

Our Forces were in high Spirits and Health at Annapolis, only uneasy for want of Employment. We are well informed, that on the 24th of March there sailed from French Men of War at Cape-Francon, and a number of Land Forces, which were designed for Martinique, but coming too late, they put into the Cape. At the Cape there were 15 Spanish Men of War of the Line, 2 others of the Line lately launched, and fit for Sea, and 1 Sloop, all rigged, manned, and fit for Service, the whole under the Command of Admiral Don. There were besides a considerable Number of Land Forces. All of whom it is likely intend to lay Siege to the Havannah discovered that Design, and the Rendezvous to be at Porto Rico. But we are on the other Side of the Island, and in a proper State of Defence: And the Fleet of our Fleets in the West-Indies will undoubtedly do us good Account of both the Monsieurs and Don.

PHILADELPHIA, April 22. Friday last Capt. Taylor arrived here from Martinique, and brings the Account of the Inhabitants of St. Lucia, St. Vincent, &c. Surrendering to General Meston. He likewise brings us, That Admiral Rodney, with eight Sail of the Line, sailed for Old France: That the late French Governor of Guadeloupe was gone to England: And that M. de Touche was to sail soon for France. A Gentleman at St. Pierre, in Martinique, writes his Friend (his Letter dated March 15) as follows: That it was a great Trade, the Town about two Miles in Length, the Buildings regularly and well built of Stone, and the Streets high, with arched Windows, which made a very grand appearance; and had fresh Water running through most of the Streets, conveyed thither from the main River: That a French Frigate appeared off of Trinity, on the Windward Side of the Island, sent a Boat aboard, which was detained, and the Admiral's five Ships, went immediately out after, but could not come within them: And that the English had had Divine Service in the Jesuits Church; but that the General, and all the Officers off Duty, going to hear Sermon from his Chaplain at the Priests Church, the Doors were shut against them; upon which his Excellency immediately quartered 300 Men on that Point.

A certain Wood, from Lisbon, advises, that his Portuguese Majesty's gone, it was said, to the Frontiers of his Kingdom, in order to have an Interview with the King of Spain: That in the night they were raising Men with the utmost Expedition: That the King had fitted out ten Sail of the Line: That there at Lisbon five or six English Line of Battle Ships, and Frigates, and that it was feared there the Portuguese would be obliged to join the Spaniards; but, if left to themselves, a Neutrality would be observed.

ANNAPOLIS, April 29. Saturday last his Excellency the Governor Proclaimed the General Assembly of this Province, to begin on the 30th Day of September next.

The following is a List of the Acts that were read in the Session, viz.

An ACT for the Adjournment and Continuance of Prince-George's and Queen-Anne's County.

An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to exempt Persons, appearing at Musters, from Punishment in Civil Cases.

An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent certain Evils and Inconveniencies attending the Sale of strong Liquors, and running Races near the yearly Meetings of the Peopled Quakers, and to prevent the tumultuous course of Negroes and other Slaves during the Meetings; and also one other Act, entitled, An Act to amend and explain an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent certain Evils and Inconveniencies attending the Sale of strong Liquors, and running of Horse-Races near the yearly Meetings of People called Quakers, and to prevent the tumultuous Concourse of Negroes and other Slaves during the said Meetings.

An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for Punishment of Horse-Stealers, and other Offenders.

An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders, and for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy.

An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to amend and explain an Act, entitled, An Act empowering the Commissioners of the County Courts to levy and raise Tobacco, to pay the necessary Charges of their Counties and their Officers.

An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, An Act relating to Guardians and Orphans.

An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for destroying Wolves in Frederick County.

An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, An Act supplementary to an Act, entitled, An Act relating to Servants and Slaves.

An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes and other Slaves, and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders; and, A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meeting and other Irregularities of Negroes and other Slaves, and directing the Manner of trying Slaves.

An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, An

Act to make the Testimony of Convicted Persons legal against Convicted Persons.

12. An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act laying an Imposition on Negroes, and several Sorts of Liquors imported; and also on Irish Servants, to prevent the importing too great a Number of Irish Servants into this Province.

13. An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to enable the several and respective County Clerks within this Province, to remove some of the County Records and Papers from the Public Offices.

14. An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for destroying of Crows and Squirrels in particular Counties.

15. An ACT to enable James Hollyday, legal Representative of James Hollyday, Esq; deceased, late Treasurer of the Eastern Shore, to draw Bills for the Money therein mentioned.

16. An ACT to empower the Justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of Coventry Parish, partly in Somerset and Worcester Counties, the Quantity of Sixty two Thousand Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned.

17. An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for Repairing the Public Roads of this Province; and the Supplementary Act thereto.

18. An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the more effectual destroying of Squirrels and Crows, in the Counties of Kent, Queen-Anne's and Talbot, and for destroying red Foxes in the said Counties.

19. An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of such Persons as cannot find Surety for their Appearance, to testify as a Witness against any Person arrested, accused, or prosecuted for any Criminal Matter.

20. An ACT for erecting a Public Warehouse at Vienna Town, in Dorchester County.

21. An ACT to change the Name of Zachaeus Barrett, to that of Onion.

22. An ACT empowering the Justices of Charles County, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of Port-Tobacco Parish, in the said County, a Quantity of Tobacco for the Uses therein mentioned.

23. An ACT to remedy an Omission in the Testament and Last Will of Henry Woodward, deceased.

24. 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.

25. An ACT empowering the Justices of Baltimore County Court, to assess and levy a Sum of Current Money, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

26. An ACT to augment the Salaries of the Inspectors at Elk-Ridge Landing Warehouse, in Anne-Arundel County; and of the Inspectors at Emerson's Warehouse in Talbot County; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

27. An ACT to empower Mary Stansbury, Widow and Administratrix, with the Will annexed, of Tobias Stansbury, late of Baltimore County, to sell the Lands therein mentioned, for the Payment of the Debts of the said Tobias Stansbury.

28. An ACT for building a Church in St. James's Parish, in Anne-Arundel County.

29. An ACT for the Naturalization of Colonel Henry Bouquet, and Frederick Vidor.

30. An ACT to empower William Clajon, and Mary his Wife, Administratrix of Gamaliel Butler, late of the City of Annapolis, to sell a Lot of Ground and Three Dwelling Houses, for the Payment of the Debts of the said Gamaliel Butler.

31. An ACT for the Continuance of Causes standing for Trial in the Provincial Court.

32. An ACT to establish a Market, at the Market-House in Chester-Town, in Kent County, and for the Regulation of the said Market.

33. An ACT to prevent any future Loan of the Bills of Credit now in the Paper Currency Office, and to ease the Inhabitants of this Province in the Payment of certain Taxes.

34. An ACT for destroying Crows and Squirrels in Baltimore County.

A special Commission is granted, and sent to Frederick-Town, for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer, for the Trial of the Man who shot old Mr. Wirt on the Road, as mentioned in our last. Lately happen'd an ill Affair, in the back Country, of which we have not the whole Particulars. Thus far is certain, one Nathaniel Tomlinson was kill'd there by the Indians, and had his Cabbin burnt by them. It seems Tomlinson, and some others, went as far Westward, as Red Stone Creek at the Little Meadows, and were settling Plantations there, at which the Indians were dissatisfied, and

told them they would not have their Hunting-Grounds spoil'd by Plowing, and advis'd them to desist; but they obstinately persisting, a Skirmish ensued, and Tomlinson was kill'd, but not scalp'd. It is said that several other white People were likewise kill'd, and some Indians.

NOTICE is hereby given, to all Persons in Virginia and Maryland who are indebted to Mr. Thomas Knox of the City of Bristol, Merchant, or to him in Partnership with any Person or Persons, not to pay any of their Debts but to Mr. Benjamin Waller or Mr. John Wayles, in Virginia. Matthew Hale, Isaac Elton, Thomas Whitehead, Thomas Deane, Samuel Smith, William Miller, Edward Garlick, Assignees.

BY Virtue of an Act, made and passed at the late Session of Assembly of this Province, Notice is hereby given, That there will be exposed to Sale to the highest Bidder, on Tuesday the 10th Day of August next ensuing, A LOT of Ground, No. 102, situate on the Northeast Part of the City of Annapolis, with the three Dwelling Houses thereon. The Sale to be on the Premises, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon.

WILLIAM CLAJON, MARY CLAJON, Administratrix.

TAKEN out of the House of Mr. William Woodward in Annapolis by Mistake, about the 23d Instant, a very good blue Drab GREAT COAT, made very full, the Arms remarkably long. Another much like it, as to Colour and Goodness of Cloth, is left in its Stead; but the Scantiness of the Make of the latter renders it very unfit for the Person who advertises the above. The Gentleman who has made the Mistake, may, on returning the above Coat, receive his own from Mr. Woodward, without any Expence from this Advertisement.

JUST IMPORTED, In the Ship Free Mason, and to be Sold by the Subscriber at Lower-Marlborough, SUNDRY India GOODS, consisting of Painted Sattins, fit for Furniture of Bed Rooms, Painted Taffaties, Mullins, Handkerchiefs, &c.

125 R. THOMAS AYRE.

TO BE SOLD, A YOUNG, lusty, saucy, convict Shoemaker, who has between 4 and 5 Years to serve. He is a good plain Workman for either Mens or Womens Work; and is pretty swift at his Business, as he can, with Ease, make 12 pair of Womens Shoes in a Week. Whoever inclines to buy him, that will take the trouble to cure him of the abovementioned Faults, may have a very valuable Servant, on very reasonable Terms.

THE following Fifteen Tickets in the George-Town Lottery, viz. No. 1221 to No. 1235, and No. 1266 to No. 1280, Sign'd James Pearce, were lodged in the Hands of Robert Sterling, late of George-Town, by the Subscriber and Others, on a Wager. Mr. Sterling says the Tickets are lost or mislaid. Any Person who may have got them, are desired to return them, and the Managers are forewarned not to pay any Prize or Prizes which the said Tickets may draw, to any Person but me, as the Tickets are not accounted for.

127 R. GEORGE PEARCE.

CARRIED and Delivered to some Persons in a Boat in Annapolis Dock, by Mistake, a Portmanteau Trunk, containing some Linnen, Hosiery, and Wearing Apparel. The Persons in whose Hands the said Trunk is fallen, are desired to carry the same to Captain James Reith near the Dock, who will amply Reward them for their Honesty and Trouble.

1210 R.

DESERTED from the Subscriber at Annapolis, on the 22d of April, at Night, a Recruit, who said his Name was William Davis, but his real Name is John South; he is about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, of a thin Vifage, and is an assuming forward Fellow. Had on a white colour'd Coat, brown Jacket, white Shirt, red Silk Handkerchief, and a cock'd Hat. It is said he served his Time with Mr. Snowden. Whoever takes up the said Fellow, and brings him to Alexandria, in Virginia, shall have Six Pounds Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by

125 R.

THE Subscriber has a new Schooner Boat, well fitted, with good Accommodations for Passengers, to go any where in the Bay, and will carry Goods at reasonable Rates. She will carry Five Hundred Bushels of Grain.

He likewise carries on the SILVER and GOLD SMITH'S BUSINESS in all its Branches; and has a very good Hand for making MOURNING RINGS, as cheap as they can be had from London.

He gives the best Prices for old Gold and Silver.

JAMES CHALMERS.

WANTED, IN the Prerogative Office, a sober diligent young Man, who can write a good Hand: Such a one will meet with good Encouragement, on applying to

JOHN DAVIDGE.

New-York, Printing-Office, in Beaver-street, April 17, 1762.

RAN away on Monday the 12th Instant, from me the Subscriber, a Mulatto Servant Man named Charles, and known by the Name of Charles Roberts, or German: He is a likely, well-set Fellow, 28 or 30 Years of Age, about Five and a Half Feet high, and has had the Small-Pox. He has a Variety of Clothes, some of them very good; affects to dress very neat and genteelly, and generally wears a Wig. He took with him two or three Coats or Suits, viz. a dark Brown or Chocolate colour'd Cloth Coat, pretty much worn; a Dun or Dove colour'd Cloth or fine Frize Coat, but little worn; and a light blue Grey Summer Coat of Groggram, Camblet, or some such Stuff; a Straw colour'd Waistcoat edged with a Silver Cord, almost new, and several other Waistcoats, Breeches, and Pairs of Stockings; a blue Great Coat, and a Fiddle. His Behaviour is exceedingly compliant, obsequious and insinuating; he speaks good English, smoothly and pleasantly, and generally with a Cringe and a Smile; he is extremely artful, and ready at inventing a specious Pretence to conceal a villainous Action or Design. He plays on the Fiddle, can read and write tolerably well, and understands a little of Arithmetic and Accounts. I have Reason to believe some evil-minded Persons in Town have encouraged and been Accomplishes with him in his villainous Designs, and it is probable he will contrive the most specious Forgeries to give him the Appearance of being a Freeman: I have already been inform'd of a Writing he has shewn for that Purpose, by which he has imposed upon many People; who may all be easily satisfied that he has no legal Claim to Freedom, even from Slavery; nor any Pretence to it, but by the very Law by which he is my Servant for Forty Years, as the Records of the superior Court at New-Haven will witness. At that Place where the former Owner of the said Slave lived, he was guilty of a Variety of Crimes and Felonies, for which he was several Times publicly whipped, and only escap'd the Gallows by want of Prosecution. When he became my Servant, I intended to have shipped him to the West-Indies and sold him there, and kept him in Prison till I should get an Opportunity; but on his earnest Request, solemn Promises of good Behaviour, and seeming Penitence, I took him into my Family upon Trial; where for some Time he behaved well, and was very serviceable to me. Deceived by his Appearance of Reformation, I placed some Confidence in him, which he has villainously abused; having ebezbled Money sent by him to pay for Goods, borrow'd Money and taken up Goods in my Name unknown to me, and also on his own Account, pretending to be a Freeman. By this villainous Proceeding I suppose he collected a considerable Sum, and I am also apprehensive that he has been an Accomplish in some of the late Robberies committed in and near this City. Whoever will take up the said Servant and return him to me, or secure him in some of his Majesty's Gaols, so that I may get him again, if taken up in the City of New-York, shall have FIVE POUNDS Reward, and a greater if taken up at a greater Distance, in Proportion to the Distance and Expence. Any Persons who take him up, are desired to be careful to carry him before the next Magistrate, and have him well search'd, leaving all the Money and Goods found upon him, except the necessary Clothes he has on, in the Hands of the said Magistrate; and to be very watchful against an Escape, or being deceived, for he is one of the most artful of Villains.

JOHN HOLT.

RAN away the 16th Instant, from the Subscriber, a Negro Man named John, he is about 5 Feet 4 Inches high, and about 30 Years old: Had on when he went away, a red Duffel Great Coat and Waistcoat, Cotton Breeches, Onabrigs Trowsers and Shirt.

He has been used to going by Water, and it's possible has made off in some Vessel.

Whoever brings the said Negro to the Subscriber, shall have Three Pistoles Reward, paid by

RICHARD MARSHAM WARING.

SUPPOSED to be Stolen from the Subscriber, on the 23d of this Instant April, a Dark Bay Horse, a natural Pacer, with a Switch Tail, and a long hanging Mane, not branded as can be remembered. There was on him, an half worn Saddle, with a Flannel Saddle Cloth, and a New Curb Bridle. Whoever secures the Horse, Saddle and Furniture, so that the Subscriber may have them again, shall be entitled to a Reward of Twenty Shillings Currency.

HENRY GASSAWAY.

GREAT-BRITAIN, a fine young Dray Horse from England, upwards of 16 Hands high, and remarkably strong, will Cover Mares this Season at Two Pistoles. Good Pasturage for Mares.

JOSEPH SIM.