

PHILADELPHIA, October 19.

Extract of a Letter from Barbados, Sept. 21, 1758. On the 23d ult. we had a hard Gale of Wind here, which drove on Shore eight Sail of Vessels; of which the six following were lost, viz.

The Brig Frankland Privateer, of Barbados, Captain Rowan.

Snow Jenny and Sally, Bolton, from North-Carolina, with her Cargo.

Brig David and Susannah, Bartlett, from Piscataqua.

A Sloop, lately belonged to this Island.

Brig Ross, Elmore, of Bristol, with 10 Casks of Sugar in.

Sloop Aurora, Capt. Campbell, belonging here.

His Majesty's Sloop Barbados, Capt. Middleton, and the Schooner Beity, of this Port, got off. Two Hulks lost.

Our last Accounts from the Westward are, that the Major Grant and Lewis, Capt. Hugh M'Kinise, and Ensign Holler, with about 30 private Men, had been made Prisoners, and carried into Fort Duquesne, where they were all well used; and the Majors and Capt. M'Kinise, since sent to Canada; Ensign Holler, being wounded, was kept at the Fort: That Ensign John M'Donald was Prisoner with the Indians, for whom the Governor of the Fort offered another Prisoner, and some Money, but was refused: That Parties of the Enemy Indians were continually hovering about our Encampment at Loyal Hanning, one of which, about 18 Days ago, attacked the Grass Guard, and killed two of our People, but had not Time to scalp them; and the same Party, it is thought, much about the same Time, carried off five or six of our Horses, and killed as many.—A Party of our Indians had come in, and brought two Scalps with them.—Our Troops are in high Spirits.

The following Ships of War, we hear, are to winter at Halifax, viz.

Of the Line. Princess Amelia, Rear Admiral Durell, Captain Bray, of 80 Guns; Bedford, Fowke, 64; Devonshire, Gordon, 66; Vanguard, Swanton, 70; Captain, Amherst, 64; Prince Frederick, Routh, 64; Pembroke, Simcoe, 60; Princess of Orange, Ferguson, 60; Sutherland, Rous, 50; and Norwich, Captain Darby, 50 Guns.

Frigates. Nightingale, Capt. Campbell, of 24 Guns; Squirrel, Wheelock, 22; Kennington, 24; Hind, Bond, 22; and Hunter, Captain Adams, of 12 Guns.

We have Advice from the West-Indies, that the Spy Privateer, Captain Spring, of this Port, had taken two Dutch Sloops, loaded with Sugar and Coffee, and ordered them for this Place; but that one of them was obliged to put into Anguilla, where she was condemned; the other we have no certain Account yet what is become of her.

Captain Burrows, from Jamaica, advises, that two French Merchantmen, one of 20, the other of 18 Guns, with four Snows and Brigantines, all homeward bound, were sent in there, by the Edinburgh and Dreadnought Men of War, on the Eighth of August.

ANNAPOLIS, October 26.

Monday last the General Assembly of this Province met here, when the Honourable the Lower House unanimously made Choice of Col. HENRY HOOPER (a Member of Dorchester County) for their Speaker; and his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; our Governor, opened the Session with the following SPEECH, viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly.

As many of you are already acquainted with what passed between the Two Houses of Assembly during our late Sessions, and the Rest of you may easily inform yourselves by recurring to their Journals, I will not enter into a Detail of the Measures which were then pursued; but shall only observe to you, that they were such as unhappily gave Occasion for an odious Distinction to be made between the Inhabitants of Maryland and those of the neighbouring Colonies; and inclined his Majesty's Generals, who were appointed to command his Forces in these Parts, to entertain a very unfavourable Opinion of the People of this Province.

Being however well satisfied myself, that it was far from the Desire of the People in general, to be exempted from contributing their Quota for the Expedition, which General Forbes, in Obedience to his Majesty's special Order, was then about to undertake, and in the Event whereof none could be more interested than themselves, I thought it my Duty to assure the General when I paid him a Visit on the Frontiers of Pennsylvania, that if such Aids as he might have expected from us were not Granted, it ought not to be attributed to a Want of

Inclination in the People of Maryland to promote the Service, but to an accidental Difference in Opinion, and an unhappy Disagreement between the Two Houses of Assembly about the Mode of raising the necessary Supplies, which I flattered myself would not be the Case at any future Session.

By this Representation the General was induced, as you may learn from a Letter of his which shall be laid before you, to advance a Sum of Money on the Credit of the Province, to encourage the Maryland Troops to continue in the Service during the Campaign, and until the Legislature should meet again, and agree on a Bill for reimbursing his Excellency, and paying off the Arrears, that might be then due to Lieutenant-Colonel Dagworthy and the Companies under his Command. You will also see, that in Compassion to Mr. Ross, who having victualled our Troops at Fort Cumberland and Fort Frederick, in Consequence of an Agreement made last Year with the Agents, was greatly distressed by the Assembly's breaking up without putting it in those Gentlemen's Power to pay him, his Excellency hath been pleased to advance him likewise some Money, to support his Credit, until Supplies shall be raised, and the Agents be empowered to pay, what, upon a Settlement, shall appear due to him. I do not exactly know what Mr. Ross's Claim, and the Arrears of Pay that are now due to our Troops, amount to; but I believe the Whole doth not exceed Thirteen or Fourteen Thousand Pounds at the most; a Sum that is very inconsiderable in Comparison of the Supplies which have been granted this Year by the other Colonies for his Majesty's Service, and much less, I am persuaded, than the Inhabitants of this Province can afford, and would cheerfully give, for the same Purpose.

Gentlemen,

What has been now communicated to you, I am desir'd to recommend, in the first Place, to your Consideration; and that your Attention might not be diverted, I decline mentioning any other Matters, until you shall have come to some Resolution with Regard to the General's Letter; to which I hope, you will very soon enable me to give such an Answer as might convince him that you merit the Confidence he hath been pleas'd to repose in this Assembly, and that you Meet determin'd to demonstrate by your Proceedings, more than by Professions, that you are pleas'd with the extraordinary Zeal which our Troops have shewn for his Majesty's Service, and the Honour of the Province; and that notwithstanding the ill Opinion which some, who are Strangers to the real Principles of the Inhabitants of Maryland, have been led to entertain of them, there are not in his Majesty's Dominions, more loyal nor more dutiful Subjects.

[The Address to be in our next.]

We have several Accounts from the Westward, of the Action on Loyal Hanning on the 13th Instant; but what we think most likely to be depended on, is the following, from a Soldier, who is just come to Town, and left Ray's Town on the 16th: That on Friday the 13th about 9 o'Clock in the Morning, about 700 French, and a few Indians, were discovered by our Bullock-Guard, which was commanded by Lieutenant Levin Beall, consisting of about 40 Men, and a Mile or Mile and Half from the Camp: Lieut. Beall immediately sent a few Men off with the Beeves to the Camp, and Advice to Col. Bouquet, and with the Remainder of his Party Fought Retiring, so as to prevent the Enemy's making themselves Masters of the Cattle; in his Retreat he lost 7 of his Men and some more of them were Wounded. As soon as Col. Bouquet was advised of the Enemy's being so near, he ordered all his Men under Arms, and when Lieutenant Beall, with his Party, was come within 2 or 300 Yards of the Breast-work, the Enemy pursuing him, he was ordered to fall with his Men to the Left, which he did instantly, and three Cannon, which had been planted on the Breast-work, were then Fired on the Enemy and did great Execution upon this the Enemy fled with Precipitation; and a great Number of our Troops, the Highlanders in particular, being ordered to pursue (which they did Six Miles) killed between 3 and 400 of them (among them 4 Indians) and took near 200 Prisoners: Not one of our People was killed beside the 7 abovementioned. A good deal of Snow fell more than a Fortnight ago on the Allegany Mountains, so that Waggon's could not pass for some Days.

Tuesday last Afternoon proved to be very Rainy, and the Race for Thirty Pistoles, which was to have been then Run for, was put off to next Day,

when Mr. DARNALL's Horse Children, Colonel BARNES's Reiter, and Mr. NICHOLSON's Spark the Third, Started. The Prize was won by Children. Next Day the Twenty Pistoles, for which Six started, was won by TAYLOR's Grey, who got the Two last Heats.

JAMES BISSET, Attorney at Law, takes this Method of Thanking the Public for their favourable Reception of his Proposals, for Publishing his ABRIDGMENT of the LAWS of MARYLAND. And begs of the Gentlemen who were so good as to exert themselves in procuring Subscriptions, that they would be pleas'd to send in their Subscription Papers to Mr. William Stewart, in Annapolis, by the first of January next, as then (having got enough of Subscriptions to enable him to go on with the Work) he proposes to send his Copy to be Printed.

As the List of the Subscribers is to be prefixed to the Copy, he asks the Favour of those who have the Subscription Papers, that they would distinguish the Gentlemen who have subscribed, by their Titles or Callings, and the County they live in.

Whoever have not as yet subscribed, and chuse to have their Names in the List, let them subscribe before the first of January, or send a Note of their Names to Mr. Stewart.

N. B. The Reason of delaying the Printing so long, is, that, to make his Abridgment the more compleat, he is to include in it what Acts may be pass'd this ensuing Session of Assembly.

JAMES BISSET.

THERE is now, and has been for about 4 Years past, at the Plantation of William Starbory, in Baltimore County, a Red Steer, marked only with a Crop in the right Ear.

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

THERE is in the Possession of Ezekiel Bazill, in Prince-George's County, taken up as a Stray, a small Dark Bay Mare, neither dock'd nor branded, is about 12 1/2 Hands high, and supposed to be about 4 Years old.

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

THERE is in the Possession of Samuel Sewell, living in the Fork of the main Falls of Patuxent, taken up as a Stray, an old middle-sized Black Mare, is shod before, has a Star in her Forehead, a bob Tail, some grey Hairs under her Foretop, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock with a T, and paces and trots.

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

THERE is at the Plantation of Charles Willett, near Queen-Anne, in Prince-George's County, taken up as a Stray, a Bay Horse, about thirteen Hands high, has a Star in his Forehead, and a kind of a Snip, branded on the off Buttock something like this — and has a Slit in the right Ear.

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

September 28, 1758.

RAN away from the Subscriber the 26th Instant, a middle-sized Man, named John Wells, pretty thick set, wears his own Hair, has a Stoppage in his Speech; he was taken out of Frederick County Goal, and looks pale, having been confined in Prison some Time for Debt. Had on when he went away, a blue pitchey Waistcoat, with white Buttons, an old Drab Ditto without Sleeves, a Check Shirt, and a Pair of long Breeches: He has taken with him, a Pair of strong Shoes, and Copper Buckles.

Whoever takes up the said Servant, and brings him to his Master, or secures him so that he may get him again, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward, and what the Law allows.

RICHARD BOWEN.

THERE is at the Plantation of Oliver Cromwell, in Baltimore County, taken up as a Stray, a small Dark Bay Mare, branded on the near Shoulder P C, and on the near Buttock, but not plain enough to be described; she has a Sprig Tail and hanging Mane.

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