

The Bombs, Fire-Ships, and Sloops of War, that are deemed superfluous and old, are ordered to be sold, with their Stores and Rigging.

A Reduction is ordered among the Marines, which is to begin with those who enlisted only for three Years, or during the Continuance of the War.

It is supposed, and with great Probability of Truth, that not less than two Millions Sterling of Property is owing or engaged for in the Conquered Islands to the British Merchants. An Object not unworthy the Attention of a British Parliament.

We hear that several Regiments of Militia are ordered to be disembodied, and forthwith sent Home.

About Stratford, West-Ham, Plaistow, Waltham-Abbey, and for twenty Miles North of London, most of the Cattle that were in the Fields were carried off, with Stacks of Hay and Wood, the Hogs that were in Sties and Yards, and the Horses that were in the Stables; for the Waters rose twelve Feet in less than five Hours, which was in the dead Time of the Morning, nothing of it being perceived at One o'Clock, and it reached the Chamber Windows before Five; and the Face of the Water was covered with the Bodies of the Beasts that perished. This Flood has extended over all the Marshes; and the Current is so strong in the Roads that no Horse can get through it. There have been several People lost already: A Woman and Horse were driven away by the Violence of the Stream; as was also a Gentleman in a Post-Chaise, who, with the Horses and Post-Boy, all perished in the Water; and three of the Passengers in the Bury Machine, with two of the Horses, were also drowned.

The Houses from the Swan at Stratford to Bow-Bridge, are all overflowed, and the Inhabitants were obliged to get out at their Windows. The Water in the Road was Yesterday Morning above three Feet deep, and came into the Carriages as they passed along.

The Damage done along the Essex Coast by the late Inundation, occasioned by the Land Floods meeting a vastly swelled Tide, are represented as inconceivable.

The Callico Printers about Stratford, &c. have been damaged to the Amount of several thousand Pounds; their Linen being tore to Pieces in their Grounds, and carried away by the Force of the Waters. The Damage done by the Inundation in the Parish of West-Ham alone, is computed to amount to 100,000 l.

We are told that the River Mole, near the Bridge at Box-Hill in Surry, rose 15 Feet on Tuesday last, occasioned by the great Floods.

The 19th of August last, died at Landreci in French Flanders, Mr. Thomas Shortall, a Native of Kilkenny in Ireland, aged 104 Years, seven Months, and five Days, being born the 21st of December 1657. He had eat and drank with his Friends as usual the Day before, and expired without feeling any Pain.

At the Siege of Limerick in Ireland, in 1691, he was Captain of a Company of 100 Men in Grace's Regiment; and when a Part of the Remains of the Irish Army went the same Year to France, and was regimented, Shortall was put upon Half-pay. He afterwards entered as a Cadet in Clark's Irish Regiment, in which he obtained a Pair of Colours on the 20th of January, 1694; and the same Year was put upon Half-Pay. He served afterwards, for three Years, in the Gendarmes. April 30, 1698, he was appointed Lieut. on Half-pay in Clark's Regiment: October 23, 1708, Lieutenant of Grenadiers: Oct. 14, 1709, Aid Major: Sept. 6, 1710, he got the Rank of Captain on Half-Pay: Nov. 15, 1719, he was made Captain of Foot: June 6, 1729, a Knight of St. Lewis: Dec. 4, 1731, Major; and Lieutenant-Colonel on the 10th of June, 1745, after the Battle of Fontenoy, in which he received a Shot in the Throat. He retired from the Service, Jan. 31, 1752.

After his Death, there was found among his Papers, a Schedule of his Estate in Ireland, which consisted of 6400 Acres, and several fine Seats; all which were confiscated to King James's Successor. Of upwards of 30,000 Irish that went over to France with him, and of upwards of 100,000 who have gone over since, he was the sole Survivor.

Bristol, Nov. 20. Tuesday Night between Eleven and Twelve o'Clock, a Fire broke out at an House in Unity-Street, near St. Philip's Plain, the most affecting and deplorable that has happened for many Years. The House was full of poor Peo-

ple, in all twenty-four Persons. How the Fire began is uncertain, but it had forced its Way almost to the Top of the House before any of them were apprized of it. All the Tenants in the back Part of the House fortunately made their Escape; but those in the fore Part were very near perishing in the Flames: In the first Story lay a Man, his Wife, and three Children; who all saved themselves except the Son, a Lad about eleven Years of Age, who was burnt to Death; In the second Story, lay a Man, his Wife, and four Children, the oldest about ten, and the youngest a sucking Infant; the Room was filled with Smoke and Flames before they were awake; the Man ran to the Window to make his Escape, but the opening of it increased the Fire, and before he could return to the Bed, he saw—dressing Scene! the Floor give Way, and his Wife and Children perished in the Flames; he made his Escape to the Top of an adjoining House. In the Garret, lay an old feeble Woman, and two Children, the Woman was saved, by being taken out at a back Room Window, but the Children were burnt: Their Father lying in another Room, could not possibly come to their Assistance.

PHILADELPHIA, February 17. Extra of a Letter from a Gentleman in London to his Friend here, wrote before the Preliminary Articles of Peace were signed.

"The Conquest of the Havannah, and the Recovery of Newfoundland, at the same Time that they have added to the Glory of our Arms, have nearly silenced the Clamours against the Ministry. We now wait with some Impatience to know how this Blow fits upon the Stomachs of the haughty Dons. If they are foolish enough, from national Pride, still to hold out, we cannot help it, we must proceed, though all Ranks are sufficiently tired of this bloody and expensive War. Nothing transpires yet in regard to the Negotiations for Peace; but I will venture to assure you (because I have it from the very best Authority) that if a Peace takes Place, it will be a glorious One. The Parliament meets soon, when, it is supposed, there will be some Opposition to Lord Bute; I think it cannot be great, as there is really nothing to find Fault with. The German War, into which Mr. Pitt was obliged to lead us, to please the late King, is what, of all Things, the Ministry want to get rid of, the Expence of it, being enormous, and the Operations bloody. We lost as many Men in that trifling Affair of Amonebourg, as we did before the Havannah; it was, indeed, a downright Butchery, where many brave Men fell, to no glorious End.—The King of Portugal, if the Spaniards push on the War against him with Spirit, will, doubtless, soon be undone, and will, probably, be obliged to take Shelter here, till we settle Matters for him at a general Peace, which I suppose will be by our giving up the Havannah as a Compensation for reinstating him.—Thus our Alliance will do him most essential Service."

WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Esq; Governor of New-Jersey, and his Lady, are Passengers with Captain Budden, but the Winds having been contrary ever since the Ship got into the Road, they are not yet come to Town.

By a Gentleman from the Havannah, we have the melancholy Account of two Gentlemen (Messieurs Read and Boyd) belonging to this Town, being barbarously murdered there by four Spaniards, who, it was thought, had gone into their Store with a Design to rob them, as they left some Bags behind, being disturbed before they had committed the Robbery.—He also informs us, that Lord Albemarle was gone to England in the Rippon Man of War; that his Majesty's Ship Pembroke likewise sailed with him; and that a Prize was lately carried into the Havannah, on board which was the Governor of St. Jago de Cuba.

We hear that the Mars Privateer, Capt. Wright, of New-York, has taken a rich Prize Ship, bound to Cape Francois from Old France, and that the Vessel is arrived at Sandy-Hook.

The Postick are desired to beware of Counterfeit THREE POUND New-Jersey Bills, which, of late, have appeared among us.—They are badly done on a Copper-Plate, dated April 8, 1762, and are Printed on three Folds of Paper, pasted together, the Letters in the whole Bill being very irregular, and standing much out of Line; whereas the true Bills are neatly and regularly done in the common Printing Manner, and Printed on 2 Folds of Paper. In the first Line of the Face of the Counterfeit, the O in POUNDS is shorter and thicker than the other Letters in that Word, and

in the third Line the last E in JERSEY, is not like a Printing E, but is made in the Manner commonly used in Writing. In short, the whole Bill is executed, that we think, after this Notice, no Body can be imposed on by them.

The Postick are also desired to beware of Counterfeit THIRTY SHILLING Bills of the same Money.

ANNAPOLIS, March 3.

By a Letter from a Gentleman of Veracity in Baltimore County, we have the following remarkable Account: "A Gentlewoman of this County being struck with Surprize, on seeing a Clock with the Representation of a Boy's Face, and his Rolling Eyes, mov'd by the Pendulum, was some Time after delivered of a Son, who is now about twelve Years of Age. I had never heard of this Case till about Two Years ago, when, on Sight of the Youth, the Figure in the Clock immediately occurred to me, and on Enquiry, the Parents related the above: The Youth is Comely; but has that constant Rolling of the Eyes, with a Side Motion of his Head, corresponding to the Time of a Clock." Last Friday we had the deepest Snow which has fell here this Winter; but 'tis now almost all melted away.

Nottingham, February 15, 1763.

THE Subscriber once more gives this Public Notice, to all such as have had any Dealings with him, which remain yet unpaid, or otherwise unsettled, That they may come in and settle with him before the First Day of April next, as he proposes to go to Britain some Time in that Month, and hath appointed the said First Day, for the Delivery of his Books and Effects into the Hands of Mr. John Campbell, his Attorney in Fact, who is also to succeed him, as Attorney, for Messrs. Sherbridge, Gordon, and Company, of Glasgow, whose Debtors are hereby particularly requested to come and settle their Accounts, before I deliver up the Books, as it may be a Means of saving themselves much future Trouble, and perhaps Expence. THOMAS CAMPBELL.

N. B. Said Campbell hath to sell Two young likely African Negro Fellows, that are season'd in this Climate, at a reasonable Price, in Bills of Exchange, Current Money, or Crop Tobacco.

LOST out of the Subscriber's Pocket, a Chester-Town in Maryland, on the 15th of February, a POCKET-BOOK of Needle-Work, which contain'd a good many Memorandums, some Paper Money, a Bond for 50 l. Pennsylvania Currency, sign'd --- Armstrong, payable to Daniel Sprout, Merchant in Philadelphia; one Set of Bills of Exchange, for 50 l. on Messieurs Crawford and Denmoor, in Glasgow, drawn by Edward Cairn, payable to John and Thomas Kirkpatrick; One other Set of Bills for 38 l. on London, endor'd Francis Hatfield; One other for 30 l. on Liverpool, endor'd by Richard Whittle, and Francis Hatfield; One other Set, for 25 l. on Whitehaven, payable in London, endor'd by Joseph and Henry Yarbrough, or else by Joseph Threlkeld and Francis Hatfield; and a Protested Bill, drawn by Benjamin Griffin, payable to Robert Johnson. Beside some Accounts of Flour, a Memorandum Book, Receipts, &c. Whoever will return the said Pocket-Book to Mr. George Layburn in Chester-Town, with its Contents, shall be welcome to all the Cash it contain'd, which it is suppos'd was near about Twenty Pounds. THOMAS KIRKPATRICK.

N. B. Letters of Advice are sent to prevent Payment of any of the Bills.

ALL Persons having Claims against the Estate of Daniel Davis, late of Frederick County Deceased, are desired to send in their Accounts that they may be Paid, and those indebted to the said Estate are desired to make speedy Payment to THOMAS SCHLEY, Administrator JOHN JEREMIAH MYER, A. S. Clerk

TO BE RENEED,

ONE Thousand Acres of Land, to be divided into Six Farms, and some Meadow Ground thereon. Three Hundred and Thirty-eight Acres of Land, to be divided into Two Farms, a Part of which is Meadow Ground: One Hundred and Eighty Acres in One Farm, all United, the above Land is Woodland and very good, 17 Miles from Baltimore-Town.

Also Sundry Lots to let upon Ground near Baltimore-Town. For Terms apply to

WINDSOR, Feb. 27. TO BE SOLD, BY AUCTION, in WINDSOR, VIRG. THE following TRACTS of Counties of Frederick and the said Colony.

In FREDERICK, viz. One Tract of 71 Acres situated of the Town of Winchester, close to leading from Watkins's Ferry to The Land is in general Rich, well Timber'd, and on it are considerable Tracts. It joins to a fine Stone Quarry House.

Also a Tract of 200 Acres of Land within 7 Miles of the said Town, Range: The Land is extraordinary well Timber'd.

Also a Tract of 116 Acres of Land Back Creek, within 16 Miles of the said Town, within 8 Miles of the Warm Springs, general Bottom Land, Rich and has a remarkable fine Spring.

Also a Tract of 337 Acres of Land, within 5 Miles of the Warm Springs, Part of which is Bottom Land, well Timber'd, and fit for Meadow-Mill-Seat on the Premises, and its ordinary good Range.

In HAMPSHIRE, viz. A Tract of 450 Acres of choice Cape Capon Creek, chiefly Bottom Land and Timber'd. It has a Mill, considerable Improvements, situate within 10 Miles of the County Town, having good Road to the said Town, and its good Range.

Also a Tract of 459 Acres of Land, chiefly Bottom, well Timber'd, within 5 Miles of said Town, has a good Waggon Road to said Town, and its good Range.

Also a Tract of 600 Acres of Land, known by the Name of THE Col. Cresap's, on the North Branch of the River, well Water'd and Timber'd, a choice Mill-Seat. The Whole is in Tillage, and has an extraordinary good Range.

Also a Tract of 164 Acres of Land, to the last mention'd Tract, well Timber'd, has a Sufficiency of Meadow, and a good Range.

Also a Tract of 212 Acres of Land, the South Branch of Patowmack, well Timber'd and Water'd, and has a good Range.

Also a Tract of 300 Acres of Land, within 8 Miles of the last mention'd, chiefly Bottom, very Rich, and well Timber'd, in a delightful Part of the County, and has a good Range.

Indisputable Titles (clear of all to the above-Tracts of Land, will be made to the Purchasers, by the Sheriff, who will shew the Premises.

To be SOLD to the HIGHEST Bidder, on Friday the 25th of this Instant Month, for Bills of Exchange or

THE Plantation whereon Col. Calver lately dwelt, adjoining to Prince-George's County, near Newmarket, containing 156 Acres.

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GOT away from a Negro Boy, Middle of January last, betwixt Bladenburg, near the Government, colour'd Horse, about 12 years old, on the neck of a white Mare (a Piece) join'd Back to Back, about 14 Years old; his Forehead hairs, shod before; has a hanging white Tail; Pace slow; Trots, and carries himself very low.

Whoever finds up the said Horse, or brings him to Dr. David Ross at Bladenburg, shall receive a Reward of 100 l. W. I.