

London, November 17. The House of Commons, which met on Tuesday, continued sitting till two o'clock on Wednesday Morning.

We hear that it has been resolved *scilicet* in a certain Place, that a Work which was complained of, and several Passages of which were read, was a most scandalous, obscene, and impious Libel, a gross Profanation of many Parts of the Holy Scripture, and a most wicked and blasphemous Attempt to ridicule and vilify the Person of our Blessed Saviour. Evidence was offered to prove the Work was written by a Gentleman who has been lately the Subject of much political Debate, but the further Consideration of it was deferred till this Day.

We hear that the two Volumes of *North Briton* are ordered to be burnt by the Hands of the common Hangman, as a false, scandalous and malicious Libel, bidding Defiance to the Legislation, and tending to excite his Majesty's Subjects to various Insurrections against his Majesty's Government.

Yesterday about Twelve o'clock, a Duel was fought in Hyde-Park, between John Wilkes, Esq. Member for Aylesbury, and Samuel Martin, Esq. Member for Camelford, and late Secretary of the Treasury. At first, both their Pistols missed Fire; at the second Attempt to fire, Mr. Martin's fell the same again; upon which Mr. Wilkes desired to charge his Pistol, and offered Mr. Martin the Choice of either of his Pistols, which Mr. Martin refused. They then turned Back to Back; upon turning about again, Mr. Martin discharged his Pistol, and the Ball went into Mr. Wilkes's Belly, about Half an Inch below the Navel, and sunk obliquely on the right Side of the Belly down towards the Groin. Upon which Mr. Wilkes said, Mr. Martin, take Care of yourself, for you have done for me. Mr. Martin replied, he would give him what Assistance he could; and perceiving a Chariot at a Distance, ran up to it, and told the Person in it that a Gentleman lay wounded on the Grass, and begged he would drive immediately out of the Park, and get a Chair, which was done, and Mr. Wilkes was brought to his own House. A Surgeon being immediately sent for, the Ball was extracted; and the Surgeon was of Opinion, that as it had not penetrated the Abdomen, it would be attended with no bad Consequences. The Occasion of the above Quarrel is said to be Mr. M's declaring in a great Assembly, that the Author of the *North Briton*, was a base, infamous, cowardly Scoundrel, &c. The Passages in that Paper, which are supposed to have given Mr. M. in particular very just Cause of Offence, the Reader may find in No. 37, and 40.

By the best Accounts, Mr. Wilkes continues out of Danger.

Mr. Wilkes continues in a fair Way of Recovery; but was not well enough to attend the House of Peers this Day, to be questioned concerning a most obscene and highly blasphemous Libel, which he is said to have written some Year ago, and of which he is charged with employing the Press he set up last Summer at his House in Great-George-Street, to cast off ten or twelve fresh Copies. To add, if possible, to the Indecency of this Piece, the Great George-Street Edition of it is made to bear, it is said, in the Title-Page, the Name of one Prelate, as the Author, and the Name of another as the Annotator: Both of whom are not more distinguished by their great Learning, which is universally acknowledged, than by their unblemished Morals, and their masterly Defence of the principal Points of the Christian Religion.

The Right Honourable William Pitt, attended Yesterday the Service of the House, though he was so infirm with the Gout, that he was obliged to be carried into the House by two of his Servants.

Tuesday the House of Lords deferred the further Consideration of Mr. Wilkes's Affairs till the Day Se'night, on Account of his Incapacity to attend that House. We find that there is only one Prelate mentioned in the blasphemous Poem which Mr. Wilkes is charged with being the Author of, the Name upon it being put in his Lordship's Name: Which it is imagined he was led to make Use of, from his being so well known in the Literary World, and particularly for his Writing in Defence of Christianity.

The House of Commons sat till Two o'clock Yesterday Morning.

Nov. 29. There having been, for some Time past, a Scarcity of Meal in the Markets of Edinburgh, a Mob assembled Yesterday Se'night, and broke up the Girnels in the Meal-Market, and carried off what Meal was there; riled and destroyed the House of the Tackman of the Market, and carried off or broke to Pieces all his

nitire; and continued all that Night and next Day to commit several other Outrages in that City and in Leith.

And on Tuesday Night at Leith, above 500 Bolls of Meal were carried off, or destroyed, by the Mob.

The more effectually to put a Stop to these Tumults, the whole Regiment of Scotch Grey Dragoons were expelled on Wednesday Night, and are to be quartered at Leith, Canongate, and other Places in the Neighbourhood.

When the Post left Edinburgh, the Mob still continued very outrageous, and the Inhabitants there and at Leith were under the greatest Apprehensions of the Consequence, notwithstanding the Magistrates have taken every Precaution to prevent Bloodshed, which is often the Case when Riots happen there.

By some private Letters from Edinburgh we are informed, that the Mob continues very riotous, breaking open all the Warehouses and Cellars where Oatmeal was lodged, sold it cheap to those who could buy, and gave the rest to the Poor, and also insulted the Lord Provost in his Chariot, and wounded him in the Face.

A Letter from Edinburgh, dated November 26, to a Gentleman in Nottingham, says, "From Ten o'clock on Monday Night, till Wednesday Morning, the Battle was incessant between the Soldiers and the Mob. On Tuesday Evening the Mob went from Edinburgh to Leith, where the Battle was dreadful; the Soldiers were entirely defeated, several of them killed, and many more dangerously wounded; the rest were drove back to Edinburgh. As soon as they had entered the City, all the Gates were shut, and the Mob on the Outside. The whole City was in Confusion, and every Thing bore the Appearance of a State of War. At last the enraged Mob set Fire to the City Gates, broke down the Wall and Fortification, and entered the City. Now, for the first Time, the Volleys dispersed the Mob, and a Regiment of Dragoons coming in, has kept them very quiet."

Dec. 8. On Tuesday one of the most interesting Points of Civil Liberty was determined in a Cause in Westminster-Hall, before the truly patriotic and Right Honourable Lord Chief Justice Pratt, and a special Jury of the Gentlemen of the County of Middlesex, wherein John Wilkes, Esq; was Plaintiff, and Robert Wood, Esq; Member for Brackley, and late under Secretary of State, was Defendant (for seizing Mr. Wilkes's Papers, as the supposed Author of the *North Briton*, No. 45) when, after an Hearing of near fifteen Hours, and many learned Arguments on both Sides, and a most masterly, pathetic and elegant Charge given by his Lordship (the Jury withdrawing for Half an Hour) a Verdict was given for the Plaintiff, with One Thousand Pounds Damages, with full Costs of Suit.

It was thought there was the greatest Concurrence of People in Westminster-Hall ever known, who bestowed the profoundest Attention to the Discussion of a Cause, that in the highest Degree affected the most sacred and invaluable Rights and Liberties of Englishmen; and, immediately after the Verdict was pronounced, there were the loudest Acclamations that can possibly be imagined. A large Body of the People went to Mr. Wilkes's House in Great George-Street, with French Horns, crying out, "PRATT, WILKES, and LIBERTY FOR EVER." And they afterwards proceeded to Lord Halifax's.

By this important Decision, every Englishman has the Satisfaction of seeing, that his House is his Castle, and is not liable to be searched, nor his Papers be pried into, by the malignant Curiosity of King's Messengers, and an utter End is put to his unconstitutional Practice; and it may be truly said, that no Question was ever agitated in a Court of Judicature of more interesting Consequences to Society.

NEW-YORK, February 6.

We have these farther Intelligences by the Packet just arrived, That when the Parliament met [15th November] in the House of Lords, Complaint was made by the Bishop of Gloucester, of a Breach of Privilege by Wilkes, his publishing an infamous obscene Book called, *An Essay on the Duty of Woman*, under his Name, as Author, &c. That in the House of Commons Wilkes stood up, and began to lay his Grievance before the House, but was interrupted by Mr. Grenville, who told the speaker he had a Message from the King; and though it is a Rule to break off all Debates, in order to give due Attention and Respect to the King's Message, yet Wilkes was called upon by some to proceed; and it was moved to suspend the Message till Mr. W. was heard. This occasioned a De-

bate, and a Division 301 for receiving the Message — 110 for hearing W. That the Message was then read, complaining of the *North Briton*, &c.

A warm Contest arose. Lord North in the Support of the Message, was answered by Mr. P., who [they say] spoke long in Favour of Mr. W. They sat till Morning, when it was agreed by the Majority, That the 45th No. of the *North Briton* was a false, seditious, factious Libel; and ordered to be burnt by the common Hangman: And Mr. Wilkes, the supposed Author, ordered to attend at the Bar of the House the next Day. That in the Course of the Debate, Mr. Martin, late Secretary to the Treasury, said that the Author of that Paper was a Scoundrel, a Villain, and a Coward. Mr. Wilkes took an Opportunity to talk to Mr. Martin; a Challenge soon followed, the Consequence of which was, that Mr. Wilkes could not attend the House, according to Order, on Account of the Wound he received in the Duel. It is thought the Censure of the Commons, — the Displeasure of the Lords, — and the many Processess depending in the Courts of Law, must tame Mr. Wilkes, notwithstanding his high Spirits.

PHILADELPHIA, February 23.

A R R I V A L S.

From Virginia. The Greyhound, Robe, at Bristol. Providence, Oatram, at Dover. Lætitia, Hammond; Dolly, Nicholson; and Prince Ferdinand, Cousins, at Deal. Dunlop, Crosthwaite, at Whitehaven. Planter, Middleton, at Highlake. King of Prussia, Glasford, at Glasgow. Planter, M'Faggart, at London. Christian, Steel, Fifth of Forth. The Polly, at Bristol; Baltimore, Cockey, at Dover; Nancy, Roberts, and Swale, Metcalf, at Liverpool; and Branffy, Rothery, at Whitehaven.

From Maryland. The Munificence, Grindall, at Plymouth. The Ruby, Barry at Deal. Ann, Love; Duke of York, Thompson; and Martha, Davis, at Dover. Fanny, —; and Duke of York, —, at Bristol.

ANNAPOLIS, March 1.

Since the setting of the first Column of this Paper (mentioning the Colleges at Cambridge in New-England) the Northern Mail came in, by whom we have the melancholy Account of the Destruction of *Harvard-Hall* by Fire, on the Night of the 24th of January, a Spacious Building, 97 Feet long, 42 broad, and Four Stories high, Founded in the Year 1672. In this Building were near Five Thousand Volumes, and a curious and valuable Apparatus for Experimental Philosophy in its several Branches, and a Collection of many Curiosities, &c. &c. &c. all Destroyed. The Fire is supposed to have been occasioned by a Piece of Timber under one of the Hearths, the Assembly of that Province then sitting there, on account of the Small Pox being in Boston. On the 26th the General Assembly unanimously Voted a Provision for Re-building it.

The Ship *Neptune*, Capt. *Somerville*, is arrived in *Patuxent*, after a long Passage, from London, with 80 of his Majesty's Seven-Year Passengers.

On the 19th ultimo, departed this Life, in the 58th Year of his Age, Mr. SAMUEL RICHARDSON, of *Frederick* County. He conducted himself thro' the various Duties and Relations of Life, in a Manner so truly exemplary, that his Memory claims the Epithet of *Good*, and is deservedly lamented by a numerous and respectable Acquaintance.

Of late we have had several Robberies committed in this Town, and several Persons are in Prison who are supposed to have been concerned in them. Our Neighbours are desired to be very watchful of their Smoke-Houses, some Persons at unreasonable Hours, having been seen several Times taking a view of one.

We are informed, that a Purse of FIFTY PISTOLES will be run for in this Town the latter End of April, nearly, if not quite, on the Terms of last Year's Race; and another the Day after, for TWENTY PISTOLES; but we cannot insert the Advertisement at large this Week.

TO BE SOLD

By JOHN PITT, at Mr. JOHN EVITT'S, in ANNAPOLIS. BROWN SUGAR by the Barrel, Strong Beer by Ditto, Cyder, *Turk's-Island* Salt by the Hundred Bushels, Castile Soap by the Box or Pound, Dipt and Mould Candles by the Box or smaller Quantity, Loaf Sugar, Bohca Tea and Chocolate by the Pound. N. B. He gives a good Price for Beans and Peas delivered at Mr. Adams's.

Callam-House, London, 25th Nov. 1763.

THE Honourable Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, having been informed that Compositions have been frequently entered into for the Duties imposed by the Act of 6 Geo. II. payable to his Majesty at the Ports of America, give this Public Notice, That whoever will make Discovery of any Person or Persons, who shall have been guilty of entering into, or conniving at, such Compositions, to John Temple, Esq; or Peter Randolph, Esq; Surveyors-General of his Majesty's Customs in North-America, or other principal Officer of his Majesty's Customs, the Collector, or Comptroller, of any Port, except the Port where such Fraud was entered into, so that the Parties offending may be convicted thereof, and the Duties recover'd to the Crown, shall receive One Third Part of the Duties so recover'd.

To be SOLD by the Subscriber, on Monday the 12th of this Instant March, at the House of Samuel Smith, near West-River, for Sterling Cash, or Bills of Exchange.

A PARCEL of likely NEGROES, some Horses, Cattle, Household Furniture, and Tobacco. ROBERT NORRIS.

STERLING.

A STALLION of 16½ Hands high, a hardy Sorrel, proportionably made to his Height, Northern Bred, Will COVER MARES at One Guinea for the Season. He stands at the Plantation of *Elijah Robinson*, at the Mouth of *Patasco*, known by the Name of *The Rocks*.

Annapolis, March 1, 1764.

To be SOLD the Twenty-fifth Instant, at PUBLIC SALE.

A SCHOONER that will carry about Three Thousand Bushels of Corn, with all her Furniture, as she came in from the *West-Indies*. If any Person chuses to purchase at private Sale, may know the Terms by applying to HENRY WARD.

THE Subscribers, living in Cecil County, Maryland, at the Head of *Cheapeake-Bay*, having good Convenience in the Season of Catching and Curing WHITE HERRINGS, do hereby give Notice, That they will endeavour to supply any Person that inclines to purchase, at a reasonable Price, with WHITE HERRINGS, well Cured, and put up in good tight Casks; for which they will take any Kind of Goods in Exchange, that may be agreed on.

They do also hereby give Notice, That as they have been at a very considerable Expence, in purchasing Lands, building Houses, providing Seines, clearing Fishing Grounds, and so forth, and are at a great and daily Expence during the Season, of hiring Hands and maintaining them, in order to prosecute this Business, to effect and supply those who may be inclined to purchase, That they will not suffer themselves to be molested in it by Persons who have heretofore made a Practice of doing it, but without the least Kind of Right, which has rendered the Business unprofitable to all Parties: We therefore forewarn all Persons for the future not to attempt to disturb us in this our just and equitable Possession, as we are Resolved hereafter not to submit to any such Impositions, tending so much to our notable Damage and Injury, of which we give this Public Notice, that none may pretend Ignorance.

- Henry Baker, Nathan Baker, William Baxter, Samuel Thomas, Richard Thomas, William Thomas, Samuel Bond, Samuel Gilpin, junr, Edward Dougherty, William Curran, Francis Key.

JOHN JEUDY, BREWER.

HEREBY gives Notice to the Public, That he has now opened his BREWERY in this City, and sells Strong Beer at 32s. per Barrel, good Table Beer for 15s. Ditto, and Small Beer at 10s. And out of the House, Strong Beer by the single Gallon 1/6, or 6d. a Quart. Good Grain for feeding Milch Cows, Horses and Swine, for 9d. per Bushel; Strong Beer Yett for 8d. per Quart.