

Since our last several Letters are come to Hand from the West-Indies, informing, that about the 7th of January an Embargo was laid in the English Islands, prohibiting the Exportation of Provisions without Bond, on Penalty of 1000 l. Sterling, and one Year's Imprisonment.

N E W - Y O R K, February 21.
By Capt. Hepburn, who arrived here on Monday last, in 8 Days, from Cape-Fear, in North-Carolina, we are informed, that he there saw a North-Carolina Gazette, wherein was an Account of Capt. Stoddard, in the Privateer Brig Pliny, of this Port, having taken and carried into Charles-Town, a Ship bound from St. Domingo for Old-France.

On Wednesday Morning last, between four and five of the Clock, a dreadful Fire was discovered in the House of Mr. Thomas Duncan, of this City, Merchant, which was attended with a melancholy and most fatal Catastrophe, for before the unhappy Family, lulled in profound Sleep and Security, could be alarmed, the Flame within the House became universal. Mr. Duncan himself escaped out of a Window, by the Assistance of a Ladder, as he fortunately lodged in the Front Part of the House, and his eldest Daughter, a young Lady of about 18, being with her Mother, and four Children, who were sick of the Small-Pox, in the Nursery, in the back Part of the House, and not having that Convenience, had no other Chance of avoiding the devouring Fire, than by throwing herself out of a Window three Stories high, and was most miraculously received into the Arms of a Gentleman who had encouraged her to this dangerous, tho' only Expedient, and who was thus the generous Instrument of preserving her Life at the Risque of his own. The Nurse made the like Attempt, but did not survive three Minutes after she reached the Ground. Mrs. Duncan, tho' earnestly entreated, and assured of receiving the same kind Assistance which had saved her Daughter, was overcome by maternal Affection, and Tenderess for her Children, whom she could not bear to leave in that dreadful Situation, that she rejected all importunities, and in a few Moments, with them, expired in the Flames. The House, with many valuable Effects, was intirely destroyed; but by the Industry of the Inhabitants, who are deservedly celebrated for their Zeal and Dexterity, in extinguishing Fires, assisted by the Gentlemen of the Army, and the Soldiers now quartered here, it was prevented from extending farther.

Mrs. Duncan was a Lady as distinguished for her agreeable Person, as the Charms and Embellishments of her Mind: Besides an exemplary Piety and boundless Charity, she was eminently blessed with every Grace and Accomplishment requisite to form the best of WIVES, the best of MOTHERS, and the best of FRIENDS: No wonder then, that so many united Perfections rendered her as generally beloved and admired, as she was known; and justly adds to the heavy Affliction with which such an amazing and most affecting Scene must naturally inspire every Breast endued with the smallest Spark of Humanity or Compassion; but more peculiarly those who by their Relation and Friendships with her, were daily Witnesses of her unparalleled Merit and Excellence, and who by this deplorable Event, are deprived of Blessings as great as they are irremediable. The only Consolation left the distressed Friends of this truly valuable Lady, is a certain Assurance, that, like ELIJAH, she is triumphantly translated, with her innocent Babes, from a World of perpetual Inquietudes and Dangers, (from which this sad Calamity convinces us, that even the best and most deserving can plead no Exemption), to the transcendent Joys of Heaven, the only adequate Residence for such shining VIRTUE and such spotless INNOCENCE.

Captain Taylor from Coracoa, but last from Georgia, confirms the Account of Captain Stoddard's taking a St. Domingo Man, and carrying her into South-Carolina; and says she is reckoned worth 15,000 l. Sterling. Also, that Governor Ellis, for Georgia, was arrived at South-Carolina. We have Advice by the Master of a Sloop that arrived here last Week from Providence, that one of the Privateers belonging to that Island, was returned from a Cruize, the Master whereof reported, that some Time before he had spoke with the Privateer Brig King George, Captain Arnold, of this Port, who informed him, that he had taken and sent to Jamaica, a Sloop with 200 Soldiers on board, bound from Hispaniola for Mississippi.

February 28. Captain Seymour, from Jamaica, acquaints us, That the Privateer Brig Hawk, of this

this Port, between Anavasa and Cape Tiberoon, seized a Ship with 1100 Barrels of Flour on board, carrying on an illicit Trade, which he sent to Jamaica; after which he bore away for Port Morant, where he careen'd his Vessel, and proceeded to the Sea, in order to finish his Cruize; that Captain Samuel Duncomb, in a Letter of Marque Sloop belonging to this Port also, had taken two French Schooners, with about 90 Hogheads of Sugar on board, which were safe arrived at Jamaica likewise.

By Captain Roome, from Charles-Town, in South-Carolina, we learn, That on the 16th Inst. a large French Schooner was sent in there by the Privateer Brig Prince of Orange, Captain Dixon, of this Port, which he took off the East-End of Hispaniola: Her Cargo is mostly Dry Goods, and esteemed a valuable Prize.

Extract of a Letter from on board the Weesfel Privateer, Captain Fenton, of this Port, dated at Monta Christa, January 5, 1757.

"I embrace this Opportunity to inform you of our Welfare. Our Barge has made a small Cruize, and has brought us two small Craft, loaded with 40 Bags of Coffee, two Bags of Indico, five Hogheads of Sugar, and ten good Slaves, all which we now have safe on board, and am in Hopes we shall finish our Cruize in a short Time, having good Intelligence that 25 Sail are now lying at the Cape, ready loaded, waiting for Convoy. A white Prisoner we took, says, that a large Fleet of Merchantmen, under Convoy of six Ships of the Line, are hourly expected at Cape-Francois from Old-France."

March 7. The Snow Four Cantons, Christopher Heysham, Master, arrived here on Saturday last, from Dublin, but last from Barbados, in four Weeks, being blown off this Coast in the Winter: He informs us, That Capt. Bayard, in the Privateer Ship Hercules, of this Port, had taken and carried into that Island, a French Privateer Sloop, of 6 Carriage and 6 Swivel Guns, which he fitted out as a Tender, and was gone out on a Cruize with her: That a French Snow from Old France, with Soldiers on board, for the West-Indies, was taken by a Barbados Privateer, and carried into Barbados also: That his Majesty's Ship the Surprise, of 20 Guns, had likewise taken a St. Domingo Man, valued at 25,000 l. Sterling; and that a Fleet of English Ships, mostly loaded with King's Stores, for the West-India Islands, were safe arrived there, under Convoy of several Men of War.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman at Coracoa, dated February 5.

"Just now we have a Vessel from Martinico. She brings an Account, that their outward bound Fleet is taken, with two Men of War of 60 Guns, and one of 80."

PHILADELPHIA, March 10.

Friday last Capt. Chancellor arrived here in 38 Days from Madeira, and informs us, that Capt. Cleveland, in the Gibraltar Man of War, a 20 Gun Ship, came in there two Days before he failed, in eleven Days from England, and that on his Passage he fell in with a 50 Gun Ship of Monsieur Salvert's Squadron, which he engaged for near 2 Hours. Capt. Cleveland took the Man of War to be a large East-India Man, and so gave Chace, which brought on the Engagement. He had five of his Men killed in the Action, and several wounded, his Sails and Rigging intirely destroyed, and the Stern of his Ship much shattered. The particular Loss of the Frenchman could not be known, but was thought to be very considerable, and the Ship much damaged, as the Crew of the Gibraltar behaved extremely well.

Captain Cleveland brought Advice, that the Militia Bill in England had passed both Houses of Parliament, and wanted only the Royal Assent, which there was no Doubt of its getting: That Admiral Byng's Trial had come on at Portsmouth, and that the Court had been eight Days in examining three Witnesses, by whose Evidence it appeared very black on the Admiral's Side: That there was a Fleet of 55 Sail of the Line lying at Spithead, ready to put to Sea, and 18 Line of Battle Ships in the Bay of Biscay, under the Command of Admiral West: That it was said Admiral Knowles, with 23 Sail of the Line, a Number of Transports, and eleven Regiments on board, was designed for the Northward: That Admiral Norris, with four Sail of the Line, was to go to the East-Indies: That Admiral Coates, with six Capital Ships, and nine Transports, was to sail for Jamaica: That 18, out of 38 Sail of Merchantmen, that were under Convoy of Salvert's Squadron, had been carried into England: That

three fine Privateers, said to be fitted out by the Princes of the Blood Royal of France, were all taken before they had been 24 Hours at Sea: That there are said to be 18,000 French Prisoners in England: And that a great many Vessels are daily taken both by the English and French.

While Captain Chancellor was at Madeira, the Charles-Town, a Letter of Marque, bound to Charles-Town, in South-Carolina from Bristol, touched there, and brought in with her a French Snow, one of Salvert's Fleet, valued at Six Thousand Pounds. On board of her was a Boy that belonged to this Place, who was taken in a Vessel bound to Jamaica from hence [probably Captain Lswther's Boy, as his Vessel was carried into Cape Francois] whom they forced on board their Vessel, and two English Sailors besides, being in great Want of Seamen at the Cape. The Charles-Town had before taken a Dutch Dogger, from Marfeilles for Middleburg, and put back with her to Bristol. Captain Chancellor, going to Madeira, narrowly escaped being taken by a French Settee.

By Captain Grant, from Barbados, there is Advice, that Captain Cook, in a Privateer Brig of that Island, has carried in there a French Snow, with a Number of Soldiers on board, thought to be designed to settle one of the Neutral Islands.

ANNAPOLIS, March 17.
By Captain Jones, just arrived from Barbados, we are informed, that Corn, not long ago, sold there for Fifteen Shillings a Bushel, and Flour at a Guinea a Hundred; but the Prices were greatly fallen.

The Spring Assizes are to be held at the Places and Times following, viz.

In Worcester, March 31.	Baltimore, April 5.
Somerset, April 5.	Anne-Arundel, 11.
Dorchester, 11.	Calvert, 18.
Talbot, 14.	St. Mary's, 21.
Queen-Anne's, 20.	Charles, 25.
Kent, 25.	Pr. George's, 28.
Cecil, 29.	Frederick, May 4.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC VENDUE,
On Thursday the 7th Day of April, in Annapolis,



A SCHOONER, Four Years old, which will carry about 1900 Bushels of Grain. Inventories to be seen at Mr. Robert Swan's in Annapolis, Messrs. Chamier and Carnan's at Baltimore-Town, or at Mr. David McCulloch's at Joppa.

To be SOLD by the SUBSCRIBER, very cheap, on the 31st of this Instant March, if fair, if not, the first fair Day after, for Gold, Silver, Maryland or Pennsylvania Currency,


PART of a Tract of good LAND, well wooded and watered, called *The Addition to Brooke's Discovery*, on the Rich Land joining to the Temporary Line, lying on the East Side of Manockasy River in Maryland, about Twenty-five Miles from York-Town, near the main Road that leads from Frederick-Town to Lancaster, containing between Six and Seven Thousand Acres, in Parcels, from One Hundred and Fifty Acres to Five Hundred Acres, and from that Quantity to One Thousand Acres: A reasonable Time will be allowed for Payment of Part of the Money. The Purchaser may depend on having a good Title to the aforesaid Lands. The Sale will be at the House of John Everit near the Premises, and to begin about Eleven o'Clock.

JAMES BROOKE.

N. B. There are good Conveniences for Building Water-Mills on the said Land, and seems to have a Shew of Copper in several Places.

Annapolis, March 17, 1757.

JOHNN BENNETT has a large Number of PORK BARRELS to dispose of, and will let 'em go a great Penny-worth, if the whole, or a considerable Number, is taken together.

THERE is at the Plantation of Thomas Maynard, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a small Brown Mare, with a Star in her Forehead, and a Snip on her Nose, her near hind Foot white, she has several Saddle Spots on her Back, a small white Spot on her off Flank, and branded with a Heart on the near Shoulder, and on the near Thigh with something like this  join'd in one. She had on her Neck a small Bell mark'd thus: A:S: tied on with a raw Cow-Hide Strap.

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

RAN away from the Subscriber, living on Kent-Island, on the 9th of this Instant March, a Convict West-Country Servant Man, named Richard Rowlands, about 23 Years of Age, about 5 1/2 Feet high, a likely looking Fellow, with short curl'd brown Hair, and grey Eyes. He had on an old black and white Country Cloth Jacket, an under white Jacket, a Pair of old patch'd Country Cloth Breeches, an old Felt Hat trimm'd round the Edges, and had one fine and two Osnabrigs Shirts, and old Shoes and Stockings.

Whoever takes up the said Runaway, and brings him Home to his said Master, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by
JOHN COLLIER.

THERE is at the Plantation of Edward Alford, in Dorchester County, on the Head of Heg-Creek, taken up as a Stray, an Iron Grey Mare, about 2 Years old, she has a Star in her Forehead, and a white Nose; but is neither brand-ed nor dock'd.

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

A PARCEL of likely able NEGROES, Country-born, and well acquainted with Plantation-Business, to be Sold, and will be delivered in any Part of the Province. Enquire of the Printer for the Terms.

T O B E S O L D,

On the 14th Day of April next, at the Subscriber's House, at West-River,

A LIKELY Country-born NEGRO BOY, a Parcel of good Household Furniture, Horses, Cattle, Remnants of a Cargo of Goods, such as Bombazeens, Allopeens, Blankets, and sundry other Articles too tedious to mention.

The Sale to begin at XII o'Clock.
ANNE CONNER, Administratrix
to John Conner, deceased.

To all Sheriffs, Constables, and Others his Lordship's good Tenants.

WHEREAS Complaint is this Day made to me, one of the Justices of the Provincial Court, by Colmore Beanes, Sheriff of Prince-George's County, That in the Night of Wednesday the Ninth of this Instant March, the Goal of the said County was broke, and sundry Persons escaped thence, viz. Philip Connelly and Aaron Holdsworth, Deserters from Fort-Frederick, and advertised in the MARYLAND GAZETTE by Captain Joshua Beall: They answer the Description in the said Advertisement, except in their Drefs: Connelly has a green Jacket without Sleeves; and Holdsworth a brown double-breasted Pea Jacket. Also John Grimshaw, a tall slender Fellow, much pitted with the Small-Pox, his right Eye out: Had on an old dyed Cotton Coat and Breeches, an old blue Jacket, Yarn Stockings, good Shoes, and an old Felt Hat: He was committed last November for Stealing Goods out of several Stores at Bladensburg. And Samuel Saibrie, a tall slender Fellow: Had on an old brown Cloth Coat, with large Metal Buttons, an old Flannel Jacket, Yarn Stockings, good Shoes, and an old Felt Hat: He was committed in February last on Suspicion of breaking into Dr. David Ross's Store at Bladensburg.

THES E are, therefore, in the Name of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, to will and require you to make diligent Search, by Way of Hue and Cry, after the said Philip Connelly, Aaron Holdsworth, John Grimshaw, and Samuel Saibrie; and when you apprehend them, or any of them, that you convey them to the next Sheriff where they shall be apprehended, in order to be conveyed from Constable to Constable, who are hereby required to take Charge of them, till they be delivered to the said Colmore Beanes. Given under my Hand and Seal, this 16th Day of March, 1757.
J. HEPBURN.

The Subscriber promises to pay to any Person that apprehends the above John Grimshaw and Samuel Saibrie, a Reward of Five Pounds Currency for each of them, and one Pistole for each of the above Philip Connelly and Aaron Holdsworth, if brought to Upper-Marlborough.

COLMORE BEANES, Sheriff
of Prince-George's County.

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