

The Court of Petersburg has taken great Umbrage at being informed that the British Court intends to send...

The Hon. House of Commons have voted their Thanks to Sir Edward Hawke, Admiral Saunders, Admiral Boscawen, and General Townshend, for their gallant Behaviour on all Occasions.

It is said an Expedition will soon be set on Foot against the French Settlements on the Mississippi. The Emperor of Russia is resolved to fulfil her Engagements with her Allies.

There are now at Quiberon Bay 13 Ships of the Line, and several Frigates. They lie within Sight of more than 100 French Transports, and several Frigates at Morbihan.

ST. JOHN'S, in ANTIGUA, February 23. The Julius Caesar, Captain Potts, arrived here the Day before Yesterday, in five Weeks from Plymouth.

A great Number of Ships were sheathing for the East and West-Indies, and it is expected Admiral Holmes and Mr. Keppel will be sent to the West-Indies; and that the West-India Fleet would sail the Beginning of March.

His Majesty's Ships Nautilus and Emerald have taken four Dutch Vessels, bound from Martinico to St. Eustatia, and a French Letter of Marque Store, of 10 Guns.

March 12. The Snow Fox, James Drew Master, arrived here last Sunday from Bristol, Waterford, and Messina, having been taken by the Enemy, and retaken by the Story Beggar Privateer, of New-York, Robert Troup Commander.

The Fox had eight Guns, three Pounders, and 17 Men and Boys, besides two Men and three Women Passengers; when, on the 7th Instant, about 25 Leagues to Windward of Antigua, she was attacked by the Capricieux, a French Privateer of 14 Guns, and 104 Men, Anthony Marie Commander.

The Action began about Half an Hour past Six in the Morning, and continued till Half an Hour after Eight, when the Enemy had received so much Damage, that they were obliged to drop anchor and retreat, which gave Captain Drew an Opportunity of repairing his Rigging in the best Manner his Situation would permit; and at the same Time he crowded all Sail, hoping to get clear; but the Enemy at one Time appeared near three Leagues astern, yet the Fox, being a heavy Sailer, was again overtaken about Four in the Afternoon; and a second Engagement ensued, at half Market Shot Distance, and several Times almost close aboard.

The little Force Captain Drew had was employed to the best Advantage, and his great Guns were fired with a much better Direction than those of the Enemy, whose small Arms only did him much Hurt; but this unfortunately proved the Ruin of the former; for by Six o'Clock the Enemy's Board their Vessel sinking, and Necessity obliged them to board the Snow suddenly, and altogether, as the only Means of preserving their own Lives; a Measure which their Country had never suggested.

The People belonging to the Snow were still ignorant of the Condition the Privateer was in (tho' she went to the Bottom a few Minutes afterwards) and finding all further Resistance in vain, they submitted, and called for Quarter. Amongst Men not totally left to all Sense of Honour, and the regard due to Merit, even in an Enemy, the Defence those People had made would have entitled them to particular Marks of Favour and Distinction; but how opposite to this was the Conduct of the French? Dear to all Intestines for Quarter, they tore up the Decks, threw down Cumbullies, and kept firing Balls amongst the People for a considerable Time: At last however some of the Frenchmen being below, and having promised Quarter to those who had sheltered themselves in the Gun-room, Mr. Bull, late of Waterford, Merchant, ventured to climb up into the Cabin, where he presently received a Blow with a Cutlass, designed at his Skull, but happily the Weapon glanced, and only cut off his left Ear, close to the Head, and occasioned him to fall backwards into the Gun-room again, having also received several other Wounds from different People.

In the mean Time Captain Drew having been seized and stripped of every Thing valuable, a Pistol was presented to his Head, and fired; yet the Ball as it were providentially, missed him. They then began to stab him with Knives, in the most barbarous Manner, aiming chiefly at his Head, and made several Thrusts at him with a Sword, which he avoided, by getting behind the Mast.

The Enemy had now been Masters of the Vessel a considerable Time, and the People in the Gun-room began to hope the Rage of their Cruelty might be subdued. It was therefore resolved, on further Promises of Quarter, to venture up again, and to excite their Compassion, if any Spark remained, the Women went up first, led by Mrs. Bull, expressing her tender Infant, born but 4 Days before, and bathed in the Tears of his Mother; a Scene which might have moved the most obdurate Savage. But no sooner were the Women followed by a hopeful Boy of about 15, Brother-in-Law of Capt. Drew, than he was dragged away, shot, then wounded with Swords, and afterwards thrown overboard whilst yet alive: This was also the Case of Mr. Broughton, a Passenger, who being badly wounded in the Action, was afterwards stabbed by the French, and then thrown overboard, still breathing, and not dead; and this too would certainly have been the Fate of Mr. Bull, had he not thrust himself under a Gun, from whence he could not be easily disengaged; yet whilst in this Situation two Attempts were made to run him through the Body, but on both Occasions he received the Wound in his Thighs, Hands, &c. The Gunner, whilst yet on his Knees, and begging for Mercy, was shot through the Thigh; but this not being mortal, they attempted to split his Skull, whilst he parried the Blow only with his Hands and Arms, and received the Wounds there.

This horrid Massacre was all the while countenanced and encouraged, if not expressly commanded, by the French Captain, Anthony Marie, and by his Officers; and it is hard to say where the Scene would have ended at last, had not a Thirst of Plunder succeeded that of Blood. But Providence never designed such brutal Murderers should go unpunished. Capt. Troup saw the Snow early the next Morning, and in less than two Hours had all those shameful Wretches in his Power. They are now in the common Goal of this Island, and we hear, will be sent to England. Capt. Drew, Mr. Bull, and Gunner, are recovering, and now out of Danger. To this Account it is with Concern we add, that the Story Beggar, in coming down the North Side with her Prize, ran ashore upon the Tail of the Reef; and though she was got off in about 3 Hours, yet she was so much damaged...

and made so much Water, that they were obliged to run her ashore in Deep Bay; where her Hull is irrecoverably lost; but all her Crews, as she was one of the best Privateers in America, had already been of great Service to our Trade, and was commanded by a Gentleman of known Courage and Merit. She had some Days before retaken a Snow from Cork, and sent her to Barbados.

BOSTON, March 31. Extract of a Letter from Lord Colvill, to his Excellency the Governor, dated at Halifax, March 12, 1760. "The Richmond and Eurus must be employed to protect the Trade from these Colonies to Quebec, by cruising in such Stations as may be most proper for that Purpose, agreeable to such Intelligence as we may get of the Enemy's Privateers."

We hear that his Majesty's Ships which wintered at Halifax, were to sail about the 6th of April. Capt. Stacey informs, that he lay Wind-bound in the River Tagus three Days before he sailed, the last of which he went up to the City, and was informed that an Account was just then received by Express (which we hope may prove true) that there had been a general Engagement between the King of Prussia and Count Daun; the latter of which was entirely defeated, with the Loss of 25,000 Men killed, wounded, and prisoners, and the Count himself was killed by a Cannon Ball.—The Loss of the Prussians was not known, but thought to be not very considerable.

Capt. Stacey says further, that the Account was generally believed at Lisbon, and told that he might report it for Fact to his Friends here; that it was the Opinion of the People there, that unless the Spaniards immediately declared for France, a Peace must shortly ensue; and that a Schooner was to sail in a few Hours after him for Marblehead, which he imagines must bring some further Account of this most important Affair.

Capt. Russell, in seven Weeks from Cadiz, arrived last Monday, and by the last Advice, Admiral Broderick was ordered home, and the greatest Preparations making in England, as well as in France, for a most vigorous Campaign; and that two English Admirals, with a large Fleet, were bound up the Baltic.

The Master of a Vessel arrived at Salem, the Beginning of last Week, from the West-Indies, informs us, that there were Reports from England, that a Fleet of 20 Sail of Men of War, under Admiral Holmes, and a Number of Transports, were soon to sail for some Part of America: But that this Account did not come there by any Packet, as was reported in Town.

Last Thursday Morning arrived here Captain Dorrington from Halifax, in eight Days. We learn, that a Number of Frenchmen had lately come into Fort Cumberland at Chignecto, and surrendered themselves: They gave an Account, that they belonged to a large French Ship of 20 Guns, bound up the River St. Lawrence; but being caught in the Ice at Gaspee, and frozen up, they left her there, and travelled over Land to Chignecto. We hear that Commodore Lord Colvill had ordered two of his Majesty's Frigates to sail immediately to take Possession of her.

The following Information was given to Joseph Frye, Esq; Col. commanding his Britannic Majesty's Garrison of Fort Cumberland, by the Coxswain of the Barge of a French Frigate now at Gaspee, from whence he deserted, viz. That she is a Frigate built Ship, of between 4 and 500 Tons Burthen, formerly English, and called the King George, but now the Two Brothers, commanded by M. Bosche, pierced for 26, but mounts only 22 Nine-pounders, manned (when she sailed from Bourdeaux) with 64 Men, 25 only of whom are French, the rest composed of disaffected Spaniards, Italians, &c. who are ready to revolt upon the first Occasion, by Reason of their ill Treatment from the Captain; that many of her Crew have deserted since her being at Gaspee.—Her Cargo consists of Provisions, Arms, Ammunition, Wine, Brandy, Blankets, &c. and that she is unrigged, and hauled up into a Creek, for the Winter, not knowing (when she sailed from Bourdeaux) of the Surrender of Quebec: That the Captain is in great Expectation of the retaking of the City, in which Case he intends to land his Cargo there according to his first Orders; but if not, he intends to push out as early in the Spring as possible, either for the West-Indies, or Europe.

Last Saturday Night, between the Hours of 12 and 1, this Town was again alarmed with the Cry of Fire, which was at first discovered in the Kitchen Chamber of a Dwelling-house, opposite the Brazen Head, where the late dreadful Fire began; but, by timely Discovery of the same, there was little Damage sustained, except the burning a few English Goods, deposited in the said Chamber.

NEW-YORK, April 7. On Friday last arrived at Sandy-Hook, the Schooner Polly, George Nairn, Master, in five Days from Charles-Town, South-Carolina, bound to Amboy, leaving on board his Excellency THOMAS BOONE, Esq; Captain-General, and Commander in Chief of the Province of New-Jersey, who quitted the Schooner at the Hook, and came up to this City in one of our Pilot-Boats; and, we hear, designs to set out for his Government in a Day or Two.

In Capt. Nairn's came Passengers six Seamen, late belonging to the Ship William and Mary, Capt. William Hyer, of this Port, viz. Daniel McGill, Robert Richardson, Alexander Ritchie, Hugh M'Lean, Stephen Carter, and Archibald Scott; who give us the following Account, viz. That they sailed from Belfast, in Ireland, on or about Christmas last, bound to St. Augustine, and 13 Days after, in a violent Gale at W. N. W. they had their Long-Boat and Taul washed overboard and lost, and their Hatches stove in, which, with much ado, they soon got fastened, and arrived safe at Augustine, from whence they sailed on the 11th of March last, for this Port: That on the 13th following, they observed the Ship had sprung a Leak, when they made use of all possible Means to free her, but she whole proved in vain, the Breach, occasioned by the starting of a Plank, being too great to be stopped: That about 8 o'Clock in the Morning of the 14th, they happily were in Sight of the Ship Harrietta, John Raines, Master, from London bound to South-Carolina, who sent out his Boat, and had but just Time to take the Crew, consisting of 23 Souls, on board, the William and Mary sinking within five Minutes after Capt. Hyer left her, and nothing to be seen of her afterwards, but some Trifles as float.

Just after Capt. Nairn's arrival the Boat he spiked fourteen Sail of Frigates bound on Part of which was to be the Alliance, Sleep of War, and her Convey of Transports, from New York, for Charles-Town.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10. In a Letter from South-Carolina, dated the 20th ult. there is the following Paragraph: "Tis to be presumed that you will naturally expect some News relative to the present Situation of this Colony, which you will, in a few Words, conceive, when I assure you, that no Description can surpass its Calamity.—What few escape the Indians, no sooner arrive in Town, than they are seized with the Small-Pox, which generally carries them off; and, from the Numbers already dead, you may judge the Fatality of the Disease. Of the white Inhabitants 95; Acadians 115; Negroes 500, were dead two Days ago, by the Sexton's Account. About 1500 white Inhabitants, 1500 Negroes, and 300 Acadians, have had the Distemper, and chiefly by Inoculation."

ANNAPOLIS, April 17. Friday last his Excellency the Governor, put an End to the Session of Assembly, and prorogued it to the 7th of July next, after passing the following Laws: 1. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Persons from secreting Boats, Flats, and other Vessels, drove by Strefs of Weather, or otherwise, from Landings and Moorings. 2. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Masters of Ships and Vessels from clandestinely carrying Servants and Slaves, or Persons indebted, out of this Province. 3. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of Creditors in England against Bankrupts, who have imported Goods into this Province not accounted for. 4. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the Advancement of Justice. 5. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for preventing Indians, disaffected to the British Interest in America, from coming into this Province as Spies, or on any other evil Design. 6. An Act to aid some Proceedings of the Vestry of Port-Tobacco Parish in Charles County, and to empower the said Parish to elect Vestrymen and Church-wardens. 7. An Act to increase the Salaries of the Inspectors of Snow-Hill Warehouses in Worcester County, and Plymouth Warehouses in Dorchester County. 8. An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province; and for the Encouragement of JONAS GREEN, of the City of Annapolis, Printer.

Last Week a small Vessel, supposed to be a Flat, was seen Bottom upwards, in the Bay, near the Mouth of Chesapeake. Monday last came on, before the Honourable the Judges of the Provincial Court, the Trial of James Harner, for a Rape by him committed on Mary Anne Sackell of Dorchester County, a small Girl under 14 Years of Age. The Proof being very full against him, and attended with horrid Circumstances, the Jury had no Difficulty in finding him Guilty; and Yesterday he received Sentence of Death.

Last Week Died here, of extreme old Age, (a Distemper which few Die of) BRISTOL, a Negro Man, who had lived here an old Man a great many Years: By his own Account he must have lived at least 125 Years: He said he was a MAN-BOY, waiting at Dinner, behind his Master's Chair in Barbados, when they receiv'd the News of King Charles's being Beheaded; for he remember'd it by a particular Circumstance, that on their Hearing the News, they all flung down their Knives and Forks and arose from Table.

The Town still remains clear of the SMALL-POX.

To be SOLD by PUBLIC VENDUE, On Tuesday the 20th Instant, for good Bills of Exchange, Sterling, or Current Money, at Lower-Marlborough in Calvert County, A PARCEL of EUROPEAN and EAST-INDIA GOODS, being Part of the Estate of Col. John Smith, late of the said County, deceased. The Goods may be viewed at the Store till the Time of Sale. JOHN HAMILTON, Administrator.

There is a good Two Wheel'd Chaise, and Harness for Two Horses, and some Flats in pretty good Repair, to be Sold at the same Time. EDG/R

THE Managers for the Gentlemen Members of the MONTHLY ASSEMBLY at Upper-Marlborough, give Notice, That the Half Yearly Meeting of the said Members, which, agreeable to Rule, ought to have been on the first Tuesday of this Instant, is put off to Thursday the 24th, when their Attendance is desired. X I

To be RENTED or LEASED for a Term of YEARS, A VALUABLE TRACT of LAND, containing 1000 Acres, lying in Frederick County, in Virginia, about 40 Miles above Alexandria, on the main Road leading from thence to Winchester. The said Land will be laid out in Tenements of One or Two Hundred Acres, and has a Quantity of rich Meadow Ground upon it. For Terms, enquire of the Subscriber, living in Prince-George's County, Maryland. 1 P 7/R. THOMAS BROOKE, Son of Walter.

April 7th, 1760. LOST by the Subscriber in ALEXANDRIA, the 18th ultimo, Ten FREDERICK-TOWN LOTTERY TICKETS, from No. 1661 to 1670, signed by Mr. George Murdock. Let the Purchasers beware. JOHN MUIR. 1 P 7/R.

By PERMISSION of his EXCELLENCY. For the BENEFIT of Mrs. DOUGLASS. This present Evening, At the THEATRE, in this City, will be presented, a COMEDY, call'd, The Provok'd Husband, Or, A Journey to LONDON. X Lord Townly, Mr. PALMER: Manly, Mr. HALLAM: Sir Francis Wronghead, Mr. SCOTT: 'Squire Richard, Mr. A. HALLAM: Count Bassett, Mr. MORRIS: John Moody, Mr. DOUGLASS. Lady Townly, Mrs. DOUGLASS: Lady Grace, Miss CRANE: Lady Wronghead, Mrs. MORRIS: Miss Jenny, Miss DOWTHAITE: Myrilla, Mrs. DOWTHAITE. A Mason's EPILOGUE to be spoken by Mrs. DOUGLASS. The Fraternity will do her the Honour to walk in PROCESSION, and appear at the House in their proper Cloathing. To which will be added, a FARCE, call'd, An Honest YORKSHIREMAN. TICKETS may be had of Mrs. Douglass, at the PRINTING-OFFICE, and at the Bar of Mr. Middleton's Tavern. BOXES 10 S. PIT 7/6. The Audience may depend on the Play's beginning at Half an Hour after Six o'Clock.

ANY Person of a good Character, that is or may soon be qualified for a Bar-Keeper, may, by applying to the Subscriber, meet with great Encouragement. HENRY GASSAWAY. 1 ch. by 8/10

Onion's Iron-Works, April 15, 1760. WHEREAS Edward Norwood has heretofore contracted for, and purchased Sundries, and sold Bar-Iron, for the Subscriber; (which Contracts, by Virtue of certain Articles of Agreement, he looks upon himself obliged to comply with): Be it known to the Public, that I will not, for the future, either abide by, or stand to, any Contracts he the said Norwood may make, on any Pretence whatsoever. JOSEPH SMITH. 1 P 6/R.

April 17, 1760. TAKEN (as supposed by Mistake) from behind the Scenes at the Play-House, on Tuesday the 8th Instant, a new Devonshire Kersey Great Coat, with a Velvet Collar, and an old Coat left in the Place of it. Whoever took it, is desired to return it to Mr. Wilkins's, where he may have his own. If the above Coat has been stolen, whoever will discover the Offender, shall have a Dollar Reward. WALTER MURRAY. 1

March 17, 1760. STOLEN from the Plantation of Philip Thomas, on his Lordship's Manor of Anne-Arundel, Two small Plow Horses. The one a Sorrel, with a blazed Face, four white Feet, a Brand on the near Buttock resembling a Cross, and about 12 1/2 Hands high. The other a Dark Grey, branded on the near Buttock and Shoulder TP (join'd in one) not very clear, about the same Size. They are suspected to be taken by one John Smith, who came some Time since from the back Parts of Virginia, and is supposed to be gone there again. Whoever shall bring the said Horses to the said Philip Thomas, or shall apprehend the said John Smith, and bring him before any Magistrate in Anne-Arundel County, shall receive Forty Shillings Reward. 1

STAYED from the Subscriber, living with John Ducker, at the Head of South River, a Black Gelding, about 13 Hands high, he has a Star in his Forehead, some grey Hairs in his Tail, branded on the near Shoulder P B, paces slow, and is shod before. Whoever takes up the said Gelding, and brings him to the Subscriber, shall have Fifteen Shillings Reward, paid by WILLIAM COX. 1 P 5/R.

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