

He only said to the Captain, that his Majesty's Pleasure must be complied with, and need but little concerned. 'Tis said he will be at the 28th of this Month, on board of either his Majesty's Ships of War that Admiral Boscawen shall think proper."

Feb 22. Last Saturday came Advice, that the Experiment Man of War, Captain Strahan, of 24 Guns, met with a French Man of War of 40 Guns in the Mediterranean, and they parted after a very desperate Engagement, which lasted upwards of 12 Hours. Captain Strahan was killed in the Engagement. A French Privateer, of 18 Guns, and 200 Men, is taken by one of our Men of War, and brought into the Downs.

This Day were shipped for Hamburg 40000 Pounds of Silver Coin; and 20 ct. of Iron Ordnance, and 8000 lb. of Gun-Powder for Philadelphia. Also 80 ct. of Lead Shot, and 16000 lb. of Gun-Powder for Maryland.

We hear from Edinburgh, that the Recruiting of the new Highland Battalions goes on successfully in the North; and particularly that the Militia Company was completed in about ten Days.

It is computed that the Force of France that will be employed in America, will consist of 16000 Men, the Line, &c. They are to have on board a considerable Number of Troops destined for Quebec; and it is apprehended the first Attempt of the French will be to make themselves Masters of the River St. Lawrence.

The Protestant Dissenters from most Parts of England have presented Petitions, that the Militia, now expected, shall not extend to the Exercise of such Militia to be raised, on the Lord's Day. We hear that all the Officers belonging to the Ship of War at Portsmouth are ordered to attend the Execution of Admiral Byng on Monday. 'Tis now assured, that pursuant to his Majesty's Desire, for the Welfare of his Subjects, the King of Prussia will be enabled to raise so powerful a Force against the common Enemies as will, in all Probability, effectually frustrate the Designs of France, or any other Power in Treaty with that Court, to disturb any further the Tranquillity of Great Britain, or the Electorate of Hanover.

St. James's, Feb. 11. The King has appointed Thomas Pownall, Esq; (Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New-Jersey) to be Governor of his Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, a New-England, in the Room of William Shirley.

B O S T O N, April 25. Capt. Collins informs, That the Packet arrived from Lisbon, in eight Days from England, three Days before he failed: All that he could learn betwixt that is in the Papers, was, that no Fleet had failed the 28th of February; but that Admiral Knowles was gone to Spithead to take the Charge of them. That great Preparations are making by the Admirals, which looks likely that they will soon be in the French.

NEW-HAVEN, (in Connecticut), April 23. There is in the Town of Canaan, in this Colony, a CHILD, now about a Year and Seven Months old, whose Christian Name is JOEL. His Parents are MON and SARAH WINTERS: Sarah Winters is the daughter of ASA and REBECCA DOUGLASS: Rebecca Douglass is the Daughter of NATHAN and SARAH WHEELER: Sarah Wheeler is the Daughter of THOMAS and HANNAH MEAD: All which Persons are still Living, being Five Generations.

Should JOEL Live to be a Man, Dame MEAD to be a Widow then, And these two Persons could Agree To Marry! Would it Incest be? For we all sprang as sure from ADAM, (The more remote) as he from Madam.

N E W - Y O R K, May 2. Monday last came in from a Cruise, the Sloop Catherine and Mary, Capt. Fletcher. This Vessel being a French Privateer some Months ago, was taken by the Privateer-Ship Hercules, Capt. Bayard, of this Port, and employed by him as a Tender. Capt. Fletcher informs us, That on the third of April, being in Company with Capt. Bayard, about 10 Leagues to the Northward of Porto-Rico, they fell in with three French Ships, two of which Capt. Bayard took, and the third, mounting 25 Guns, Capt. Fletcher gave Chase to, and dogged for a considerable Time, in Hopes of meeting with some English Privateer, in order to engage her.

alone being insufficient, mounting only 8 three Pounders, and about 30 Men; but to his great Mortification she got safe into Cape-François.

Three Days after, Capt. Fletcher in beating up to the Cacaues, fell in with a large French Ship of 20 Guns, which he was obliged to leave, after having lost of his Rigging shot to Pieces.

Friday last one of the abovementioned Prizes came in: She is a beautiful Ship, called the Morning-Star, about 250 Tons, mounts 6 Guns, and 30 Men, and was bound from Bourdeaux for Cape-François.

The same Day came up the Prize Snow St. Bernard, M. Peter Martin late Master (but came to under the Command of Capt. Brown) taken about six Weeks ago by the Privateer Brig Prince George, Capt. Murray, of this Port.

Next Day the Hercules, Capt. Bayard, arrived at Sandy-Hook, with the other Prize Ship: She is at least 400 Tons, mounts 12 six Pounders, had 60 Men, is only six Months old, and is reckoned the most complete Vessel brought into this Port since the Commencement of the present War; and as she is a prime Sailer, would be very suitable for a Country cruising Ship. She was bound from Bourdeaux for Cape-François also.

The same Day his Majesty's Ship Nightingale, Capt. Campbell, of 20 Guns, from Halifax, and a Snow Man of War from South-Carolina, arrived at Sandy-Hook.

Saturday his Majesty's Sloop of War the Ferrit, Capt. Upton, arrived here in 8 Weeks from Plymouth: As yet no Prints are come to Hand, but we are told a Fleet of 16 Sail of the Line was to sail from England for the Westward by the 10th of March; that Admiral West, with 20 Ships of the Line, was failed on a secret Expedition; that Admiral Byng was not shot, agreeable to his Sentence, but had been reprieved for some Days; [a Man's whole Life consists only of some Days]; that the Snow Hardy, Captain Favieure, of and from this Port, for Holland, is taken by a French Privateer, and carried into St. Maloes; that the Harriot Packet, Captain Bonnell (expected here for some Time past) was not failed from Falmouth the Beginning of March; and that a Vessel was arrived in some of the out Ports of England, in 25 Days from this Place.

PHILADELPHIA, May 5. On Friday last the Marlborough, Captain Joy, arrived here from Jamaica, by whom we learn that the following French Fleet is arrived at Hispaniola, viz.

Ships.	Guns.	Men.
1 of	84	1400
3	74	1200 each.
1	64	1000
1	54	800
2 Frigates	36	360 each.

And by him we have a Confirmation of the Greenwich, Captain Roddam, a 50 Gun Ship, being taken by the two Frigates of the above Fleet; and that they had also taken a Privateer Snow of New-York, and ordered her to the Cape, but was met with and retaken by two New-York Privateer Sloops, and brought into Kingston. The Snow had several of her Hands killed in the brave Defence she made against the two-Frigates.

ANNAPOLIS, May 12. Monday Morning last his Excellency our Governor, put an End to the Session of Assembly at Baltimore-Town, and Prorogued it to the Fourth Tuesday in August; after Passing the following Laws, viz.

1. An Act for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province.
2. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the Advancement of Justice.
3. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggrievances in the Prosecution of Suits at Law, and for continuing the Supplementary Act thereto.
4. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to remedy some Evils relating to Servants.
5. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act ascertaining the Height of Fences, to prevent the Evils occasioned by the Multitude of Horses, and restraining Horse Rangers within this Province; and to redress the great Evils accruing to this Province by the Multitude of useless Horses, Mares, and Colts, that run in the Woods.
6. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the Gauge of Barrels, for Pork, Beef, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, and Tare of Barrels for Flour or Bread.

7. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to empower the Justices of the several County Courts, to make Provision for the late Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, and for regulating their Conduct.

8. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of Creditors in England against Bankrupts, who have imported any Goods into this Province not accounted for.

9. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Masters of Ships and Vessels from clandestinely carrying Servants and Slaves, or Persons indebted, out of this Province.

10. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Persons from secreting Boats, Flats, and other Vessels, drove by Strefs of Weather or otherwise, from Landings or Moorings.

11. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court, before one Justice of the Peace.

12. An Act for leasing out Part of the Prison-Land in Dorchester County.

13. An Act for Relief of sundry Inhabitants of Allhallow's Parish, in Worcester County.

14. An Act for the Relief of sundry Inhabitants of this Province, who have had their Servants enlisted into his Majesty's Service.

15. An Act for the Relief of certain languishing Prisoners, in the several County Goals therein mentioned.

16. An Act for the speedy Payment of sundry Persons therein mentioned.

17. An Act to prevent the Exportation, or carrying out of this Province, Ammunition, Warlike Stores, or Provisions of any Kind, towards supplying the French, or their Allies.

The following are Copies of two Letters sent a few Days ago by the Chief of the Cherokeees at Fort-Frederick, viz.

To the GOVERNOR of MARYLAND.  
 Fort-Frederick, April 29, 1757.  
 Brother of Maryland,

THIS Day came into your Province, with a Company of our Nation, on our Way to War against the French Shawanese, and all their Indians, hearing they had kill'd some of our Brothers, not knowing when we set off from Winchester but the Murder was committed in Virginia; but coming to this Fort, found we were in another Province; and on being informed, by Capt. Beall, that our Brother, the Governor of this Province, had a real Love for our Nation, and that he had provided Cloaths for our Nation, tho' unacquainted with us, I have just now held a Council with my young Warriors, and has concluded to write to you, to acquaint you, our Brother, our Design of coming into this Country was, hearing from our good Brother the Governor of Virginia, that it was the Desire of our Father King George, that we would join the English in War against the French and their Indians. On hearing this News, we immediately took up the Hatchet against the French and their Indians, and hold it fast 'til we make use of it, which I expect will be in a few Days. We intend to set out immediately from this Fort, and immediately on our Return expect to meet you our Brother here, to make ourselves acquainted with you. If you can't come yourself, you will send one of your beloved Men with your Talk, which we will look upon as from your own Mouth. I hope you will let the Province of Pennsylvania know that I am come this Length to War, and if they are in Need of our Assistance, I have Men plenty at home, and will not think it troublesome to come and fight for our Brothers. I set off from home with 150 Men, Part of which is gone to Fort-Cumberland; forty more by this is come to Winchester. Our People will be so frequent among you, that I wish you may not think us troublesome. Our Hearts ache to see our Brothers Bones scattered about the Country, but you will hear in a short Time we have got Satisfaction for our Brothers; and in Confirmation of what I have spoke, I have sent you these few white Beads to confirm my Regard to this Province. Likewise I have sent you these black Beads to convince you that I have taken up the Hatchet against all the English Enemies. We intend to stay as long amongst our Brothers as there is Use of us. I hope our good Brother will not be backward in providing Necessaries for us, I have sent you a List of what is useful for us, and has got our good Friend Mr. Ross to carry this Letter to you, which we shall always acknowledge as a particular

Friend] to us. As we expect to see you soon, we will add no more at present; but remain  
 Your loving Brother,  
 his  
 WAHACHY of Keeway.  
 Mark.  
 This is the Truth, taken from the Head Warrior.  
 Richard Pearis.

To the CATAWBAS.  
 Brothers,

YESTERDAY I came to Fort-Frederick, and this Morning I received an Account of your bad Success at War last Winter when you went out. You lost all your White Men, now I understand you have lost seven more, which I look upon you ought not to rest long 'til you go again, and have Satisfaction. I am informed you are going home, but I desire, as you are like my own People, that you may not go home 'til we have revenge for our Brothers the English. I expect in a few Days to overtake the Party of Enemy that has committed the Murders here: They kill'd 9 White Men since they kill'd the Jacks. The next News I expect to acquaint you with that we have got Satisfaction for the Murders they have committed, and will join you, with the rest of my People, as soon as possible. I remain,  
 Your loving Brother,  
 his  
 WAHACHY of Keeway.  
 Mark.

We hear from Somerset County, That Capt. Henry Louwes, is unanimously chosen a Representative for that County in the room of Capt. John Handy, Deceased.

May 11, 1757.  
 PUBLIC Notice is hereby given, That the PROVINCIAL COURT will be adjourned to the Thirtieth Day of August next, and all Sheriffs are directed to make their Returns on that Day, or sooner if convenient.  
 WILLIAM STEUART, Clerk.

BOOK-BINDING is now carried on at the Sign of the BIBLE in Charles-Street, Annapolis, in the neatest, best, and cheapest Manner.

STRAYED or Stolen from the Subscriber's Plantation at Tuckahoe Creek, about the 11th of March last, Two Bay Mares. One pretty large, branded on the near Buttock with D I. The other a smaller Dark Bay.

Whoever brings the said Mares to the Subscriber, at Talkot Court-House, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward, and no Questions ask'd; or, if Stolen, will prove it against the Thief, so that he be brought to Justice, shall have Ten Pounds Reward; and whoever will prove against any Body that may keep them in an Enclosure contrary to an Act of Assembly, shall have Five Pounds Reward.  
 CORNELIUS DAILY.

THERE is at the Plantation of John Dorsey, Son of Edward, near Elk-Ridge, in Anne-Arundel County, taken up as a Stray, a Bright Bay Horse, branded on the near Buttock LP (join'd in one).  
 The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of James Meek, at the Head of Severn, taken up as a Stray, a very Dark Chestnut colour'd Mare, branded on the near Buttock with a Blotch, her near hind Foot is white, and has a Star low in her Forehead.  
 The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of Mr. Joseph Galloway, at West-River, taken up as a Stray, a Bay Horse, about 12½ Hands high, neither branded, dock'd, or broke.  
 The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of John Owings, at the Head of Patapsco, in Baltimore County, taken up as Strays,  
 A small trotting Bay Mare, branded on the near Shoulder G, and on the near Buttock either N or NP.  
 And a small trotting Black Mare Colt.  
 The Owner may have them again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.