

... of a Letter from London, dated October 31.
"As yet we have no War declared, neither the French nor by us, although we have near French Ships in our Harbour, their Value considerable; and to this Day the French have taken one English Vessel, since the Capture of Blandford Man of War: This astonishes all eyes; to see how patiently they bear every Thing. For the Merchants in France, they are almost dead, owing to so many Ships we have taken, so valuable; but per the last Mail from France, we are assured most positively, that the Toulon Fleet was out, and had Orders to take every Thing met with belonging to the English; and Prisoners are actually fitting out at all the French Ports, and no Doubt but we shall soon hear that they have taken many English Ships up the coasts, &c. Our Court is doing every Thing we can for to make them declare first. The French now threaten us with an Invasion, and are making great Preparations for that Purpose; but we are prepared for them, come when they will. Our Preparations are making than those you'll see by the English Prints; Camps are going to be pitched on all the Sea Coasts, any where that the French can land, with proper Artillery, and the Officers to command. Great Numbers of Troops are raising, and all our Forts are fortifying such a Manner by the Diligence of our Government, that we all bid Defiance to any Attempt of an Enemy. You may depend we shall have an end of War in a few Weeks;--- I have this from good Hands." Yours, &c.

... of a Letter from London, dated November 1.
"We had, two Days ago, News of General JOHNSON's defeating the French Army under the Command of the Baron Dieskau: I hope it may be followed with more substantial Good. We have now in all taken 198 French Officers; and am well informed, one and all will be sold in a little Time, there being now scarce a shadow left of Matters between us being accommodated; that a bloody War seems to be at Hand."

NEW-YORK, February 2.
... of a Letter from Albany, dated January 22.
"This Day two French Prisoners were brought here, who were taken within two Miles, and in sight of Crown-Point, by a Party of our People, under the Command of Captain Rogers. One of them is a Farmer, and the other a Butcher; and were both taken driving a Sleigh with four or five quarters of Beef, from Crown-Point to Ticonderoga. Captain Rogers would have brought off the Sleigh with the Beef, but observing a Number of Men coming upon him from Crown-Point, on their Skates, he made the best of his Way with two Prisoners. The Frenchmen give out, that there is but 100 Men at Crown-Point, and 300 at Ticonderoga."

... of another Letter from Albany, January 23.
"Captain Rogers, being out with a Party of 100 Men, came upon the Tracks of a great Number of French and Indians. He immediately sent back six of his Men to the Commander of Fort Henry William, at the Lake, to acquaint him with the Affair, and that he might transmit an Account of the same to Albany, as he supposed the Enemy were gone that Way, having tracked them as far as the Fort at the Carrying-Place."

... of a Letter from Kingston, in Jamaica, dated December 16, 1755.
"There are 14 Sail of French Vessels brought here; three of them are Guiney Men. I fell with nine Sail to Windward of the Keys that were taken by the Commodore, and Captain Rodham, in two 50 Gun Ships."

A large Ship with Stores on board, bound from London for Antigua, was on the 15th Day of December last cast away on Barbuda, the Vessel and Cargo lost, and Eleven out of Twenty-one of the people on board perished. This Ship sailed in company from England with six Sail of Men of War, all bound to Antigua, where a Merchant Ship arrived the 25th of December in 29 Days from London; but brought no News, save their hearing of the Disaster at Lisbon.
Numbers of Recruits have arrived here within this Fortnight past, raised in the Provinces to the Westward; some designed for Halifax, and others to compleat the Regiments in this Province.

PHILADELPHIA, January 15.
There are several Letters from London, in which mention is made, that a War with France seems inevitable; and that it is generally believed in England, that tho' the French are letting the English take their Vessels without making Reprisals, yet they are meditating a Blow against them, which will make up for the Loss of their Ships.

The Substance of the Action at Gnadenhütten, as we have received it from divers who were there, is this. The Lieutenant, who commanded, had Fifty-two Men with him at Gnadenhütten, mostly Labourers, who came with Axes to look for Employment, but without Arms. A Detachment of the Company was down here with the Captain, to escort up some Waggons with Provision; and another Party was out to meet the Waggons, so that among the Fifty-two Men they had but Twenty-two Guns. The Lieutenant and four others, were on the Scout on the other Side of the River, a little above the Town, which consisted of about 36 Houses, and a Church. They saw Tracks of two Indians in the Snow, and following the Tracks, came in Sight of a String of 200 Indians, who were running round to hem them in; so that finding no Way open to escape, either up or down the River, they were obliged to take right through the Water. The Indians followed them to the Bank, and when they were about half through the River, fired on them very thick, and wounded the Lieutenant in the Leg, so that he fell, and wet his Gun; they wounded also one Klein in the Belly, who, as soon as he reached the other Shore, turn'd and shot one of the Enemy down, who they saw roll down the Bank, and fall in the River. The Lieutenant (Brown's) Coat was shot through in many Places, as were the Coats and Hats of the rest, but no others were wounded. They got into the Church, where they defended themselves well for some Time, and killed several of the Enemy. One fell in the Middle of the Street; and another came from behind a House, and took the dead Man by the Leg, and was drawing him off, but was shot, and fell on the other. The Indians set the Town on Fire to the Windward of the Church, which presently filled it with Smoke, so that they could neither see nor breathe. Then, having well charged all their Pieces, they sallied out, and engaged the Enemy among the Houses, where they killed several more of them; and at last, their Ammunition being spent, the Lieutenant order'd every Man to shift for himself, and they separated. Klein, who was wounded at first, desired the Lieutenant not to leave him, and he led him over the Ice, on a Part of the River that was frozen. The Enemy fired very thick at them, and Klein fell, being shot through the Head. The Lieutenant took up his Gun, and while he was charging it, it was shot out of his Hand. He then got on a little Island, where was Abundance of Drift Wood, and hid himself under the Side of a Log with Leaves and other Trash, where he lay till Midnight, and then got off, and escaped to the Settlements. During his Concealment, he saw the Enemy all round looking for him, and heard them speak both English and Dutch, which he understands. The Town was chiefly burnt down with the Church. Hayes came up after the Action was over, and saw the Enemy march off with a Horse Load of Blankets our Men had left in the Church, but was too weak to attack them. It is supposed we had 20 Men killed; the rest got off, but several are badly wounded.

The Action at Allemangle was thus. Three Men, who had left their Dwellings over the Mountains, used now and then to go to the Top of the Mountain, from whence they could see them, to observe whether they were burnt, or yet standing. On Saturday last they saw Smoke from one of their Chimnies, and going a little nearer, saw two Indians standing Centry, a Number being in the House. They went back, and alarmed the Watch of two Townships, who assembled the next Morning, to the Number of Sixty Men, who went over the Hill, and divided into two Parties, to surround the House; but in going down the Hill, one of the Men fell, and his Gun going off, alarm'd the Indians in the House, who ran out into a Pine Swamp, and when one of our Parties came up, fired and wounded four. Our People went after them boldly into the Swamp, engaged them, and killed several. But our other Party hearing the Fire, fled without coming up to the Engagement; and three straggling Indians coming up with them, fired at them as they were on the Top of the Hill, and killed one. The Indians proving too hard for our People in the Swamp, they retreated to a House, from whence they fired on the Indians that surrounded them, and killed several. At length the Firing being heard, another Party of our People came up, and the Indians retreated. We got five Scalps, but they got nine of ours. Our Men are sure they killed eight at least: Two of our Wounded are since dead."

... of a Letter from Friedenthal, January 22.
"Yesterday three Men came to us from the Blue Mountains, whose Parents are here with us.

They informed us, that the eight dead Bodies they found there, were buried by the Soldiers. Christian Bomper's Body was one of them, which was stripped quite naked. About Colber they knew nothing. Our Dogs make every Night a great Noise till Twelve o'Clock and run towards the Island, which is very bushy. I suspect it is not without Ground. ANDREW KREMSER."

ANNAPOLIS, February 12.
On Friday, next Week, the General Assembly of this Province is to meet here.

We hear a Scheme is on Foot in some of the Counties on this Side the Bay, for maintaining Riders from one Court-House to another, once a Week, by which Means a Weekly Correspondence may be carried on between Annapolis, and those Places, and from those Places, to Annapolis. It is to be hoped it will meet with Encouragement from all public-spirited Gentlemen, especially at this juncture, and as it may be done by MANY, at a very small annual Expence.

Prince-George's County, February 11, 1756.
Mr. GREEN,

I READ in your last GAZETTE an ingenious Question, put to you by one BOB HINT, of Worcester County, alluding to SOMEBODY, who never before troubled you in this Manner, nor perhaps ever will again: Yet, on this Occasion, cannot avoid begging Liberty to put another Question to you on the same Affair:--

Pray, Sir, If a Merchant in London shou'd intend a Vessel for Pocomoke, and Clear out said Vessel for Barbados, Jamaica, or Antigua, Can it be supposed, by any reasonable Man, that it was done to prevent our having Intelligence from our Correspondents in England, when PUBLIC NOTICE was given, all over Great-Britain, six Weeks before, that a MONTHLY PACKET was established to sail for New-York, and carry Letters for all our Colonies on this Continent, the first of which Packets sail'd with said Vessel? And likewise a Ship bound for VIRGINIA, which CLEAR'D OUT FOR THAT PLACE, and sail'd about the same Time, and her coming away was PUBLICLY KNOWN? Or can BOB, or any other Gentleman, with Justice, blame any Body besides their Correspondents, in such a Case, for keeping them in IGNORANCE of the State of Affairs, and not informing them of the State of Tobacco at home, and every Thing else to enable them to JUDGE of the VALUE of IT, AND OF THEIR INTEREST TO SHIP, OR SELL IT? Or, Can their Correspondents in England justly complain of the Want of an Opportunity to write to their Friends here? Besides, SOMEBODY desires you to acquaint Bob Hint, that the Ship he hints at, was order'd by SOMEBODY on his own Account and Risque to be sent out, in a private Manner, tho' not with the most distant Intention of preventing Letters being sent out by her to any Gentleman here: Yet, for some other Reasons, which SOMEBODY does not think he is at Liberty to give Bob Hint, left he, or some of the Family of the Hint, shou'd take the Hint, and injure the Province as much, by taking such an UNUSUAL STEP, and occasion us (tho' such a Thing hereafter happen) seriously to reflect, that an Intention to found an Advantage upon our Ignorance of the State of Affairs, may not be most favourable to us. But I have this Charity for Mr. ROBERT HINT (for I will not call him BOB any longer, as I am sure, from his elegant Style, he must have had an University Education, and the Degree of a Master of Arts conferred on him) that as he lives in such a remote Part of the Province, he had not heard, when he wrote to you, that there was a Packet establish'd, which sail'd at the same Time with SOMEBODY's Ship he is so angry with; nor had his Anger allow'd him Time to consider the Opportunity of the other Ship (which he unluckily stumbled on) bound for Virginia, which CLEAR'D OUT FOR THAT PLACE, and her coming away was PUBLICLY KNOWN, otherwise he wou'd not have troubled you with his Question, or his two Paragraphs of News underneath it: And I hope Mr. ROBERT, before he troubles you, or the Public, again, will endeavour to be better inform'd, and then, I dare venture to say, from the Knack he has got of Writing in the genteel Taste, which must be evident to every Body, he will much entertain all your Readers, and in particular
Your humble Servant,
SOMEBODY.

P. S. I hope you will print this Letter in your next GAZETTE, and insert the following Paragraph of News:--
"Capt. Lee arrived in Patuxent about three Weeks ago, and brought Letters and Accounts of Sales from Mr. John Buchanan; likewise Letters from Mr. Silvanus Grove and Mr. Brian Philpot; all agreeing in their Advice of the great Start our Tobacco has taken at home; and we hope soon for the Arrival of Capt. Johnston, in Mr. James Russell's Empley, giving a further Account of it's rising, which we have the greatest Reason, from these Letters and several Circumstances, to expect."

Oxford, February 9, 1756.
To be SOLD, at Oxford, on reasonable Terms, for Bills, Current Money, Tobacco, Wheat, Corn, and short Credit,

THE Stock in Trade of Richard Gildart, Esq; and Sons, of Liverpool, Merchants. All Persons inclin'd to purchase are desired soon to apply to the Subscriber, who intends for England early in the next Summer, and gives this public Notice to all those who have any Demands on the said Company, or himself, or are in Arrears to either; that they may come and settle their respective Accounts, and avoid further Trouble to themselves, and
THOMAS BRERETON.

THIS is to give Notice, That if any young LADIES or GENTLEMEN are willing to learn the French Language, and can conveniently begin together, or at the same Time, the Subscriber will keep a School for that particular Purpose, Thrice a Week, at any House they shall please to pitch upon, between the Hours of Twelve at Noon, and Two Afternoon, where he will teach them on the most moderate and reasonable Terms, and in the easiest and most concise Manner.
WILLIAM CLAJON.

THERE have been lately stolen out of the House where Mr. William Peale lived, at London-Town, nine or ten Window-Sashes, with the Panes of Glass in them, and also several Hinges and Locks from the Doors. Whoever will discover those who stole the Window-Sashes, shall have Five Pounds Reward; and for the Discovery of those who stole the Locks and Hinges, Twenty Shillings; to be paid on the Conviction of the Offenders, by

JAMES DICK, } Executors.
JAMES MOUAT, }
JAMES NICHOLSON, }

N. B. There is some Reason to suspect they were stolen by some Boat-men from the Eastern-Shore.

AMOS FOGG,
Lately removed to the noted RED HOUSE on the Road between Baltimore-Town and Joppa,

HAVING supplied himself with all Sorts of good Liquors, and every other Necessary, keeps TAVERN; and all Gentlemen Travellers may there depend on good Usage and Entertainment, for themselves, and Horses,
From their humble Servant,
AMOS FOGG.

To be Sold to the highest Bidder, on Wednesday the 25th Day of February Instant, at the Store of Mr. James Dick, in Annapolis, at 12 o'Clock,

A LOT of Ground in Annapolis, N^o. 1, on which is an old House, with two Brick Chimneys, lately belonging to the Estate of William Peale, deceased.

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THERE are at the Plantation of Alexander Falconer, in Prince-George's County, taken up as Strays, the following Creatures, viz.

A dark Dun colour'd Mare, branded on the near Buttock with something like a C, her left Eye is out; she has a dark colour'd Colt belonging to her, that is neither branded nor docked.

A small Bay Mare, with a small Blotch on her near Buttock, undock'd.

A small dark Bay Mare, appears to be about three Years old, but neither branded nor docked.

The Owners may have them again, on proving their Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is in the Possession of Edward Banister, living on Bennett's-Creek, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a small dark Bay Mare, the off Side of her Face is white, has Glass Eyes, and a Bit out of her near Ear, four white Feet, and is branded on one of her Buttocks thus ().

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

THERE is at the Plantation of Luke Windfor, in Prince-George's County, near Bladenburg, taken up as a Stray, a black Horse, about 13 Hands and a Half high, has a small Blaze in his Face, one hind Foot white, and is branded with IT.

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

THERE is at the Plantation of Samuel Norwood, in Baltimore County, near Pappoco Ferry, taken up as a Stray, a low well-set white Gelding, he has lost one Eye, is branded on the near Buttock with HHP (joined in one), but the fore Part of the Brand appears very imperfect and hard to be made out, as does the Part making the Top of the P.

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