

old Channel. Every Courtier, you would swear, undermined his Neighbour; and when two Rogues unite, it is only to ruin a Third, which, when they have accomplished, they fall upon one another. From three or four principal Factions, into which the Court is divided, spring about a Dozen Parties, all actuated by different Interests, every one mining and countermine their Oppositions, and seem unanimous in nothing, but involving their Country in Misery and Destruction. In the City of Paris the Decay of Business begins to make visible Progress. The Languor produced by the Stagnation of Trade, in the Sea Ports of the Kingdom, which has long ago infected the other Members of the Body Politic, has now made its way to the head; and nothing is seen or heard but Clamour, Riot, Murmuring, and Invektives against King and Ministry. Numberless are the seditious and treasonable Libels, which are posted up, or dropped in every Corner; amongst the rest, one with these Words. *France requires a Raxilac or a Damsel, to prevent her from impending Ruin: Tho' many Rioters have been severely punished it rather seems to increase than allay the Ferment.* In short every Body is either actuated by a Spirit of Fury, or flattened into the most abject Despondency. When a Messenger or Courier arrives at Court, we immediately suspect it to be some Aggravation of our Misfortunes; we are however so well used of late to bad News, that we hear of the Rout of an Army, or the Defeat of a Fleet with the greatest Composure, as a Thing of Course, which we had no Reason to expect should have happened otherwise.

Extract of a Letter from an Isard Sir Edward Hawke's Fleet.
"I have seen Fire; I have seen Men behave with Courage and Resolution; but never till in the late Engagement, had I seen such uncommon Ardour in all Degrees of Men! Such a noble Emulation who should best do his Duty, and serve his King and Country! The Crew of every Ship, animated with such a Thirst of Glory, that every Individual seemed to fight for a Kingdom. I am not superstitious, but such a Degree of enthusiastic Zeal (if I may use the Expression) seemed to me a sure Preage of certain Victory. What may seem to you incredible is, that the Men thought Conquest too cheaply bought, and lamented the Enemy did not behave better. A few of their Officers did, indeed, behave Gallantly, and sold their Lives bravely; had the rest followed their Example, we should have had bloody Work; for *Death or Conquest* was the Cry with our brave Fellows: Not an ounce of Powder was wasted on this Occasion: Retolved to do our Work effectually, we bore down upon them with a true British Spirit; not a backward Countenance amongst us; each determined to look the Enemy in the Face; but it did not happen to be their fighting Day. Equal to us in Number of Ships, all clean, and much superior in Men, will Posterity believe, that with those Advantages, this mighty Fleet, destined for the Conquest of a Kingdom, would have run away, if they could? Our Victory is not indeed to complete as we could wish, but, in its Consequences, is of the utmost Importance to England; for you may now sit in Peace by your Fire-sides and have little to apprehend from Invasions, at least for this Year."

It is certain that the Garrison of Dresden, before the unhappy Affair of Maxen, had offered to capitulate to the King of Prussia, on Condition only that they might be permitted to march out with their Arms and Baggage, and to join the Army of Marshal Daun; and it is as certain that Marshal Daun wanted only to make good his Retreat into Bohemia. But his Prussian Majesty being positive that the Post of Pirna, could it be occupied, was to be defended by 20,000 Men against any Number that could be brought against them, detached that Number, with some of his best Generals, who got Possession of it. His View by this Stroke, was to have made M. Daun's Retreat more difficult, and his Majesty even thought himself sure of Success, when News was brought him of the Surrender. What appears strange is, that his Majesty should have no Notice of the Defeat of General Finck, till he heard the whole Corps had surrendered Prisoners of War. It is now feared, by the Loss of such a Number of Troops which cannot be immediately replaced, that M. Daun will be able to penetrate into the King's own Territories, and draw that Subsistence from thence which he must otherwise have sought for in Bohemia. *Whitehall, Dec. 22.* The King has been pleased to appoint his Grace Thomas Holmes, Duke of New-Castle, the Right Hon. Henry Bilson Legge, Esq; James Grenville, Esq; Frederick

North, Esq; commonly called Lord North, and James Oswald, Esq; to be Commissioners for executing the Office of Treasurer of his Majesty's Exchequer.

BOSTON, January 28.
The Court taking into Consideration the Services of the 2500 Men of this Province Troops, who were posted at Louifburg, and at Halifax, and in the Bay of Fundy; have voted Provision of 4 l. as a Reward to each Man who continued in said Service during the Winter, and 9 l. (30 Dollars) per Man as a Bounty to each one of these who shall enlist for another Campaign: And have further voted as Bounty for 5000 Recruits more, 9 l. to each Man who shall enlist as aforesaid. [*Brave, generous, exemplary NEW-ENGLAND-MEN.*]

A DIALOGUE between LOUIS XV, and ECHO; by one of the 243 Officers who were made Prisoners at the Battle of THORNHAUSEN, the First of AUGUST.

DEAR Echo reply, 'tis I Louis that speak: SPEAK.
Are my Funds, as they tell me, just? TO BREAK.
What Damsel thus plagues me at Sea and by Land? ENGLAND.
Where's my Fleet, which not Fate should have kept at a Stand? KEPT AT A STAND.
But my Colonies wail! Have they met with a Check? A CHECK.
And what will that end in? (I fear in Quebec!) IN QUEBEC.
Where's our Ships which fill'd th' Ocean, when set to sail? TO SALE.
But sure my brave Mariners are not all in Jail? IN JAIL.
What's my Marshal Contades do of whom we all boast? BOAST.
And my Troops under Lim face they are not all lost? ALL LOST.
Who could have this bold Stroke? BRAVE FERDINAND.
Ought I not then to try a Dutch on their Land? LAND.
But how shall I come off with my Ships, Fire and Home? LAME.
And how shall I feel when I thus have miss'd my Aim? TAME.
Where's my Council I us'd when Things thus fell out? FELL OUT.
And what can my Parliament now do but flout? FLOUT.
To whom shall I send all that thus play the Devil? THE DEVIL.
But in fits, tell me how I shall make them be Civil? BE CIVIL.

NEW-YORK, February 14.
The Harriot Snow Packet Boat, Capt. Bonnell, who left Falmouth the 23d of November last, with the Mail for this Place, after being three Weeks out, and near upon the Banks of Newfoundland, in extrem bad Weather, she lost both her Masts, and otherways in so great Distress that she was obliged to put back, arriving at Fowey a few Days before Capt. Morris failed, with several Feet Water in her Hold, and it is said it was a Miracle she got in.

ANNAPOLIS, March 6.
Friday Morning last an Express arrived here to our Governor, and directly went forwards to Virginia. We hear he brought Letters from the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary PITT, and his Excellency General AMHERST.
Next Day his Excellency our Governor issued his Proclamation summoning the General Assembly of this Province to meet here on Tuesday next, the 11th of this Instant.
Thursday Evening last an unhappy Affair happen'd at Baltimore-Town; The Boatwain of a Vessel, and three or four other Steamen, went to a House in that Town to demand Satisfaction for some Asperion they alleg'd had been cast on them about stealing some Fowls; the Boatwain rush'd in to a Room where were sundry People, and some loaded Guns; one of the People took hold of one Gun and order'd the Boatwain several Times to Stand off, but he not minding, went forward, and took hold of the Muzzle, when it went off, and the whole Charge went thro' his Body. The Jury brought in their Verdict *Manslaughter*.
Monday last the THEATRE in this City was Open'd, when the Tragedy of the ORPHAN, and LETHE (a Dramatic Satire) were perform'd, in the Presence of his Excellency the Governor, to a polite and numerous Audience, who all express'd a general Satisfaction. The principal Characters, both in the Play and Entertainment, were perform'd with great Justice, and the Applause which attended the whole Representation, did less Honour to the Abilities of the Actors than to the Taste of their Auditors. For the Amusement and Emolument of such of our Readers as were not present, we here insert the Prologue and Epilogue, both written by a Gentleman in this Province, whose poetical Works have render'd him justly Admir'd by all Encouragers of the Liberal Arts.

PROLOGUE, spoken by Mr. DOUGLASS.
LO! to new Worlds th' advent'rous Muse conveys
The moral Wisdom of dramatic Lays!
She bears thro' Ocean Phœbus' high Command,
And tunes his Lyre in fair Maria's Land:
O'er takes his Sun, communicates his Fires,
And rising Bards in Western Climes inspires!
See! Genius wakes, dispels the former Gloom,
And sheds Light's Blaze, deriv'd from Greece and Rome!
With polish'd Arts wild Passions to controul;
To warm the Breast, and humanize the Soul!
By magic Sounds to vary Hopes and Fears;
Or make each Eye dissolve in virtuous Tears!
Till sympathizing Youths in Anguish melt,
And Virgins sigh for Woes, before unfelt!
Here, as we speak, each heart-struck Patriot glows
With real Rage to crush Britannia's Foes!
To quell bold Tyrants, and support the Laws,
Or, like brave WOLFE, bleed in his Country's Cause!

Europe no more, sole Arbitress, shall sit,
Or boast the proud Monopoly of Wit;
Her youngest Daughter here with filial Claim,
Asserts her Portion of Maternal Fame!
Let no nice Sparks despise our humble Scenes,
Half-buskin'd Monarchs, and itinerant Queens!
Triflers! who boast, they once in Tragic Fury
Heard Garrick thund'ring on the Stage of Drury!
Or view'd, exulting, o'er each gay Machine,
The Feats of Covent-Garden's Harlequin!
Absent from such Beginnings, mean and low!
Saw *Thespis* Cart a wond'rous Structure grow;
Saw Theatres aspire, and with surprize,
Ghosts, Gods, and Demons, or descend or rise!
To Taste, from Censure, draw no rash Pretence;
But think Good-Nature the sure Test of Sense!
As England's Sons, attend to Reason's strains;
And prove her Blood flows richly in your Veins;
Be what we AG, the Heroes of our Part;
And feel, that Britons here have Roman Hearts!

EPILOGUE, spoken by Mrs. DOUGLASS.
WELL!—since the headful bus'ness is all over—
How strange a Creature is your furious Lover?
Your hot-brain'd Spark!—who, for a little Jilting,
Blasphemes the Sex, swaggers and runs a Tilting!
Without the least regard to Virgin-Fear;
As tho' he had been marry'd—a whole Year!
At this, methinks I see a London-Belle
With loud Complaints and Indignation swell!
—“Why, sure—we now must lead most happy Lives;
“If Slaves rebel against their sov'reign Wives!”
“Had poor *Miriam* been like one of us,
“The Wretch had never dar'd to use her thus!
“By Marriage-Articles we stand prepar'd,
“And Fellows by our Settlements are fear'd!
“Th' exclusion of a Night shall they take ill;
“Or, for a Husband—must we quit Quadrille?
“When Pin-money's secur'd, if they turn Heedors,
“We'll plague them worse than by false Curtain-Lectures—
“With Play, Rout, Op'ra, Malquerade and Ball;
“And the nocturnal Joys of dear *Vaux-hall*!
“But, you, Provincial Fair Ones, with meek Merit
“Detest such Practices of female Spirit!
“Here None, but Planters of a Field, are found;
“While there the Planters of the Head abound!
“From whence arise such plenteous Crops of Horn;
“As well may vie in Growth with *Indian Corn*!
“You saw how Fortune favours younger Brothers:
“The finer Gentlemen, and bricker Lovers!
“Sly *Polydore*!—he stole into her Arms;
“While the delicious Theft improv'd her Charms!
“From such a Cheat, pray, how could he defend her;
“Or know by Instinct *Spence* from a Pretender?
“Reasons, like these, Ladies, I own, are strong;
“And all confess *Cassius* in the wrong!
“Yet, think, he came, with Beauty's Charms inspir'd;
“By Love and glowing Expectation fir'd!
“Then—then—to meet a Baulk—in such a Season!
“Ah!—it might well deprive him of his Reason!
“—Yet still—Impatience causes Man's Undoing!
“Next Night had been as well, and sav'd his Ruin!
“The Bride might sure have kept th' Affair unknown;
“And told all other Secrets—but her own!
“Then the good Man, ere Honey-Moon was past,
“Might find his Fit too violent to last;
“And, grown at once most careless and well-bred,
“In the fifth Week sneak to a sep'rate Bed!

By PERMISSION of his EXCELLENCY,
At the THEATRE in this City, will be presented
this Evening, a COMEDY, call'd,
The RECRUITING OFFICER;
And,
A FARCE, call'd, MISS in her TEENS.
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On Saturday Evening next, being the 8th Instant,
will be presented, a TRAGEDY, call'd,
VENICE PRESERV'D,
Or, A
PLOT DISCOVER'D.
Duke, Mr. MORRIS: Priuli, Mr. DOUGLASS:
Jaffier, Mr. PALMER: Pierre, Mr. HALLAM:
Renault, Mr. SCOTT: Conspirators, by Messrs.
A. HALLAM, DOUGLASS, and Mrs. MORRIS.
Belvidera, Mrs. DOUGLASS.
To which will be added, a FARCE, call'd,
THE MOCK DOCTOR.
No Money will be received at the Door on any
ACCOUNT; nor any Persons admitted without
TICKETS, which may be had at the PRINTING-
OFFICE, and at the Bar of Mr. Middleton's Tavern.
BOX 10f. PIT 7/6. GALLERY 5f.
No Person to be admitted behind the Scenes.
To begin exactly at VI o'Clock.

ANY industrious, sober TRADESMEN, willing
to settle in Upper-Marlborough, will meet
with Encouragement by applying to the Subscriber,
who will either Sell Land, or Build for a reasona-
ble Rent.
A good TAYLOR, SHOEMAKER, BUTCH-
ER, TANNER, CABINET-MAKER, STAY-
MAKER, and JOINER, are much wanted.
DANIEL CARROLL.

Prince-George's County, February 26, 1760.
THE several Gentlemen in this Province, that
have any Demands against Mr. Peter Fearon,
of London, Merchant, and Capt. John Fearon, late
of this Province, deceased, Partner in Trade with
the aforesaid Peter Fearon, or against the Subscriber
during the Time he was Factor for the said Com-
pany, are requested to send a Copy of their Claims
to the Subscriber, by the Tenth Day of April
next; as his Friends in London have promised him
to get Justice done to the Creditors, who have hitherto
suffered, as well as himself, for the large Sums
of Money due from the said Company; which
Accounts, as well as his own, he intends to send
home early in the Spring.
All Letters and Accounts directed for me at Up-
per-Marlborough shall be taken due Care of.
GEORGE CLARKE.

To be SOLD by the SUBSCRIBER,
THE Plantation, in Cecil County, whercon
Mr. JAMES PAUL HEATH, deceased, and
the Subscriber, lately lived, to which belong ab-
out 1500 Acres of excellent Land. There is
also on the Plantation, a very handsome well built
Brick Dwelling House, two Story high, with four
good Rooms on a Floor, together with handsome
and convenient Offices of Brick. The house is
very pleasantly situated on *Sassafras* River, and
commands a beautiful and extensive Prospect.
There are also other Commodious Buildings, such
as Barns, Tobacco Houses, Granaries, Stables,
Houses for Quarters or Tenants. It is about three
or four Miles from *Frederick* and *George* Towns.
There is some good Meadow, and a great deal
more may be made.
For Title and Terms Enquire of WALTER
DULANY, Esq; in Annapolis, or the Subscriber at
his Plantation in Baltimore County near *Dulh-Town*.
N. B. If a Number of Purchasers should offer,
the Land may be laid out in Lots.
JAMES HEATH.

RAN away from the Plantation of the Subscri-
ber, in Frederick County, whercon James
Odell now lives, a lully Convict Irish Servant Man
named John Morein, of a Sandy Complexion; had
on an old Felt Hat, a yellow Wig, an old Ozna-
brig Shirt much Patch'd, a Cotton Jacket and
Breeches, a pair of yam Stockings the Tops of
which are old, double soled Shoes the Leather torn
in several Places, and may have a pair of false
Stockings.
Whoever takes up the said Servant and brings
him to the Subscriber, living in *Bladensburg*, or to
James Odell, shall have Twenty Shillings besides
what the Law allows, paid by
JOHN SMITH PRATHER.

To be RENTED, in ALEXANDRIA,
THE GEORGE TAVERN. There are
three Fire Places below Stairs, a very good
Bar, and six Rooms above; a Kitchen adjoining,
with two good Rooms below and above,
a Dining Room 24 Feet by 18, a Room of the
same Dimensions above it, in which is a very good
London BILLIARD TABLE. There are also, a
Garden, Stable, Smoke-house, &c.
Any Person inclining to Rent the same for a
Term of Years, may know the Terms and Time,
by applying to the Subscriber, (or in his Absence
to Mrs. Ramsay) and enter on the Premises in
good Order.
WILLIAM RAMSAY.
Alexandria, Jan. 30. 1760.

THERE is at the Plantation of William Ranter
in Prince-George's County, taken up as a
Stray, a small Black Mare about 13 Hands high,
branded on the near Buttock with T C and on the
near Shoulder with O and a Stroke join'd at Top,
has a Star in her Forehead, her hind Foot white.
The Owner may have her again, on proving
his Property, and paying Charges.
Alexandria, Virginia, Feb. 19, 1760.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of Mr.
David Craig, late Merchant of Alexandria
in Virginia, deceased, are desired to come and set-
tle their Accounts; and those who have any De-
mands against the said Estate, to bring in their
Accounts, that they may be paid.
As my Intention is, in a short Time, to leave
this Colony, and have a speedy Settlement of the
Affair, those who will not come and give Bond by
the last of *March* next, may expect their Accounts
will be put into the Hands of an Attorney, to be
prosecuted according to Law, and those which will
bear General Court Suits, may expect them.
JOHN CRAIG, Administrator.