

His Majesty's Ship the *Levant*, Capt. Laforey, has taken a large Sloop of 14 Guns, loaded with Sugars, &c. from the Mount, and bound to St. Eustatius; she has also taken a Spanish Privateer, and retaken her Prize, a Brig from North-America.

Feb. 2. We hear that Capt. Laforey, of his Majesty's Ship the *Levant*, has taken 5 Vessels, which were bound from the Cape to St. Eustatius, and carried them to St. Christopher's.

A Spanish Privateer of 8 Guns arrived here last Monday in a very shattered Condition, having been boarded and taken by his Majesty's Sloop the *Antigua*, Capt. Marshall, off Defcada. It seems the *Antigua* there met with 4 Privateers, two of the strongest of which agreed to board her together; but as she gave them but little Time to concert their Plan, and her Intention was to conquer both, if she could by any Means close them; she found an Opportunity of pouring a Broadside into, and boarding, the first she came up with, singly. The Enemy would not, however, immediately surrender; and as it was necessary to make short Work, in order to be ready to receive the other Privateer, the Attack was made with suitable Vigour, and the Spaniards suffered a great deal, both in killed and wounded.—But this Resistance enabled the other Privateer to make her Escape.

Feb. 9. We hear the November Packet was taken by a Bayonne Privateer, which cruises to windward of Guadaloupe, and has taken many Prizes.

Accounts from most of the neighbouring Islands mention the great Number of Privateers that now cruise in these Seas; but as few Vessels are expected before the Cessation of Hostilities by Sea, it is hoped they cannot do much further Mischief; especially as our Cruisers (particularly Admiral Rodney's Tender, the *Providence*) have been successful against them.

It is said that the Trade of St. Eustatius never flourished more than at present, being carried on to a very great Extent not only to St. Domingo and the other Countries of the Enemy, but even to Guadaloupe, Martinico, Grenada, and the other Islands conquered by Britain; it having been (as we are informed) a common Practice, to clear out Vessels in the English Islands for these Places, which Vessels afterwards went to St. Eustatius to load. For a Time their double Papers afforded them a full Protection; but at last the Enemy's Privateers became so well acquainted with the Practice, that the Masters, after producing their Dutch Papers, have been tortured in the most rigorous Manner to extort from them a Confession of the English.

Feb. 16. Yesterday arrived here the long expected Fleet from London, under Convoy of the *Eolus* Frigate; the *Lynx* having parted Company in the Channel, and not joined them till they were in Sight of Guadaloupe. The Brigantine —, Capt. Hunter, (bound for this Place) was unfortunately run down in the Passage, by the *Eolus*; but the People were all saved: This Accident happened in the Night, and was owing, it is said, to the Carelessness of the Person at the Helm on board the Brig.

This Fleet left England the 30th of December, but have brought no News of Importance, except the unhappy Divisions in the Ministry, which still continue, may be reckoned such. Much was said in Parliament against the Terms of Peace. However, the Preliminaries were approved of by a Majority; and as England and France are using their Influence to accommodate Matters between Prussia and Austria, it is probable that a general Peace may take Place in the Spring.

Feb. 23. His Majesty's Sloop the *Virgin*, having been lately ordered to see clear of the Islands some Vessels, bound from Martinico to Jamaica, Philadelphia, and other Places in North-America, was attacked by three Privateers, of much superior Force, who handled her pretty roughly, and took three of the Convoy.

Capt. Brown, in a Sloop with Horses from New-London, and bound to this Island, was cast away on Barbuda last Monday Se'night.

The Snow Northern Lass, Capt. Nevill, from Ireland, bound to North-America, was blown off the Coast, and arrived here on Sunday last.

Capt. Ross, in a large Ship from Casco-Bay, bound for Jamaica, ran ashore upon a Reef near the Diamond on Monday last, and we hear she has now six Feet of Water in her Hold.—Capt. Ross failed in Company with the Ship *Lyon*, for this Place, which Ship sprung a Leak at Sea, and put 14 Men on-board to assist her; and it was to re-ship those Men: (in case the *Lyon* had been arrived) that he steered for this Port.

CHARLESTOWN (in South-Carolina) Feb. 23.

There are now in this Harbour 4 Men of War, viz. *Mercury*, *Success*, *Nightingale* and *Bonetta*.

The Schooner *Havannah*-Packet, Samuel Newbould, Master, of and from this Port, with a valuable Cargo for the *Havannah*, we hear is taken by a Spanish Privateer, within Sight of the Moro Castle. It is likewise said that the Brigantine *Port Royal*, with a valuable Cargo from Bristol for the *Havannah*, is taken and sent into Cape-Francois.

BOSTON, February 28.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman at Martinico, dated November 10, 1762.

"Yesterday Information was given to General Rufane, that an Insurrection was intended in this Island by the Flibustiers (free Mulattoes and Negroes to the Number of Five or Six Thousand), to take the Place some Night this Week. The same Intelligence has since been confirmed to him by no less than 16 Letters from the different Quarters of the Island. The Guards are all doubled in Consequence of it, and all the Merchants have voluntarily taken up Arms. As the Affair is discovered, we are under little Apprehension of Danger. It is said they were to be joined by the Crews of several Spanish Privateers now cruising round this Island, two of which are now off this Road, and appear to be making Signals. Capt. Taylor has got some Soldiers on board his Brig, and is gone after them. Their Intention it is said was to have seized all Posts at the same Time, and to put every Englishman to Death."

NEW-YORK, March 10.

Extract of a Letter from South-Carolina.

"A great Quarrel has arisen between our Governor, and Commons House of Assembly, on Occasion of a Reason given in the Governor's Speech, for the Dissolution of a late Commons House of Assembly, viz. That some of the Members were not legally admitted to a Seat in the House. Upon the Meeting of the present House, they immediately ordered the Committee of Privileges, &c. to enquire into the Causes of the said Dissolution, and report them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House; this being done, and approved, the House drew up a Remonstrance to the Governor, asserting their Right to the sole Judgment of the Qualifications of the Members of their own Body, complaining of an Invasion of that Right, and praying the Governor, that for the future he would have due Regard to their Rights and Privileges, and protect them in them. With this Remonstrance they sent a Copy of the Committee's Report and Resolutions, which were in Justification of the Proceedings of the former Assembly, and censuring the Governor's Conduct, in taking Notice of Matters passed in the House that were not constitutionally brought before him by their Report, refusing to administer the State Oaths required by Law, when desired by the House, to Members they had judged legally qualified, and in dissolving the House for Matters only cognizable by themselves. The Governor in his Answer treated them with Haughtiness, and several Indications of Contempt, and yet the Answer is not destitute of Smartness, and Plausibility of Reasoning, sufficient to lead some Men of good Sense, if not entirely impartial, to think his Conduct Right. Yet his Haughtiness, contemptuous Expressions, and peremptory Determinations, would not be easily justified. He tells them a Member admitted into the last Assembly, was not duly chosen and returned according to the Laws of the Province, that his Commission and his Duty required him to enforce those Laws, which Act of Duty they declare to be a Violation of their Privileges; that they assumed a Power never claimed by the British Parliament, of solely examining, and finally determining the Election of their own Members, that the last House endeavoured to give Validity to an Election the Law did not warrant, violated the Law, and assumed a Power they had no Right to, and therefore he dissolved them. The Propriety of which would have appeared by the Answer of the returning Officer, who was called into the House for that Purpose, but a Determination to be Wrong, prevented them from asking him the Question. He was determined to give them no other Answer, and to persevere. He concluded thus, "But Gentlemen, you have a good and gracious Sovereign, ever ready to discountenance Oppression, and to crush an arbitrary and imperious Governor, who dares to trample on the People's Liberties; prefer then your Complaints to the Royal Ear; to the King I am responsible for what I have done, or may do, but the Power of adjourning, of proroguing, or dissolving an Assembly, abruptly, precipitately, unadvisedly, for a good, an insufficient, or no

Reason at all, I may and shall exercise without your Consent; and having done so, I am fully satisfied on the Step I took with the last Assembly, I applaud myself for having checked constitutionally, so dangerous an Usurpation."

To this the Assembly made a Reply, vindicating themselves, and refuting the Governor's Arguments in every Particular. This Reply is, in my Opinion, a masterly Performance, every where reasonable, clear, full, decent, spirited, and consistent, and must, I think, be allowed conclusive in their Favour, by every competent and impartial Judge. To this the Governor made the following verbal Answer: "I refer you, Gentlemen, to my former Answer. If you think forty more Messages of this Sort can be of the least Service to the Province, I am ready cheerfully to receive them all; but you must give me Leave to rely solely and absolutely on the Inefficacy of what you can say or do to fully my past Conduct, or future Reputation."

This was on the 11th of December, and on the 16th the Commons ordered their following Resolutions to be Printed in the public Papers.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, by having repeatedly and contemptuously denied the just Claims of this House (solely to examine and determine the Validity of the Elections of their own Members) hath violated the Rights and Privileges of the Commons House of Assembly of this Province.

Resolved, That this House (having ineffectually applied to his Excellency for Satisfaction of the above Breach of Privilege) will not enter in any further Business with him, until his Excellency shall have done Justice to this House, on this important Point."

WILLIAMSBURG, March 11.

The John and Susannah, Capt. Mudie, is arrived in York River. He sailed from Plymouth the 31st of December with the West-India Convoy, but does not bring any News, only that there were great Murmurings in England about the Peace.

ANNAPOLIS, March 24.

By Mr. Middleton, who came up from Virginia by Water on Monday last, we are informed, that there are Letters from Portsmouth (Via Carolina) dated the 29th of December, at which Time none of our Fleet were arrived; but they had had Easterly and Northeasterly Winds for a long Time.

To be SOLD by PUBLIC VENDUE, at the Store of Mr. Robert Couden in Annapolis, on Tuesday the 19th Day of April next, being the Second Week in the Provincial Court, for Bills of Exchange, or Money at the current Rates,

A PARCEL of Country-born SLAVES, consisting of Men, Women, Boys, Girls, and Children, lately belonging to the Estate of Mr. James Mead, deceased. The Sale to begin at 11 o'Clock in the Afternoon, and will continue next Day, if they are not all Sold on the Day of Sale. JAMES ANDERSON, Executor.

THE MANAGERS of the Upper-Market ASSEMBLY give Notice, That the Half-Yearly MEETING of the MEMBERS, will be on Tuesday the Fifth of April next, when their Attendance is desired at the ASSEMBLY ROOM.

THE Subscribers, Jane Inch, Widow of John Inch, late of the City of Annapolis, Silver-Smith, Deceased, and Beriah Maybury, Son-in-Law to the said Deceased, have Administred on his Estate: Therefore all Persons to whom he was Indebted, either by Bond, Bill, Note, or open Account, are desired to bring in their Claims, that they may be adjusted and settled: And those who are Indebted to the said Estate, are requested to come and settle their Accounts.

JANE INCH, } Administratrix.

BERIAH MAYBURY, }

N. B. The Silver-Smith's Business, Tavern-keeping, and Boats to go up and down the Bay, are carried on as usual, by JANE INCH.

JOSEPH BULKLEY, MARINE,

Living at the lower End of East-street, in Annapolis.

WILL PILOT any SHIP or other VESSEL, to or from any Part of the BAY, at the common Rate of PILOTING.

N. B. He has a good BOAT to carry PASSENGERS up or down the Bay, at the cheapest Rates.

TO be SOLD by PUBLIC VENDUE, on Saturday the 23d of April, at 11 o'Clock in the Morning, at Mr. Henry Galloway in Annapolis, in the Afternoon, for Sterling Cash, or Bills of Exchange,

A TRACT of choice LAND, in Turkey Quarter, otherwise known as containing about 150 Acres, more or less, Property of Mr. Henry Woodward, Deceased, be Sold agreeable to an Act of Assembly Six Months Credit will be given, in giving Bond and Security. JOHN H.

Annapolis, March 10. To be SOLD, on Thursday the 21st of April, in the Premises, at 11 o'Clock in the Morning, ready Money, or short Credit (with required)

A COMMODIOUS Brick Dwelling, being Part of the Lot No. 67, by Robert Gordon, Stay-Maker, Decided House Fronts West-Street, from the near the Town Gate, in Front about 60 Feet, with the same Breadth about 20 Feet, there is a good Pump-Well, Bogh Garden Ground. The House is not quite finished, but great Additions may, at a small Expence, be made to the Purchaser's Fancy. The Right and Title may be known, by Inquiring to JOHN GORDON, } Administrator. ROBERT SWAN, }

N. B. All Persons Indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate Payment, they may expect to be dealt with accord-

To be SOLD to the HIGHEST Bidder, at the House of Mr. John Smith Pratt, in Annapolis, on Tuesday the Tenth of March, at 11 o'Clock in the Afternoon, for Bills of Exchange, or Current Money,

A CHOICE Parcel of LAND, upwards of 257 Acres, well Faiming, and produces fine Wheat, lying in George's County, within a Mile of Branch of Patowmack, and 3 Miles from Annapolis, whereon is a good Dwelling-House, several Out-Houses. The Title is good, and any Person inclinable to purchase may see it, any Time before the Day applying to Mr. W. Scott SAMUEL

AS several of the Store BOOKS of John Glasford, and Company, formerly kept by Mr. William Gammell, in Charles County, were consumed by Fire, and as Mr. Gammell was an Assistant in the said Store, is now leave the Country also; I have thought the better to establish these Demands, Deposition of Mr. Campbell, who was the Day Books these Accounts with him before he leaves the Country. This to give Notice, That Mr. Campbell's will be taken at Port-Tobacco, on Wednesday the 27th of April next, at which Place every Person concerned, may, if they please, be present. ROBERT

MARCH 10. TEN POUNDS REWARD

RAN away last Night from King's Arms in Baltimore County, Two English Servants, viz.

Thomas Hawkins, aged about 30 Years, his own brown Hair, is slow of Speech, Hearing, and has a Mole between his eyes on a Felt Hat, Osabrig Shirt, Fears Welch Cotton Jacket and Breeches, a Pair of Flats, and several other Things.

Thomas Stringer, aged about 25 Years, 5 Inches high, wears his own short brown two Moles on his Face, and speaks English. Had on and took with him, a new Felt Hat, a Fearnothering Jacket, Buttons, Cotton Jacket and Breeches, Shirt, Yarn Stockings, a Pair of Trowsers, and other Things unknown.

Whoever will take up and secure the same, so that they may be had again, Notice thereof to the Subscriber, within 10 Miles from home, Fifteen Shillings, and if out of the Province, Five Pounds of them, to be paid by JOHN ANDERSON