

Extract of a Letter from Portjmsubk, June 9.
" Since my last the Master of a Vessel from Guernsey reports, that the French are collecting in Normandy Troops to invade that Island. The Dover fails the first fair Wind to cruize off Cherburgh and reconnoitre them.

" Admiral Smyth is expected here to prepare a Fleet to relieve Admiral Boscawen.

" Since my last arrived the Essex, Capt. Harland, from Admiral Boscawen.

" The following Gentlemen are made Admirals, viz. Capt. John Brett, Frankland, Coats, Broderick, and Saunders.

" Yesterday arrived at Spithead the Somerset Man of War from a Cruize. The same Day was sent in the Thibbe, a French Ship, laden with Sugar and Coffee, bound from St. Domingo, taken by the Romney Man of War.

Translation of Marshal Noailles's Letter to the French King, desiring Permission to withdraw from the Council of State.

S I R E,

" After having spent so many Years in the Service of your Majesty, and in that of the late King, your august Great-Grandfather, I am apprehensive of sinking very soon under the Weight of Age and Infirmities. In a little Time I may not only want Vigour to support my Station, but Courage enough to make so mortifying a Confession, and to take the Course becoming me. For a considerable Time past I have been fluctuating between two opposite Sentiments.

" Were I to consult nothing but the Impulses of my Heart, and the Zeal and Attachment I have vowed to your Majesty, they would all determine me never to withdraw from your Person; but Reason, and the most serious Reflections, make me sensible that the Hour of my Retreat is at last come. My Strength, Sire, no longer keeps pace with my Zeal. Your Majesty is Witness yourself to a Deafness which increases upon me daily; and my Sight decays; 'tis with great Difficulty I can either write or read; my Legs bend under me, being scarce able to bear the Weight of my Body: And, which is still more essential, the Faculties of my Mind decay with those of the Body: My Memory forsakes me: I am often at a Loss to recollect the proper Names of Things. Prefence of Mind is much impaired in me; Thought is slow, and I find it yet more difficult to digest and combine Ideas. In a Word, Sire, I feel all the Fore-runners of Decrepitnes, which tell me that I have now nothing left to do, but to think of another Life, and prepare for it.

" This, Sire, in strictest Truth, is my present Condition. I shudder at the Thoughts of vegetating in the midst of your Court, of acting an indecent Part, and becoming more troublesome; nor do I see any Thing more mortifying than to outlive one's self, and thus to tarnish the End of a long Career.

" All these Motives, Sire, engage me, and even lay me under a Necessity to beseech your Majesty to permit me to spend in Retirement and Tranquillity the Remains of a Life solely devoted to your Service and that of the State.

" Nevertheless, Sire, I dare request of your Majesty the Favour to let me preserve my Apartment, that I may have the Consolation of being able, several Times in the Year, to pay my Homage to you; and that you will vouchsafe to let the oldest of your Servants approach your Person, and to reckon in the Number of his happiest Days, those in which he shall have Satisfaction to behold a Master whom he has ever equally loved and respected.

" While retired from the World, I shall never cease, Sire, to pray for the Glory, the Happiness, and Tranquillity of your Majesty.

" Let me still live, Sire, in your gracious Remembrance. Never doubt of my perfect Gratitude for all the Kindness you have shewn me, and all the Favours I have received from your Majesty. I conjure you to do Justice to the sincere Attachment and the fervent Zeal I have always had for your Service, which old Age cannot extinguish nor impair, and which I shall preserve full and entire to my last Breath."

B O S T O N, August 16.

His Majesty's Ship the Woolwich, of 40 Guns, Parker, in his Passage hence for Antigua, took two French Prizes, one a Ship of 170 Tons, the other a Snow of 150, both laden with Sugar, Cocoa, Coffee, &c. and carried them both safe into Port.

N E W - Y O R K, August 16.

They write from Halifax, That his Majesty's Ships the Mermaid and Garland were arrived

there, having on or about the 18th Day of July, run ashore a little to the Eastward of that Port, a French 36 Gun Frigate: That the Frenchmen having landed some of their Cannon, had erected a small Battery, and had therewith kept off the English Boats from boarding the Frigate:—And that Capt. Rous, in a Man of War, had sailed from Halifax, with a Body of Marines on board, and small Craft, with an Intent to get the Frigate off if possible.

These Letters further add, That on board the French 50 Gun Ship lately sent in there, there were some Thousands of Scalping-knives, of curious Workmanship, designed as Presents to the Canadians and Indians.

August 23. On Friday last Capt. Hunter arrived here in 28 Days from Spanish-Town, and says, that Advice was received there, from St. Eustatia, that War was declared at Martinico the 16th of July, and that they had then 16 Privateers ready to put to Sea.

The Stirling-Castle, we hear, is bound to the West-Indies.

Extract of a Letter from Albany, dated August 2.

" We have had nothing new here since the Arrival of Lord Loudon, that I can think of. By the Intelligence from the Enemy, brought by three Deserters, they are 3500 strong at Crown-Point, Carilors (or the Narrows, as we call it) and the several Posts this Side the Point, and that they expect to be joined by 1500 Regulars every Day, lately come from France. The Scurvy they say, prevails, and is mortal to Numbers of their Troops.—It may perhaps gratify some of your Readers to hear, that seven or eight likely Youths of the best Families in Town, set out last Week with a View to take some of our Mohawks (whose Language these Men understand well) and fetch Prisoners or Scalps from Canada.—As they set out on their own Expence, 'tis to be hoped they will be generously considered and rewarded for their Readiness to serve their King and Country. Pray God give them Success; tho' we fear they may be discovered, as Prisoners were taken since they set out, not far from Schenectady, who may give Notice of their Designs to the Enemy."

P E R T H - A M B O Y, August 19.

We have a certain Account from the Northern Frontiers of this Province, That on Thursday last Abraham Vanaken, Esq; a Justice of the Peace in the County of Suffolk, was shot through the left Arm, and had one of the Fingers of his Hand shot off by an Indian, who had concealed himself in the Cellar of an old House in one of Vanaken's Fields; and as he was driving his Team loaded with Grain, his Daughter who had been helping him being upon the Top of the Load, the Indian fired upon him; upon which Vanaken called to his Daughter to jump off the Load and run for her Life: The Girl in leaping down, happened to fall, and the Indian was going to dispatch her with his Tomahawk, which the Father perceiving, wounded as he was, made toward the Indian with his Pitch-Fork, and saved his Daughter from the Stroke: And Vanaken's Son coming up with his Gun at the same Time, the Indian fled, and when he was got to the End of the Field, they saw two other Indians join him, but they all run away. This was done within a Mile of Cole's Fort, upon Mahakamack River, near Delaware. Justice Vanaken lay so ill of his Wounds, that his Life was in great Danger.

We have a further Account from the same Place, That on Friday last, three Men, to wit, Gerardus Swartwout, eldest Son of Major Swartwout, Samuel Finch, and Peter Westphalen, were found Murdered and stript quite Naked, and Swartwout and Finch scalped by the Indians, some Miles higher up the River Mahakamack, and within the Province of New-York.

We hear that the Company that went out with Capt. Gardner, one of the Captains of the New-Jersey Forces now stationed upon the Frontiers of Delaware, into the Province of Pennsylvania, in order to discover the lurking Places, and destroy the Settlements of the Enemy Indians, traversed the East Branch of Susquehanna, 15 Miles above Wioming, an Indian Town upon the said Branch; but could not discover any Indians, who had all abandoned their usual Places of Abode: However, they set Fire to Wioming, and destroyed all the Houses there, some of which were very good ones.

W I L L I A M S B U R G, August 20.

By an Express just arrived from the Cherokee Country, we are informed, that Major Lewis and all his Party are extremely well; that they were kindly received by the Cherokees, and that the

Fort building there is in great Forwardness: That 100 Cherokees marched to join our Forces, and may be daily expected.

Capt. Brown arrived in Potowmack River last Monday in a short Passage from Port-Mahon, and informs us, that the Engagement between Admiral Byng and the French Fleet, happened off Port-Mahon, while he lay there, which ended in the total Destruction of the French Fleet, 11 Sail of whom were taken and sunk; and that Admiral Byng lost only one Ship, viz. Commodore Edgecombe, which blew up in the Time of the Engagement; and every Soul perished. He likewise confirms the springing of a Mine, by which 5000 of the French Forces were destroyed.

On Saturday the 7th Instant, his Majesty's Declaration of War against the French King was proclaimed in this City with the following Solemnities. His Honour the Governor, attended by such Gentlemen of the Council as were in Town, the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City with the Mace, the Officers and Militia under Arms, attended the Procession from the Capitol (where it was first proclaimed) to the Market-place (where Proclamation was made a second Time) from thence to the College, where it was again proclaimed. From thence the Gentlemen repaired to the Governor's House, where they drank the several loyal Healths, distributed Punch, &c. to the Populace, and concluded the whole with the greatest Demonstrations of Pleasure and Loyalty.

August 27. On the 11th Instant, as two Men were going up to their Farms on Cacapehon, they were fired upon about Sun-set by an Indian lying in Ambush, and the foremost of them shot through the Thigh, but they happily escaped, and about eight o'Clock next Day brought an Account of it to Winchester; upon which Col. Washington immediately ordered out a Party of brisk active Men under Captain Lieutenant M'Neil, to the Roads contiguous to that Place, with Orders to divide his Party, and to lie in Secret upon the most suspected Paths for three or four Days, which he accordingly did, but returned without making any further Discovery than two Hogs being shot and ripped open, but otherwise untouched, supposed to be done about two Days before he got there, and by some other trifling Circumstances, he imagined the Party had made towards the Alliganys: No Mischief has been done since.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, August 19.

We hear from Cumberland County, that on the Fifth Instant two Soldiers were killed, and another wounded, within two Miles of M'Dowell's Fort: That on the Seventh one Dinwiddie was killed, and another Man taken Prisoner, but made his Escape: That on the Eighth one Caspar Walter was killed, but not scalped, and four of his Children, and a young Girl the Daughter of John M'Keen, carried off: That four Indians only were seen: And that the Inhabitants in general were in the utmost Consternation and Confusion, and that Juniata and Shearman's Valley, in particular, are entirely deserted.

By Lieutenant Colonel Armstrong's Return, it appears that there was on the 11th of last Month 57 effective Arms, 50 Pound of Powder, and 100 Weight of Lead, in Fort Granville. Three Hundred Weight of Powder, and 700 Weight of Lead, were sent up by the Commissioners to Carlisle on the 24th of June to be distributed by Col. Armstrong, among the Forts on the West Side of Susquehanna, as he should judge necessary, and we are informed that he had accordingly supply'd them all with an additional Quantity, before the taking of Fort Granville. At the same time 100 of the new Muskets, and 200 of the Fuses, imported from England for the Use of the Province Forces, were likewise sent up to supply such Arms as were defective. And on the 10th of July four Casks of Lead, three Barrels of Powder, and 1200 Flints, were also sent up for the Use of the Forces in Cumberland County.

A N N A P O L I S, September 9.

Next Tuesday the General Assembly of this Province is to meet here.

By Capt. Noel, who left New-York the 4th Instant, we learn, that the Master of a Sloop, who arrived there the Day before from Halifax, brought an Account, That Commodore Holmes has had a second Engagement with the French Fleet off Lewisburg, and that he had taken 4 of their Men of War, one of which was actually carried into Halifax.

By a Ship arrived at Philadelphia, from London, we hear, a Confirmation is brought of Admiral Byng's having soundly drubb'd the French in the Mediter-

Mediterranean; a little more Time will give the Particulars of the Engagement.

Sunday Evening last, Dr. UPTON Scott, married to Miss ELIZABETH ROSS, (the Daughter of JOHN ROSS, Esq;) a well-plish'd young Gentlewoman, with a prettish tune.

Monday last arrived here the Nancy Bryce, in a Passage of 23 Days, from Bristol. On the 19th of August, between the Latitude and 22, he was chased by a Fleet of ten Men of War six Hours (whether English or he cannot tell); but not being able to overtake them, they gave over the Chace, and went to the Northward. He informs us, that a Packet from Falmouth (which was supposed taken) arrived there the 28th of July; and was declared the 30th: That the Surprize War, of 20 Guns, Capt. Knight, arrived the 9th of August, having his Excellency COL. PINFOLD, Esq; Governor of that Island on board; who was received in a very polite manner by the Gentlemen of the Island: And, that Commodore Frankland had received, by Capt. his Majesty's Commission, appointing him Admiral.

The same Day arrived here from Bristol, the Passage of ten Weeks, the Ship Friby George Davis, who has brought in Eighty Negroes, sent in for the Term of Seven Years, count of their INGENUITY.

To be SOLD by the Subscriber, in Advance for ready Money only,

CHOICE Madeira WINE, and CRUM, by the Gallon.

Likewise, a fine, likely, young, American Negro Wench, fit for Town or Country. JOHN CLARKE

T O B E S O L D,

ONE Quarter of a LOT in Charlestown at the Head of Chesapeake Bay, bounding one Side by North-East River, and is the Part of the Lot adjoining the public Wharf said Town, on which Quarter stands a Stone HOUSE, built of Cedar, three Years old, and a half by 26 and a half clear, 16 Cedar Cisterns, 2 Return, and 1 Lead Cistern, all tight, besides 2 Stills, Pumps, &c. and a tight Cedar Cooler, supposed of the largest in America, with a good Pump in the Still-House, convenient to furnish Water. The largest Still will contain between 1500 Gallons, and the other about 200. Also a new framed HOUSE, 27 Feet and a half by 13 Feet 4 Inches clear, with a good Stone under it, 26 Feet by 12 Feet 3 Inches, with a small Piece of public Ground joining the aforesaid Quarter, and between it and the aforesaid HOUSE, 29 Feet and a half by 19 and within eight or ten Yards of the Houses a having likewise a good Stone Cellar under.

For Terms of Sale, apply to Mrs. Bigger, Executrix to the Estate of Mr. Bigger, deceased, or to Mr. Redmond Coe, Merchant, in Philadelphia.

T O B E S O L D AT PUBLIC SALE

For Current Money, for the Use of Mr. Lambden's Creditors, on the 11th Day of November next, at the House of the said Lambden in Worcester County.

A TRACT of LAND, lying in Worcester County, in Maryland, called Poorland, containing 250 Acres.

One other Tract of Land, or Cypress, lying in Somerset County, called Chance, containing 100 Acres.

One other Tract of Land, lying in Somerset County, containing 100 Acres, called Timber.

One other Tract of Land, lying in Somerset County, containing 59 Acres, called Long Acre.

One other Tract of Land, lying in Somerset County, called Eden-Town, containing 13 Acres.

One other Tract of Land, lying in Somerset County, called Fletcher's Addition, containing 100 Acres.

EPHRAIM WAGGAMAN, late

of Worcester

N. B. There will be Sold at the sale some Household Goods.