

Germany; we shall have every Thing to fear from America. The Efforts they are now making in Germany, would not be worth the Blood and Treasure it has cost them, if the German Quarrel (for such, Sir, I must call it, though consequentially it has become our Quarrel) between the Queen of Hungary, and the King of Prussia, was their ultimate Design of their Operations, in Germany.

Is it, Sir, to be imagin'd, that the French would spend Ten Millions of Money, and sacrifice a Hundred Thousand of their best Troops (for, Sir, it can be proved this War has not already cost them less) merely to obtain Justice and Reparation for the hereditary Enemy of their Country. If we reflect, Sir, upon the Manner in which the French entered into this War, we cannot hesitate a Moment in concluding that their Interest in America, was the Motive that drew their Sword in Germany. They had no Quarrel, they could have none with the Electorate of Hanover, had they not imagin'd that his Majesty's natural Concern for that Electorate would divert the Storm from that, by sacrificing our Interest in America. They were happily deceived, for his Majesty's Virtue did disdain such an Exchange; he shew'd himself a true King of England, even at the Expence of his ruined Electorate.

I am very ready, Sir, to admit, and I really believe, that the French out-witted themselves, by their marching to Hanover, and that the Spoils of the Electorate great as they were, did not compensate for the immense Sums of Money and Numbers of Men which the Conquest of it cost them. The French, Sir, by a wonderful Concurrence of Events in favour of his Prussian Majesty, were driven out of Hanover, and their Affairs upon the Brink of Ruin in Germany. But this, Sir, is so far from being an Argument against assisting the King of Prussia, that it is the strongest Reason that can be urged, why we ought to support him with more Power and Spirit than ever. We have it now, Sir, in our Power, to give them such a Diversion as will oblige them to look at home, and if we let it slip thro' our Hands, we shall be the worst of Madmen.

Having said thus much, Sir, in Favour of Continental Measures, to which I shall always profess myself a Friend, when properly circumscribed, give me Leave to say once more, that there is a certain Species of them, to which I should give my Dissent. For Instance, Sir, if Five Hundred Thousand Pounds can enable the King of Prussia to maintain double the Number of Men, that we can furnish him with for the same Money; I should be against furnishing the Men, and that for Reasons which are too obvious for me to take up your Time farther in explaining. One Reason I have, and I mention it here, because I believe it is a singular one, tho' it has not, on that Account, the less Weight with me. I think, Sir, that this Country can spare no Men at present. I think, the Want of Labouring Hands is the greatest Calamity we are now threatened with; and feel all over England. It is true, I may be told, that Soldiers are no great Labourers and Manufacturers. But, Sir, there are few of them who are not bred to some Kind of Labour or other; and they still are of Service in Country Towns. However, as some Gentlemen may think that Consideration too inconsiderable to ground an Argument upon, I am of Opinion, Sir, that we may have Occasion at Home, or in America, for all the Men we can spare, and if we were to send Twelve or Fourteen Thousand Men (for, I think, it would be ridiculous to send fewer) to the King of Prussia, we must supply them out of the working Part of the Nation, which must manifestly add to the Dearth of Provisions, and Discontent of the poorer Sort that is now so visibly seen and felt all over the Kingdom.

I shall not take your Time farther up, only I hope, that the Measure which has been wisely conducted by his Majesty, will meet with so general an Approbation both at Home and Abroad, that our Enemies shall no longer flatter themselves, and reproach us with being a divided People.

L O N D O N, September 3.
FROM various Circumstances there is great Reason to believe that the Fire which happened on Saturday Night last in his Majesty's Yard at Deptford, was not Accidental; the Spot where the Discovery was made, is not 20 Feet Distance from a new 74 Gun Ship on the Stocks, and within 16 Feet of great Quantities of Combustibles, such as Rosin, Turpentine, &c. which

were in Cellars under the Store-house, the largest and most valuable of any belonging to the Navy; so that from a Loss of the Stores therein, with the Disappointment that must have naturally followed, the Damage done to the Service would have been very great; but all this was happily prevented by the great Vigilance of the Officers, and the uncommon Readiness and Activity of the Workmen of the Yard, who, on this Occasion, performed Wonders, by removing almost Instantaneously great Pieces of Timber, &c. and in separating and rolling off large Coils of Cordage, which were several of them on Fire; so that in less than an Hour the Whole was extinguish'd, to the inexpressible Joy of above Three Thousand Spectators.

P O R T - R O Y A L, in Jamaica, July 10.
Arrived his Majesty's Sloop Port-Royal, the Hon. Frederick Maitland, Esq; Commander, and brought in a French Prize Snow, bound from Europe for Cape Francois; also his Majesty's Ship Seaford, Robert Faulkner, Esq; Commander, and brought in a Dutch Sloop, loaded with Sugar, &c. from St. Domingo.

15. Arrived a Dutch Prize, taken by the Hornet.
16. Arrived the Seaford, with a Dutch Prize. Also arrived two other Dutch Prizes.

27. Arrived from a Cruize, his Majesty's Sloop Viper, Capt. Broadly, and brought in a French Dutch Snow, bound from Nantz for the Cape, and an English re-taken Guineyman, both taken by the Princess Mary.

29. Arrived from a Cruize, his Majesty's Ship Lively, and brought in a French Brig bound from Marseilles for St. Louis, and a Spanish Schooner, loaded with Indico, &c. bound from Cape-Francois for Corocoa.

August 1. Arrived a large Dutch French Ship, loaded with Sugar, Indico, &c. taken by the Dreadnought and Edinburgh.

5. Arrived from a Cruize, his Majesty's Ships Edinburgh, Capt. Langdon, and Dreadnought, Capt. Suckling, and brought in the four following Prizes, bound from the Cape for France, richly laden with white Sugar, Indico, &c. viz. Le Sultane, M. Garrard, 29 Guns. La Liberte, M. Castaing, 24 ditto. La St. Pierre, M. Cazal, and Le Bizante, M. La Penec.

6. Arrived the Privateer Sloop Three Sisters, Capt. Flemming, and brought in a French Dutch Snow, laden with Provisions, from St. Epstatia to the Cape.

Kingston. The Mercury Privateer of this Place, has retaken a Schooner belonging to Messrs. Leg and Meirs, which was taken by the French coming round from the North Side, and sent her into Lucea, after being seven Weeks in Possession of the Enemy.

Sunday last a Ship from Virginia going to Port-Royal, run ashore on Plumb Point, and there being a great Surf, she was soon bilged; but her Cargo being chiefly Lumber, will for the most Part be saved, as well as her Sails, Rigging, &c. It seems the Captain fired several times for a Pilot, but none coming off, the Mate undertook to carry in the Ship.

St. JOHN'S, in Antigua, Sept. 27.
On Wednesday last Capt. Murray, in a Privateer Snow belonging to New-York, brought in a French Ship in Ballast, which he took in her Passage from Canada to Cape Francois. Capt. Murray also took another Ship (after a smart Engagement) bound on the same Voyage, which he ransom'd.

The Prisoners say they are very much distressed at Canada, for Want of Provisions, and that all Agriculture has ceased. In Consequence of the Distresses brought on them by the War.

Yesterday his Majesty's Ship Amazon, William Norton, Esq; Commander, brought in a French Brigantine Privateer of 12 Carriage Guns; and also a French Pettiauger Privateer; both of which she took to Windward of this Island the Day before.

Two Snows and a Ship are now coming in, the Ship is supposed to be a French Prize.

We hear from St. Christophers, that three large French Sugar-loaded Sloops (two of which were Letters of Marque) have been carried into that Island; by a Privateer Brig belonging to New-York, and a small Privateer belonging to St. Kitt's. It is also said a large Ship of 16 Six-pounders passed in Sight of that Island in her Way to St. Eustatia, with French Colours flying, and a Fleet of Dutchmen under her Convoy.

Sept. 30. Capt. Edward Richards, a Native of this Island, and Commander of a small Letter of Marque Sloop, of 4 Guns, and 10 Men, fell in with two French Privateers, the one of 4 Guns and 25 Men, and the other of 6 Guns, and 30 odd Men; the latter presently ran away, but Captain

Richards continued to fire at the other till he had expended all his Ammunition, and then ran close along Side with an Intent to Board with 5 Men and himself, but the Enemy saved him the Trouble by striking their Colours, and Capt. Richards carried the Vessel to Anguilla.

Capt. Price in the Garlick, a small Pettiauger Privateer belonging to this Place, has brought in a Sloop with upwards of 100 Hogheads of Sugar on board, which he cut out of a Bay in Guadaloupe, amidst a very heavy Fire from the other Vessels which lay at the same Place, and which Capt. Price was obliged to leave for Want of Men to bring them over to Antigua.

A large Prize Schooner is now coming in.
October 3. On Saturday last a Prize Schooner and Sloop, were brought in, the one taken by Capt. Stevens, and the other by Capt. Ledy, in Privateers belonging to this Place.

October 7. On Thursday the Mercury Privateer, Capt. Wallin, brought in a Sloop, loaded with Sugar, &c.

B O S T O N, November 13.
This Town has sustained a great Loss in Charles Aptorp, Esq; aged 60 Years, whose Death on Saturday Morning last was very sudden, complaining of a slight Cold a few Minutes before he expired.—To say Charles Aptorp, Esq; is dead, is sufficient to publish to the World that the greatest Merchant on this Continent is gone: He will universally known, and as universally esteem'd.—*Verily every Man at his best State is altogether Vanity.*—A sorrowful Widow, and a very numerous Offspring, are left to bewail the Loss of a kind Husband, and a tender Parent.

Several Robberies have been committed within a few Days, in this and several of the neighbouring Towns, but as yet the Villains have not been detected.

A Schooner bound hither from the West-Indies, laden with Salt, John Procter, lately of Halifax, Master, was drove ashore on Ipswich Beach on Sunday Night the 5th Instant, in a tempestuous Storm; the Vessel and Cargo lost, and the Master, three Men, (two of which 'tis said belonged to this Town) and a Negro were drowned; two others got ashore, and saved their Lives.

N E W - Y O R K, November 20.
Wednesday last arrived here a Polacco Prize, taken some few Weeks ago by the Privateer General Abercrombie, Capt. Valentine; King George, Capt. Leacraft; Royal Hester, Capt. Dale, and Brig George, Capt. Haley, all of this Port. She was bound from the Cape to Old France.

The same Day was sent in here the Ship St. Jacques, a Letter of Marque, Monf. Jean Baptista De Lisle, Commander, mounting 14 Six-pounders, but had Ports for 20 Guns, and had 51 Men; she is Frigate built, quite new, and came from Bourdeaux to Canada; from which last Place she was bound for Cape-Francois, and taken the 12th of October last, between Cape-Samans and the Old Cape, by the Oliver Cromwell Privateer, Capt. Nicoll, of this Port, without any Engagement, she taking the Privateer to be a King's Ship, it happening just about Daylight. She is said to sail extremely fast.—A Day or two before the St. Jacques met the Oliver Cromwell, she had an Engagement with two St. Kitt's Privateers, for some Time; and altho' they shot away her Main-mast, yet were too dastardly to attempt boarding her;—therefore they very justly lost her.

On Thursday returned from a Cruize in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Privateer Brig Columbine, Capt. Lane, of this Port, and brought in with her a French Snow, called the Margareta, which she cut out of a Harbour in the Straights of Belleisle, the 10th of October last; she is loaded with Fish and Oil; and was intended for Old France. She was formerly called the Jevon, Commanded by Capt. Heysham, of this Place; and was taken last Winter on her Passage hence to London.

Capt. Lane informs, That some few Days before he went into the Harbour and seized the Snow, in the Night Time he parted with his Consort, the Privateer Brig York, under Capt. Doras, and has not seen him since.—And, that after he had got on board the Snow, hearing she was waiting for a Quantity of Fur to take on board, with a Number of his Men he went on Shore, and being disappointed of the Fur set Fire to their Dwelling-Houses; and Fish Flakes, and sunk and destroyed all their Boats.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, November 23.
From Lisbon we have Advice, that the King of Portugal was lately shot at in his Coach, and wounded, but not badly; and that was with him, received a Wound, was thought his Life was in Danger.

Sunday last Captain Gardner, in the derness, came up here from Barbadoes, Tuesday before he was taken; by about 10 Leagues to the Southward of when he ransom'd his Vessel for 500 Pounds Sterling. Captain Gardner Twenty-second Prize the Frenchman. There was then with him a Sloop Carolina for Boston, which he had taken he was in Chase of another Boston same Place, when Captain Gardner left him for the Ship, by which he got.

On Monday arrived a French Prize of eight Guns, a Prize to the British of this Port, Captain M'Phersea, who off of St. Christophers. The Sloop the Sloop Mary, Captain Dickinson, Carolina for Antigua. The Britannia Ken, and ordered in here, an English Salt, from St. Martins for Boston (French Property) but she was retaken Privateer Sloop, of 14 Guns, M. Le commander, on the Coast, and afterwards again by a Letter of Marque Ship and carried into Virginia.

A Letter from New-York, dated 1 mentions Colonel Schuyler, Doctor S rain Martin; and Captain Putnam, w Number of Prisoners to those taken a being returned to Albany from Car General Abercrombie was expected in Day: And that General Stanwix, Prevost, were going home.

A N N A P O L I S, Novem
To his Excellency HORATIO SHA Governor and Commander in Chief in the Province of MARYLAND.
The humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY.
May it please your Excellency,

WE return you our sincere Thanks for your Speech at this Time, and for the Security of this and the neighbouring Colonies, during the approach being of great Importance, we shall consider, and have a suitable Regard to the proposed by the General for that our best Endeavours, that our Proceedings Determinations may be agreeable to and meet with your Excellency's Approbation.

B. T. ASKER, P
November 23, 1758.
The Governor's ANSWER
Gentlemen of the Upper House of A

I THANK you for your obliging A doubt not but your Proceedings at this regard to the Matters mentioned in the Letter, will manifest your earnest Desire to far as is in your Power, with his reasonableness.
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To his Excellency HORATIO SHA Governor and Commander in Chief in the Province of MARYLAND.
The humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of DELEGATES.
May it please your Excellency,

WE, his Majesty's most dutiful Subjects, the Delegates of the Province of Maryland, in Assembly convened, return to your Excellency our Thanks for your Speech at the beginning of this Session.

As we have the Security of this Colony his Majesty's Service in general, most at Heart; we embrace, with the greatest zeal, every Opportunity your Excellency to give us of exerting our zealous Endeavour, and to the utmost of our Ability, every Measure conducive to those Ends.

This House had, at their last Meeting, that they would Reimburse General F of the first Supplies that should be Granted Majesty's Service, all the Money he had reasonably advance on Account of the Province, taken into his Majesty's Service at the End of the Campaign; and a Bill their Resolutions into Effect, might have this Time, passed, or in great Forwardness, but your Excellency prevented it by a Pro