomb-Ship heading into Louisburg, which is supposed to be one of the said Fleet; and if so, it is probable they have a Design upon Nova-Scotia. And as we have Letters from Halifax of the 27th ult. insinuating, that Colonel Winslow was arriv'd there with 50 of the New-England Troops, and was immediately to be followed by 2000 more; this seem'd to increase that Suspicion.

By the Courier which arriv'd here on Saturday last from Albany, we are inform'd, that the Army was disbanded, saving a sufficient Number of Men left to Garrison the two Forts there under the Commands of the Colonel, Bagly of this Province, and Whiting of Connecticut.

W I L L I A M S B U R G,

October 31. Capt. Baker just arriv'd in York River, in 9 Weeks from London, came out under Convoy of Commodore Douglas in the Bedford, with four other Ships of the Line under his Command, and 20 Sail of Merchantmen bound for the Straights. The Princess Louisa, one of them, took three French Prizes, a Ship from Newfoundland, a Snow from Lisbon, and a Ketch; before Captain Baker left the Fleet they spoke with Admiral Hawke's Squadron of 21 Sail, about 40 Leagues S. W. from Uffant, stretching across the Bay; Admiral West was in another Part of the Bay with 2 Sail, cruising between Uffant and Cape Finistere, to intercept the French. Two Days after he left Commodore Douglas,

the Plantation of *Judas Reef*, taken up as a *Spray*, a Bay lands high, has a large Blaze and that Back has been bruis'd but has no perceivable...

have her again, on proving his Charges. Living in *Annapolis*, having himself with several very good...

GAMALIEL BUTLER, will give 12 s. a Cord for good...

BE SOLD, POST-CHAISE, almost new, carnes, For further Particulars, enter hereof.

RED, to my Custody, as a *Ru-* Richard Swann, who says he is James Sroffs, of Middlesex County. His Master is desired to come...

BE SOLD, BUILT SCHOONER, Burthen upwards of 50 Ton, new Rigging. For further Particulars, at *Annapolis*. CHARLES CARROLL.

BE SOLD, good Bills of Exchange, Gold, or Paper Currency, adjoining Tracts and Parcels of Land,

466 Acres, 89, 445, 78, 290, 183, 91, 113, 649, 380, 225

mentioned lie in *Beall's Neck*, in County, not above twelve Miles from a choice Parcel of fine Wood-

of Land, being Part of a Tract *Park*, lying likewise in *Frederick* near a Branch, called and known, of *Captain John's Branch*.

inclined to purchase Part of the first and Tracts, lying in *Prince George's* have the Quantity desired, provided as not to incommode the remaining it unserviceable, or prejudice the and likewise, any Part of the several *Prince George's* County, in like Manner. Terms may be known, by applying to *John Beall, junior*, near *Piscataway*, in *Prince-George* County. JOHN BEALL, junior. will be given for the Payment of Security, if required.

in *Charles-street*; per Year. ADVERTISE-Week, and One Shilling