

caſion for his Service: To which the Gentleman replied, *That with great Satisfaction to his Conſcience, and with all Duty and Affection to his Majeſty, he obeyed his Commands.*

**CHARLES-TOWN, South-Carolina, Jan. 15.**  
We hear that one of his Majeſty's Ships from Jamaica, took a French Guineyman as ſhe was entering the Mouth of Leoganne Harbour, which ſo enraged the Governor, that he immediately ordered an Engliſh Schooner, which had been ſome Days trading there, to be ſeized, *tho' ſhe was laden with Flour, &c.*

**BOSTON, February 5.**  
Laſt Friday Morning died, in the 67th Year of his Age, and on Tueſday was decently and honourably interr'd, Mr. JOHN FRANKLIN, of this Town, Poſt-Maſter, and Brother to the ingenious BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Eſq; of Philadelphia. He was a Perſon of plain, manly, unaffected Virtue and Religion---without Bigotry to any Sect; and without Prejudice to any Party---of a truly public Spirit, and always ready to promote any Schemes that were for the Benefit of his Country. ---Was poſſeſſ'd of a great Share, not only of Probity and Uprightneſs, but of good Senſe, and Sweetneſs of Temper:---Qualities, that are engaging, and naturally recommend a Perſon to the Eſteem and good Will of People of Taſte, that can diſtinguiſh properly, and have a Turn for the eaſy and generous Endearments of Friendſhip. He lived happy in the Love of his Acquaintance, and died lamented by all. Though his Pains were very great, he never uttered the leaſt Complaint, nor expreſſed the leaſt Impatience. He died full of a ſincere Reſignation to the Will of GOD, and of firm Hopes in his Promiſes of a future State.

The Stone taken out of Mr. Franklin's Bladder after his Death, weighed one Ounce, five Pennyweight, and ſixteen Grains.

**February 9.** By Capt. Coppenger from Madeira (which Iſland he left the 25th of December laſt) we are informed, that on the firſt of November, at the Iſland of St. Michael they had a very ſevere Shock of an Earthquake, with a prodigious Flux of the Sea, by which 300 Perſons were drowned.

**February 16.** By the Courier that came to Town from Albany on the Seventh Inſtant, we learn, that Captain Grant, belonging to Connecticut, who commanded a ſcouting Party from Fort Edward, having with him 7 Men, went to diſcover whether any of the Enemy were near the Lake, and perceiving a conſiderable Body of them were near, coming upon them, they determined to ſcatter, and make the beſt of their Way to the Fort. One of the Men, in his Return, ſat down on a fallen Tree to reſt himſelf, having for a Day or two before loſt his Way, and was very much fatigued, looking round him, he ſpied an Indian with a Gun preſented, who immediately firing, the Man fell behind the Tree as if dead; when the Indian drew towards him, he preſented his Gun over the Tree, fired, and killed the Indian on the Spot, and then immediately went to ſcalp him; but juſt as he had cut round the Skin, before he could take off the Scalp, he diſcovered near twenty Indians approaching; upon which he ran with all Speed, and got into Fort Edward, but ſo fatigued, that it is thought he could not live.

We alſo hear, that laſt Wedneſday was Fort-night, Capt. Rogers, with about 50 Men, and the aboveſaid Grant, with about 30 more, went from the two Forts near the Lake, in order to ſcout as far as Wood-Creek, &c. and to make what Diſcoveries they could.

Wedneſday laſt 4 Frenchmen, viz. 2 Deferters from their Regular Troops, and two Fellows taken by Captain Rogers near Lake George, were brought to this Town under a Guard from Albany, and committed to Goal.

Thuſday laſt Captain Troth arrived here in twelve Weeks from London, and by him we have Letters from Gentlemen of the beſt Intelligence and Credit, informing, that the Expences the Northern Colonies have been at in carrying on the late Expeditions, and alſo what Charge they may be further at for his Majeſty's Service, will certainly be paid by the Crown;---and, that it was expected One Hundred Thouſand Pounds Sterling would be put on board one of his Majeſty's Ships of War in a few Days, to be landed here, for the Uſe of the Northern Colonies. The ſaid Ship of War, with ſeveral Merchantmen under her Convoy, is daily expected here.

By a Veſſel arrived here on Friday laſt from Cadiz, we have a Letter that confirms the News

lateſt received from Liſbon, that ſeveral Cities in Barbary were deſtroyed by the Earthquake on the firſt of November laſt; and the Writer ſays, that by the next Veſſel he hopes to give us the Particulars of that fatal Cataſtrophe.

**NEW-YORK, February 9.**  
We are credibly informed, that one of his Majeſty's Ships of War, with 50,000l. Sterling, in Specie, on board, for the Uſe of the Forces now in America, and two Store-ſhips, are daily expected here from England.

Extract of a Letter from New-Providence (one of the Bahama Iſlands) dated January 29.

*---Some Days ago arrived here from London, a large Snow with Warlike Stores for our Garrisons, which was a very agreeable Sight to the Inhabitants of this Iſland, as we were in great Want of them. If there ſhould be a War this Spring, we are now ſo well ſupplied with every Thing neceſſary, that we reſt eaſy about any Invaſion.*

General SHIRLEY has iſſued a Proclamation, dated at Boſton, the 12th Day of this Inſtant February, ſignifying to all Deferters belonging to SHIRLEY's and PEPPERRELL's Regiments, That if they return to their reſpective Colours, or ſurrender themſelves to any Officer of either of the Regiments at Boſton, New-York, Albany, or Skeneſtady, on or before the 10th Day of March next; he will grant them their Pardon, otherwiſe they will be apprehended as Deferters, and puniſhed accordingly. A Reward of Twenty Shillings Sterling he has offered in the ſaid Proclamation for apprehending Deferters after the ſaid 10th Day of March next. And Perſons entertaining Deferters, will be proſecuted according to Law.

We learn by the laſt Veſſels from Europe, that the Accounts which have been tranſmitted of the Succeſs of His Majeſty's Arms in the Action near Lake George, on the 8th Day of September laſt, and of the conſiderable Reinforcements ſent by the ſeveral Governments concerned therein, had been laid before his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty has been pleaſed to expreſs his Senſe of the great Zeal and Spirit which thoſe Governments have ſo ſtrongly manifeſted, in ſo chearfully and effectually promoting the neceſſary and important Service they engaged in.---And further, we learn, That his Majeſty would take an early Opportunity of laying the Particulars of their Conduct before the Parliament; and, That as his Majeſty is ſenſible, that the Expences which thoſe ſeveral Colonies have incurred, though chearfully borne, cannot but be burthenſome to his brave and good Subjects, he will at the ſame Time recommend to the Parliament, to grant them ſuch Aſſiſtance in Conſideration of the Charges they have borne, as their Circumſtances ſhould require, and as will enable them vigorouſly to purſue the great and neceſſary Work which has been ſo chearfully undertaken.

Extract of a Letter from New-Haven, dated February 18.

*"This Day the Albany Poſt came in here, and informs us, that Captain Rogers, with a Party of Fifty Men, engaged, nigh Crown-Point, a Number of French and Indians, defeated them, and returned ſafe with nine Priſoners, after having deſtroyed ſeveral Buildings belonging to the French."*

**PHILADELPHIA, February 12.**  
Extract of a Letter from Liſbon, dated Dec. 2, 1755.

Things at preſent are in great Confuſion in regard to Trade; but we hope in a few Months proper Meaſures will be taken by the Court to carry Buſineſs on as uſual on another Spot, for Liſbon will be hardly rebuilt in our Time. This is a ſevere Stroke to Trade, as all the Shopkeepers are ruined which eſcaped, and their Engagements with the Engliſh, as well as other Factories, amount to an immenſe Sum, which many Nations will feel."

We have alſo Advice, that the King of Spain has ſent his Letter of Condolance to the King of Portugal on the unhappy Occaſion, and with them a grand preſent in Money, to help to rebuild the City.

On Tueſday, the 3d Inſtant, John Dondur depoſed before Conrad Weiſer, Eſq; in Tulpehocken, That on the Twenty-ſeventh of laſt Month, he and his Daughter went over the Kittatinny Hills, in order to bring ſome Grain from his Plantation, which he had deſerted ſome Time before; that they ſtaid there all Night, and in the Morning heard a Noiſe, like the Crackling of ſomething burning, and on looking out ſaw his Barracks on Fire, and ſix Indians, painted like Warriors, ſtanding round them, upon which they made the beſt of their Way off, without being diſcovered.

We hear from Tulleo, in Berks County, that on Friday Night laſt one of Captain Buſſe's Centrics was fired at by an Indian, but received no Hurt. The following is a true Account of the Damage done by the Indians at Canakways, in Cumberland County, on the 28th of laſt Month, viz.

James Leaton killed and ſcalped. Catharine Stillwell, and one of her Children, killed and ſcalped, and two others carried off, one about eight, the other three Years old; her Husband, Richard Stillwell, was at a Neighbour's Houſe when his was attacked, and from thence got into Coombs's Fort. Elias Stillwell had ſeven Horſes and Mares carried off, one Cow killed, and one burnt. John M'Keney's Houſe was burnt, with all his Houſhold Goods and Cloathing, and what remained of three Beeves, and ſeven fat Hogs; he had likewiſe three Cows killed, and three Calves burnt in Mr. Samuel Eaten's Barn. Samuel Hicks had eleven Cattle, and a valuable Mare, killed. Richard Malone's Houſe and Barn were burnt, and two of his Cattle killed. A Houſe was burnt that belonged to John Hicks, who was murder'd ſome Time ago by the Indians. The Tracks of ſeven Indians, and of a Child (ſuppoſed to be the eldeſt of Stillwell's) with thoſe of the Horſes they carried off, were ſeen in a Corn-Field, and they ſeem'd to be going towards Aughwick.

We have Advice from Carlisle, that beſides the Miſchief mentioned in our laſt to be done by the Indians near Patteſon's Fort, on Juniata, the Party that went to bury the Dead, found one Sheridan, his Wiſe, three Children, and a Man Servant, all murder'd; alſo two others in another Houſe; theſe within ten Miles of Carlisle: And two Perſons have been found murder'd on Patowmack.

From Fort SHIRLEY, in Cumberland County, we have Advice, That the Beginning of this Month there were two Delaware Indians there, who were ſuſpected to be in the French Intereſt, and that on their Departure from thence, they proved themſelves to be ſo in the following Manner, viz. That when they had got about Half a Mile from the Fort, they met a Man, that belonged to it hunting a Horſe, whom they attempted to murder, by ſtabbing him in the Breſt; but the Wound did not prove Mortal, and they were prevented from killing him by an Indian, called *The White Mingo*, coming to his Aſſiſtance. This Indian alſo informed the People at the Fort what had happened; upon which a Party were ſent out to take them; but on their coming up with them, they ran behind Trees, fired on our People, and ſhot a Sergeant in the Leg; whereupon our Men returned the Fire, and ſhot them both, when they were immediately ſcalped, and their Scalps carried to the Fort. The Scalps are ſince brought to Town, as are likewiſe two others from Northampton County.

On Tueſday laſt an Expreſs arrived here from Reading, in Berks County, with an Account of further Miſchief done by the Indians in Albany Township, the Subſtance of which is contained in the following Letters, viz.

A Tranſlation (from the German) of a Letter from Valentine Probt to Jacob Levan, Eſq; and of another from Mr. Levan to James Read and Jonas Seely, Eſquires, dated February 15, 1756.

**MR. LEVAN,**  
*"I cannot omit writing you about the deſiſt Circumſtances of our Townſhip of Albany. The Indians came Yeſterday Morning, about Eight o'Clock, to Frederick Reichelderfer's Houſe, as he was feeding his Horſes, and two of them ran up to him, and followed him into a Field about ten or twelve Perches; but he eſcaped, and ran towards the Houſe of Jacob Gerbart, with a Deſign to fetch ſome Arms. When he came near Gerbart's, he heard a lamentable Cry, Lord Jeſus! Lord Jeſus! which made him run back towards his own Houſe; but before he got quite Home, he ſaw his Houſe and Stables in Flames, and heard the Cattle in the latter bellowing terribly, and thereupon ran away again. Two of his Children were ſhot; one of them we found dead in his Field, the other was found alive, and brought to Hakinbook's Houſe, but died three Hours after. All his Grain and Cattle are burnt up. At Jacob Gerbart's they have killed one Man, two Women, and ſix Children. Two Children ſlipped under the Bedſtead, one of which was burnt, the other eſcaped, and ran a Mile to get to the People. We deſire Help, or we muſt leave our Houſes and Plantations."*

**VALENTINE PROBT,**  
To JAMES READ and JONAS SEELY, Eſquires.  
*"When I had got ready to go with my Neighbours from Maxatowny to ſee what Damage was done in Albany,*

*Albany, three Men, that had ſeen me, and told me, that eight of them burnt, and the other out of the Fire. An old Man and others, little Girls, were not ſcalped."*

In a Letter from Lynn Thampton County, dated the 1 Advice, that ſome Indians had fore at the Houſe of John Geor killed his Brother, and two of a Third was miſſing, ſuppoſe Siſluff's Brother, and one of his the other was killed with a T with it ſticking in his Head. Son of Siſluff's in Company were were all making Rails, but he and ſaid there were four Indian

We hear further from the fa the Eleventh Inſtant two Compa ſeen near the Plantation of one

Since our laſt BENJAMIN FR MASTERS, and JOHN ROSS, I choſen Colonel, Lieutenant-C of the Philadelphia Regiment

**A N N A P O L I**  
Monday laſt Two Bills whi Houſes, and were Ingroſſed, and Continuing the Act to pre of Proviſions and Warlike Store the French, or their Allies; a ment of Talbot and Dorche were, by his Excellency the into Laws, in the uſual Mann

Our Accounts from the V Alarming: All the Slaughte ings, and every other Barb that the mongrel French, India the Devil, can Invent, are oft and approach us nigher and

By a Perſon come to Town derick County, we are told, th Boys near Lawrence Wilſon's, i kill'd and ſcalp'd; and a So was found dead and ſcalp'd; more of his Family miſſing, all the Houſes were burnt laſt of Ralph Maſon, about Half der's Fort, was burnt on T ſome Sheep which were in a P the Indians ſlung in the Fire kill'd, and ſome they ſcalp'd

The following Letter came to Har had not Room then to Print-George's County,

**MR. GREEN,**  
I T appears from your laſt GAZ new Correſpondent from Calvert himſelf A. B. But I am apt to thi Mr. HINT, who, for Reaſons b has thought proper to change his Na ty: I hope the Gentleman has not, Turns of Fortune, been confin'd only come over the Bay for a Chang more convenient to your Preſ: Ho as he has thought proper to change him as a different Perſon, and w Reſpect the Diſpute will admit of.

Your Correſpondent Mr. HINT to engage the good People of thi againſt a Merchant of London in the BODY, who, I am ſure, have as he can have (be who he will), a Reaſon for it, as they both lie un them for their Favours. Your ne attempts to engage the reſt of the on his Side, by becoming their C renown'd Knight of La Mancha, Charge of neglecting their Correſpo no Body, beſides himſelf, imagin them by SOMEBODY, who for that Body of Men, to offer the ation againſt any of them. But, S you with a few Queſtions on my Duty to take the Trouble off your in the Order they lie before me. Whether the Merchants have genera Friends by the Way of New-York, of New-York they ſeldom have C of War, when it is the Duty of ef all Opportunities: But, by the always did, when there was no Op Province, and they had any materia And now, as a Packet is eſtabli War ſeemingly inevitable, which was eſtabliſh'd at the Deſire and chants in general, I am pretty con ſlip the Opportunity of writing b Conſequence. His ſecond Queſtion in Clearing out Capt. L-- (for the ſtance) for Antigua, to prevent the intended for Maryland? Tell you third Queſtion, Was there not a D vantage from that Circumſtance? T a Deſign, and the Advantage is ob there not an actual Concomitant of bi is the ſecond Queſtion over again,