

end any great Plan of Legisla-  
his Character might be drawn  
"That while he seemed to  
perfection, he weakened the  
Constitution."

ective Ministers may have been  
public Welfare the main Object of  
may be satisfied, by this Estimate  
the Revolution to the present  
ation have at least marched pas-  
ough this Work is not intended  
or an Acculation of Ministers,  
of Truth, it must be said, that  
ours of a selfish and a factious  
ry Ministry that rises, puts one  
Carthaginian Armies, which be-  
ardly and insolent, ran away at  
y, and then crucified their Ge-  
did not gain the Victory.

fore to our Subject (if indeed we  
m it) evident it is, that the Want  
at length firmly established a  
al Self-Interest among us, which  
es break out into Factions, and  
Effects which a national Spirit of  
duce. Former Times, we plaja-  
fatally infected with this selfish  
imes in this Respect are sacred,  
speak not of them: But if the  
and present Want of Principle,  
be not checked in their Career,  
that future Times will be more  
fore more factious, than those  
have already described.

luxury and Effeminacy (increased  
within these 20 Years) as they  
so are they of a craving and un-  
The present Rage of Pleasure  
dissipation hath created a Train of  
which in their Demands outstrip  
apply.

at Principles of Religion, Honour  
it, are weak or lost among us,  
Check: can there be upon the  
ul their unbounded and unwar-  
lucrative Employments, for the  
these unmanly Passions?

er this happens, what can we ex-  
equence, but a general Anarchy?  
disappointed Avarice will kindle  
national Union must be thwarted  
rds? That no public Measure,  
y, can be carried into Act, if it  
foreseen private Interest?

ot the Duty of every Well-wisher  
to consider, not only how soon  
t how far it is, our present Sini-

ffect can naturally arise from the  
tion; and Rapacity of a dissolute  
L a Nation so circumstanced, it is  
ine, that next to Gaming and  
Attention of the great World must  
the Business of Election-Jobbing,  
unties, controuling, bribing, or  
oughs; in a Word, on the Posses-  
parliamentary Interest.

Aggravation of this Evil would  
ever those of the highest Rank,  
ted by Act of Parliament, insult  
interfering in Elections; by soliciting  
curing others to solicit them, by  
itions in an avowed Defiance of  
and even selling vacant Seats in  
the best Bidder?

his be a faithful Copy of degene-  
clining Rome? *Ea demum Roma  
senatum, non magistratus, non leges,  
um, non instituta patrum vereri.*

can we suppose would be the real  
legitimate Waste of Time, Honour,  
labour? Might not the very Reason  
ed for it be this, "That they  
in themselves and Families, and  
sting Interest (as they call it) for  
nts, Sons, and Posterity?" Now  
is simply but a supposed Right or  
demanding lucrative Employ, as  
ect of their View? And whence  
d Privilege of Demand derive  
from a foreseen Power, and de-  
ose, of kindling Factions, and ob-  
public Measures, in Case of Disap-

Disput? *How the political System of Self-  
length complicated, and a Foundation  
inciples and Manners for endless  
the State. Thus Faction is esta-  
blished,*

blished, not on Ambition, but on Avarice; on A-  
varice and Rapacity, for the End of Dissipation.

Need we point out particular Facts, in Confir-  
mation of these Truths? Is not the Nation even  
now labouring under this fatal Malady? Is not the  
deadly Bow-string already stretched, and the Pub-  
lic gasping and expiring under the Tugs of oppo-  
sed and contending Parties?

*Distraham, laceratamque rempublicam—magis  
quam in manu sit, quam ut incolumis sit quarri.*

The Author afterwards answers an Objection  
that may be drawn from the present Circumstances  
of the French Nation, which he concludes as fol-  
lows:

"Thus, in Contradiction to all known Exam-  
ple, France hath become powerful, while she seem-  
ed to lead the Way in Effeminacy; and while she  
hath allured her Neighbour Nations, by her own  
Example, to drink largely of her Circéan and poi-  
soned Cup of Manners, hath secured her own  
Health by the secret Antidote of Principle.

Forced by this, the Character of the French Na-  
tion, tho' inconsistent, is respectable: They have  
found, or rather invented, the Art of uniting all  
Extremes: They have Virtues and Vices, Strengths  
and Weaknesses, seemingly incompatible. They  
are effeminate, yet brave; insincere, yet honoura-  
ble; hospitable, not benevolent; vain, yet subtle;

plausible, not generous; warlike, yet polite; plau-  
sible, not virtuous; mercantile, yet not mean; in  
Trifles serious, gay in Enterprize; Women at the  
Toilet, Heroes in the Field; profligate in Heart,  
in Conduct decent; divided in Opinion, in Action  
united; in Manners weak, but strong in Principle;  
contempible in private Life, in Public formida-  
ble."

LONDON, October 15.

LETTERS from Lisbon by Monday's Mail,  
give a further Confirmation of the Earth-  
quake that was so violently felt at the Islands  
of Fyall, St. George, Pico, Tercera and St. Mi-  
chaels; it was felt at these five Western Islands  
at the same Time, and great Numbers of the  
Inhabitants were buried in the Ruins.

The Manna Dogger, Captain Garrit Van Nyn,  
burthen about 100 Tons, and 9 Men, from Rot-  
terdam to Bilbao, ran on the Goodwin Sands the  
7th Instant, and is bulged and lost, but the Cap-  
tain and Crew got safe on Shore at Deal, and the  
Goods undermentioned are saved and secured  
under the King's Locks at that Port, viz. 117  
Bolts of Canvas, 10 Casks of Sugar, 4 Bundles of  
Whalebone, 11 Casks of Salmon, and 36 Sacks  
of Beans.

A new SCREEN is going to be Built before  
the Court of Common Pleas in Westminster-Hall  
to keep the Court WARM.

The Lyme Privateer of Weymouth, Captain  
Bailloul, of 10 Guns and 60 Men; overfet in the  
Bay of Biscay, and only the Captain and another  
Man were saved by the Cumberland Privateer of  
Guernsey.

We hear that the Winds have lately been so  
Catholic, that a Protestant Fleet cannot get into  
a French Harbour.

By Letters from Gibraltar, we are informed,  
that a Man of War of Admiral Osborn's Squadron  
had taken a French Privateer of 16 Guns, which  
was on a Cruize in the Streights, and carried her  
in there.

In the Disturbances about the Militia-Act at  
Northampton three Persons lost their Lives, many  
others were terribly bruised by the Troops riding  
full Gallop among them; after which the Populace  
took to the Church-Yard for Security, the Soldiers  
alighted, and Sword in Hand drove them away,  
wounding many of them.

Extract of a Letter from Nottingham.

"The Militia Affair occasions great Distur-  
bances, Upon their last Meeting for Ballotting,  
they seized the worthy Sir George S...le as a  
Hostage for the Return of the Lists; whereupon  
he was obliged to make use of the most prevail-  
ing Arguments, and grant them their Requests,  
to regain his Liberty.

The Parishioners of Enfield, Edmonton, Tot-  
tenham, Hadley, and South Mims, have resolved  
to pay all such poor Persons as shall be elected to  
serve in the Militia 18d. for each Day they shall  
be employed, and to hire Persons to serve in the  
Room of such Persons who do not chuse to serve  
themselves. If this Method was followed all over  
the Kingdom, it might be a Means of raising a  
real useful Militia, as there would be a sufficient

Number in every Parish ready to accept the Office  
upon such Terms.

BOSTON, December 26.

A few Days ago a Man was committed to Goal  
here, for making and uttering counterfeit Dollars  
and what are commonly called Cobs, which, it's  
said, are so like the true ones, that People may  
easily be deceived, without a careful Inspection.  
It is said great Numbers have been put off in the  
Western Parts of this Province; and also in the  
Neighbouring Provinces. At Halifax in Nova-  
Scotia it is said that many counterfeit Dollars  
are likewise passing there, as also two Pistareen  
Cob Pieces, so call'd: The last are stamped with  
a Four-Pistareen Stamp, are made of Pewter, and  
covered with Leaf-Silver; the Dollars are also  
made of Pewter, and exceedingly well done;  
the Edges of them seem to be cut with a File.  
The Counterfeits are considerably lighter than  
true-ones. This is mentioned to prevent the Un-  
wary being deceived, as some of them may per-  
haps find their Way hither.

We hear that four Men were apprehended and  
committed to Goal a few Days ago at Sheffield, in  
the County of Hampshire, for making and uttering  
counterfeit Dollars, a Number of which, together  
with their Tools, were found upon them.

Yesterday the Captains Ingraham and Thomp-  
son arrived from Surinam, and inform, that there had  
been an Insurrection of the Negroes in that Colo-  
ny, who had destroyed three Plantations, and  
were continuing their Depredations when our In-  
formers came away.

And by Capt. Loring, who arrived here Yester-  
day from Cape-Fear, we are told, that as he came  
out, he met with a Vessel in a short Passage from  
Portsmouth, in England, the Master of which  
told him, that 4 or 5 Days before he left Port-  
smouth, Admiral Hawke sailed upon another Ex-  
pedition, but to what Place was an impenetrable  
Secret.

NEW-YORK, January 9.

Monday last was sent in here, by Capt. Griffiths,  
in the Snow Revenge, of this Port, the Ship Fel-  
cite, Monsieur Aplement, late Master, but came  
in under the Command of Capt. Murphey: She  
was taken on the 5th of December last, bound  
from Canada for Cape-Francois; and has little or  
no Cargo.

Capt. Griffiths has also taken, Capt. Easton, in  
a Rhode-Island Sloop, as he lay at Monto-Christo,  
and a Sloop from Cape-Francois, navigated with  
Spaniards, and cleared for the Bay of Campeachy:  
The former he sent to Providence or Jamaica; and  
the latter he ordered for this Port.

Saturday last Major Rogers came to Town from  
Albany: He is just returned from a Scout, and  
brought into Fort-Edward a French Sergeant and  
Soldier, that he took in Sight of Ticonderoga, a  
few Days ago: He also killed a Number of Oxen,  
and did considerable Damage to the Inhabitants  
residing near Ticonderoga.

We hear that two French Deserters arrived at  
Fort-Edward since our last; and that many more  
would follow their Example; but that most of the  
German Troops in the French Garrisons were kept  
under close Confinement.

Extract of a Letter from Fort-Edward, Dec. 26.

"About Eight o'Clock last Night, a negligent Sol-  
dier set Fire to the Garret of a small Barrack here:  
The Garrison acted with great Calmness and Spirit,  
and soon extinguished the same, tho' not without de-  
stroying that Barrack, and a small Quantity of Stores  
which were under it."

Extract of a Letter from Christopher Miller, Com-  
mander of the Privateer True-Briton, of this  
Port, to his Owners, dated at Isabella-Bay, De-  
cember 17, 1757.

GENTLEMEN,

"A few Days ago, I had the Pleasure of writing  
to you by the Prize Ship Le Caduce, Capt. Sleeth,  
which I took in Company with Capt. Isaac Sears.  
The 14th Instant, I parted with the Ship, and Capt.  
Sears. The 15th, I took this Snow, and having ma-  
ny Prisoners on board, I was obliged to run down to  
Isabella-Bay to land them. I now have 70 Men and  
Boys on board. The Snow came last from Quebec,  
and has on board 1200lb. of Gunpowder, 20 Bar-  
rels of Oil, and some Lumber."

ANNAPOLIS, January 26.

A Gentleman here has just received a Letter  
from Mr. Glassford, via Virginia; dated at Glasgow  
November 28 last, wherein he has this Passage,  
"The KING of PRUSSIA has gained a  
complete Victory over the combined Armies."  
The General Assembly of this Province is cer-  
tainly to meet here, for the Dispatch of Public  
Business (agreeable to his Excellency's last Proro-  
gation) on Monday the 6th of February next.

THOSE GENTLEMEN who subscribed  
with the Printer Eereof, for the AMERICAN  
MAGAZINES (Printed in Philadelphia by Mr.  
BRADFORD) and who have not already had them;  
may have as far as December, Numb. III, by only  
sending for them to the PRINTING-OFFICE.

WANTED,

THREE strong healthy NEGRO LADS,  
between 16 and 18 Years of Age.

Whoever has any such to dispose of, may hear  
of a Purchaser by applying to the Printer. Cat. B. 7.

WHEREAS little Notice has hitherto been  
taken of an Advertisement frequently pub-  
lished in this Gazette, desiring all Persons indebted  
to Mr. Daniel Wolfenholme, Merchant (now gone  
to England) to come and settle their respective Ac-  
counts with the Subscriber: This is therefore to  
give Notice, that if they do not immediately come  
and settle the same, either by Cash, Bill, or Bond,  
they may expect to be proceeded against according  
to Law. JOHN CLAPHAM, Attorney in Fact.

ALL Persons indebted to Mr. Robert Swan,  
now gone for Great-Britain, either on the  
STORE or TAN-YARD ACCOUNT, are de-  
sired to come and pay their respective Ballances to  
the Subscriber; and those whose Accounts have  
been long open, he expects they will come and set-  
tle them by Bond or Note, or may be assured Suits  
will be immediately brought against them.

The TANNING BUSINESS will still be car-  
ried on as usual, until the Tan-Yard is Sold, as  
lately advertised. For Terms of Sale, apply to  
the Subscriber.

Also to be Sold, a small SLOOP of 8 or 900  
Bushels of Grain Burthen, in good Repair, and  
well found; fine GREEN and HYSOON TEAS,  
COFFEE, CANDLES, SOAL LEATHER at  
15 d. per Pound by the Hide, and Allowance made  
for larger Quantities; likewise about 600 Bushels  
of old CORN. ROBERT COUDEN.

PURSUANT to an Act of Assembly of this  
Province, directing the Administratrix of Tal-  
bot Ristean, deceased, to dispose of Two LOTS  
of GROUND, in the Town of Joppa, on which  
is erected a SPACIOUS BRICK DWELLING-  
HOUSE, KITCHEN, GARDEN, and sundry  
OUT-HOUSES, in very good Repair: These are  
to give Notice, That the Subscriber proposes to  
dispose of the said LOTS and HOUSES, in the  
Town of Joppa, in Baltimore County, to the high-  
est Bidder, on Wednesday the Second Day of  
March Court next, at the Court-House in the said  
Town of Joppa, for the Purposes in the said Act  
mentioned. SUSANNA RISTEAU.

N. B. The HOUSES are very convenient for  
any Store-Keeper, or private Gentleman, being  
adjoining on the River Gunpowder, and have a  
Wharff, at which small Vessels may Load or Un-  
load.

To be SOLD by the SUBSCRIBER in  
ANNAPOLIS,

BEST BOLTED FLOUR, in Barrels, at 12/6  
per Hundred; and good WEST-INDIA  
RUM, by Retail. JOHN RAITT.

THERE is at the Plantation of William Sa-  
wory, in Baltimore County, taken up as a  
Stray, a Bay Horse about 14 Hands high, brand-  
ed on the near Buttock with D, and on the near  
Shoulder with something not discernable.

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

THERE is at the Plantation of Walter Pem-  
phrey, on Patapsco, in Anne-Arundel Coun-  
ty, taken up as a Stray, a large bright Bay  
Horse, shod before, no Brand perceivable, goes  
a shuffling Foot Pace, pretty long Back'd, has  
no White about him.

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

THERE was taken up by Christopher Tipper,  
and now in the Possession of Samuel Maffey  
and Thomas Hamar, in Queen-Anne's County, a  
Black Horse, about 13 Hands high, paces a small  
Travel, and has some Kind of Brand on the near  
Shoulder, which is not discernable.

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

CHOICE WEST-INDIA RUM, ME-  
LASSES, and MUSCOVADO SUGAR, 2  
to be Sold by Wholesale, by the Subscriber, at his  
Store in Annapolis. LANCELOT JACQUES.