

French are more injured in their Sugar-Trade, than if Martinico had only fallen.

There is likewise one Circumstance, which is the Figure which Guadaloupe would otherwise have made, viz. That the Inhabitants were obliged to send all their Produce to Martinico before it went to Europe, no Ships being allowed to go from Guadaloupe directly to France; so that we formerly heard but little of its Trade, it being included in that of Martinico, whose Importance it thus assisted to aggrandize, at the Expence of its own Character.

This Embargo on their Trade the People of Guadaloupe will now be relieved from, and hence will become more contented with their new Masters and Government, when they experience the great Advantages which they derive from their present Connexions.

The Town of Basseterre is a Chaos of Ruins, but the Inhabitants have taken Possession of their shattered Houses, and are about to repair them. In the mean Time, they have built temporary Huts to defend themselves from the Weather and Rains, which now begin to fall in great Plenty.

The French here demonstrate their peculiar happy Disposition, in accommodating themselves to the Times; for those who have been reduced from a State of Affluence to Indigence, who but lately had their Palaces to range in and have now the World to commence a new, crawl into these little Sheds with the same Gaiety and Cheerfulness, as they were wont to do in their most undisturbed Prosperity.

This Correspondent says, that the Inhabitants in general at Guadaloupe are taller, better made, and have more of the *bon mien*, than the Creoles of our Islands; nor do they betray that affected Imitation of the Negroes which our People do, in their Conversation and Deportment.

We hear that upwards of 20,000 Hogheads of Sugar will be imported into this Kingdom from Guadaloupe before the Expiration of the Year; which is not above half what the Island annually produces, and will be allowed to be entered on the same Footing as from our own Plantations.

Amongst Marshal Contades's Papers, it is said there was an Order under the French King's Signet, totally to destroy Hanover and the Principality of Hesse-Cassel.

A Gentleman having been informed of a remarkable Pond that is at Melbury Bub in Dorsetshire, belonging to the Reverend Mr. Payne, which has induced a great many People to go to see it, his Curiosity led him so far lately as to go and take a View of it, and indeed he found the same to be very surprizing, far exceeding any Account he had ever had of it: It is covered over with a thick oily Substance, of a scarlet Colour, and appears at first Sight like so much Blood; it dyes any Thing red that is rubbed therewith; its Redness begins to appear about two Hours before the Rising of the Sun, and gradually increases till it comes to the aforesaid scarlet Colour, which continues about five or six Hours, and then as gradually decreases, turning at last to a fine Green, which likewise dyes any thing Red, and thus it has appeared every Day for five Weeks past. The Water beneath is always in a great Fermentation, and has been observed to have risen much higher than ever it was known to have done before. There is a Spring about 12 Yards from it, the Water of which is very good and transparent, and continually runs into it.

On the 2d ult. a Farmer in Calf-Hill, near Haddington in Scotland, sold new Oats for 8s. 6d. per Boll; the Oats were neither sown nor ploughed this Year, but sprung up from the Shaking of the last Crop; this has likewise happened in several Fields near Edinburgh: That Oats should remain in the Ground all the Winter, and thereafter come to full Growth, and turn out a most plentiful Crop, is so extraordinary, that the like has not happened in the Memory of Man, and can be attributed to nothing but the Mildness of the Season.

September 4. A Quarter after Ten at Night a violent Shock of an Earthquake was felt at Bourdeaux. It was preceded for Half a Minute, by a loud subterraneous Noise. Several Bells sounded very loud. The Doors and most of the Windows open'd and shut with great Violence. Many Bricks and Slates were thrown from the Roofs. Very little China or Earthen Ware were left whole in the Town, and the Roof of the Church of Notre Dame entirely fell in.

September 14. On discovering a Mistake in the Order of Thanks published by Prince Ferdinand on the 2d of August, to the Officers of the British Artillery, by which Capt. Macbean was omitted to

be mentioned; his Serene Highness was pleased to write the following Letter, with his own Hand, to Capt. Macbean, which was delivered by his

Master of the Artillery in the Allied Army.

S I R,
" It is from a Sense of your Merit, and a Regard to Justice, that I do in this Manner declare, I have Reason to be infinitely satisfied with your Behaviour, Activity, and Zeal; which in so conspicuous a Manner you made appear at the Battle of Thornhausen, on the first of August. The Talents you possess in your Profession did not a little contribute to render our Fire superior to that of the Enemy; and it is to you, and your Brigade, that I am indebted for having silenced the Fire of a Battery of the Enemy, which extremely galled the Troops, and particularly the British Infantry.

" Accept then, Sir, from me, the just Tribute of my most perfect Acknowledgment, accompanied with my most sincere Thanks. I shall be happy in every Opportunity of obliging you, desiring only Occasions of proving it; being, with the most distinguished Esteem,

Your devoted, and entirely affectionate Servant,

F E R D I N A N D,

Duke of Brunswick and of Lunenburgh.

By a Gentleman just arrived from Derby, we have an Account, that the French Prisoners about that Town have been very useful as Labourers, in mending the Highways, and other Works of that Sort, for which they are paid 8d. a Day; which, added to his Majesty's Bounty of 6d. a Day, enables them to live very comfortably. They acknowledge, with Gratitude, the great Goodness of his Majesty above that of the King of France, in making so humane a Provision for them, at a Time when they are left to starve by their King.

Charles-Town (South-Carolina) November 17.

In a Letter from Fort Loudoun, dated the third Instant, we have the following Account of the Little-Carpenter's late Expedition, viz. That he arrived at that Fort the 24th ult. with two French Prisoners, and four Scalps. That after the usual Ceremonies on such Occasions, and receiving Presents for his good Behaviour, he informed Capt. Paul Demere, the Commanding Officer there, " That on the Road he got Intelligence, that there were many Shawanese at Fort L'Assomption, who were continually on the Watch; and if he intended to do any Execution, he should go between new Fort Chartres, on the Mississippi-River, and L'Assomption, where he would meet with Parties continually going from one Fort to the other; that he accordingly took that Rout, waited a long Time in vain, and dreaded that he should be obliged to return without either Prisoners or Scalps; but at length a scouting Party, which he had sent out in the Morning, presently returned, and informed him, that they had discovered fresh Tracks of upwards of thirty People, leading towards L'Assomption; that he thereupon set off, fully determined to do Execution; that on the 18th of September, two Scouts, who had been sent out the Day before, came in, and informed him, they had discovered Frenchmen and Indians dressing Victuals at the Water-side; whereupon he advanced undisturbed, fired upon them, killed three Frenchmen, and one Indian, and took two Frenchmen Prisoners; that the Enemy fired at his Party, and wounded one of them, who died soon after, but this did not prevent the Rest making a good Meal of four Buffaloes the Enemy had killed, Part of which they were dressing when surprized; that the Party he surprized consisted of only fifteen Men, the rest (17 in Number) being that Morning gone to hunt for more Buffaloes, and that he had not been there long before he discovered a large Boat under Sail, full of People, upon which his Party hid themselves between the Rocks, and when it approached to a proper Distance, fired upon and killed a good many of the People." One of the Prisoners confirmed the Little Carpenter's Relation, knew the Boat; said that there was an Engineer on board; and that she was loaded with Ammunition, Provision, and Liquor, for Fort L'Assomption, and that when the Indians fired upon her, he saw some of the People drop into the Water, and others fall in the Boat.

B O S T O N, December 17.

One of the Instances of Kindness and Generosity of the brave British Troops after their taking Possession of Quebec, is this, That when they had their Allowance of Provisions dealt out to them, on seeing the distressed Women and Children, whose Husbands, Fathers and Brethren, had been, and some were then their inveterate Enemies, free-

ly distributed Half of their Allowance to them, causing them to rejoice in receiving the Staff of Life from those whom they had so great an Aversion to.

The late French Governor Vaudreuil being in Haste in his Flight from Quebec, had no Time to carry off his Equipage, but left that and his Chariot behind, which last is since arrived here in one of the late Vessels from thence, and is the Property of one of the Officers in the Army, who was at the Reduction of that Capital.

Last Friday Evening arrived here his Majesty's Ship Mercury, Capt. Faulkner, having on board the Money granted by Parliament in 1757, to this Province, to recompense them for the Expences they were at in the Expedition in 1756.

N E W - Y O R K, December 24.

Wednesday last the Earl of Halifax Packet-Boat, Captain Boulderson, failed with the Mail for Falmouth: On board her went Passenger Major Grant, (of Montgomery's Regiment) who was taken last Year near Du Quesne, in the Expedition against that Place, under the Direction of General Forbes, and since exchanged for some of the Prisoners taken at Niagara: And several other Gentlemen of the Army.

The same Day his Majesty's Ship Fowey hoisted a Signal for all Vessels bound to Europe, and high ready to sail, to prepare, and take the Benefit of her Convoy.

By a Letter from London, we learn, that in the Month of October last, there arrived in England, upwards of 30,000 Hogheads of Sugar, in the two West-India Fleets.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, December 27.

Our Navigation is stop'd with the large Quantities of Ice in the River.

January 3. We hear that a Snow from North-Carolina bound to Bristol, is lost near Cape May.

W I L L I A M S B U R G, November 30.

Extract from the Journal of the House of Burgesses.

M O N D A Y, November 19, 1759.

Upon a Motion made, Resolved, That an humble Address be made to his Honour the Governor, to desire that he will be pleased to take Captain Stobo into his special Care and Favour, and promote him in the Service of this Colony; and that Mr. Richard Henry Lee do wait on his Honour with the said Address.

Upon a Motion made, Resolved, That the Thanks of this House be given to Mr. Robert Stobo, for his steady and inviolable Attachment to the Interest of this Country; for his singular Bravery and Courage, exerted on all Occasions during this present War; and for the Magnanimity with which he has supported himself, during his Confinement in Canada: And that he be congratulated, in the Name of this House, on his safe and happy Return to this Colony; and that Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Bland and Mr. Washington, do wait on him for that Purpose.

T U E S D A Y, November 20.

Mr. Nicholas reported, that the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, waited on Captain Stobo with the Resolution of this House, to return him their Thanks for his late Services to this Colony, to which he had returned the following Answer:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

" The distinguishing Tokens of Favour and Benevolence, which you have vouchsafed voluntarily to confer on me, and that unanimously, and immediately upon my happy Return to this Country, have administered to my Heart the greatest Consolation it was susceptible of, gratified every Wish it was capable of entertaining, and imprinted upon it the most indelible Sense of Gratitude it could possibly be affected with. " To be informed by the Voice of the Public, that I have discharged my Duty to their Satisfaction, and merited their Thanks for my Conduct, is the highest Glory my Ambition could aspire at, and will determine me, upon any future Occasion, to exert myself with all the Vigour and Alacrity which the united Ardour of Gratitude and Duty can inspire.

" ROBERT STOBO."

A N N A P O L I S, January 10.

On Monday Evening last, and Yesterday Evening, a COMET was observed about 30 or 35 Degrees above the Horizon, not far from the Track of the Sun. Monday Evening it was first seen (here) a considerable Distance to the Eastward of Sirius. Tuesday Evening being Cloudy, it could not be seen; but last Night it was again seen at a much greater Distance to the Westward

of the same Star. Its Course seems about W. by N. and it's Motion very swift. [Any Observations made by the Curious, on this strange Phenomenon, will be thankfully received, and duly noticed.]

Yesterday, towards Evening, a very black Cloud arose in the Western Hemisphere, and just at the Close of Day produced sharp Lightning and Thunder, very unusual in Winter, and then clear'd away, so that a Cloud could not be seen.

We hear from Frederick County, that on Christmas Eve, James M'Donnald and John Bell, having Drank somewhat freely, beside taking 5 Gills of Rum a-piece on Horse-back, left Frederick-Town; and about two Miles from thence fell from their Horses, where poor M'Donnald was Froze to Death; and Bell had his Tongue so benumb'd, that he could not speak for a long Time; and it is thought he can't live.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, Enter'd, Sloop Joseph and Robert, Francis Hickey, from New-York.

Chester-Town, December 31, 1759.

To be SOLD by PUBLIC SALE, on the 24th Day of January next, to the Highest Bidder, for ready Money or short Credit, with giving Security if required,

THE DWELLING HOUSE and LOT of DR. RICHARD PORTER, lately Deceased, lying in Chester-Town, and some Household Furniture; and there will be likewise Sold, the Books, Instruments, and Medicines of the said Dr. Porter: Any Person that wants a Supply of Medicines may be there well furnished, as the said Porter had, just before his Death, imported a large Quantity of them, which yet remain untouched.

All Persons who are indebted to the said Porter, are desired to make speedy Payment, otherwise they will be sued; and those that have any Claims against the said Porter, are requested to produce them, that they may be paid, by SARAH PORTER, Executrix.

Chester-Town, December 31, 1759.

To be SOLD by the SUBSCRIBER, by Virtue of a Power from BARTHOLOMEW PETTIT, at PUBLIC VENDUE, on the Premises, on the 24th Day of January next,

A LOT in Chester-Town, where the said Bartholomew lately dwelt, with one large Wood DWELLING HOUSE, and Brick KITCHEN, and another Brick TENEMENT on the said Lot. The Lot is inclosed with a good Pail Fence. THOMAS RINGGOLD.

THE several Gentlemen that signed a Letter of Licence to William Dixon, School-master, in the Year 1755, are desired to meet at the House of Mrs. Sarah Ramsay, at the Head of Severn, on Tuesday the 19th of February, by XI o'Clock, if fair; if not, on the next fair Day; with their several Demands, to receive their Proportion of his Wages from Mr. Philip Hammond. NATHAN HAMMOND, junior, Administrator of Mr. John Raitt.

THERE is at the Plantation of Nathaniel Waker, near Kittockton-Mountain, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a Black Mare, branded on the near Shoulder with I, and on the Thigh with an M. The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

To be SOLD by PUBLIC VENDUE, on the Premises, on Monday the third of March next, by the Subscribers, Executors of JACOB STURN, deceased.

THE Plantation whereon the said Sturn lived, containing 250 Acres of fine Land, situate within a Mile and Half of Frederick-Town, in Frederick County, on the main Road, whereon is a good Dwelling House, choice Barn, good Meadows, &c. &c. and the Plantation in very good Order. STEPHEN RENSBERGER, JOHN BRUNNER.

THERE is in the Possession of Richard Talbot, at Elk-Ridge, taken up as a Stray, a likely young Sorrel Gelding near 14 Hands high, with a large Star in his Forehead, and a small white Spot on his near Side, shod before, paces fast, and branded on the near Shoulder imperfectly.

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