

LETTERS from the North American Colonies are filled with the most melancholy Accounts of universal Poverty and Wretchedness, occasioned by the Restrictions on their Commerce with the French and Spanish Settlements.

On Monday, a large Quantity of Shot was shipped for Nova-Scotia and Maryland.

On Thursday a large Quantity of Gunpowder was shipped for Philadelphia.

Last Week Notice was given to the Gentlemen employed in the several Departments of the Stamp Office, that a certain Number would speedily be wanted to embark for New-York, in order to establish a Stamp Office in that Province; when several, who were unmarried, voluntarily offered themselves for that Service, and as soon as the proper Materials can be got ready, will be sent over at the Government's Expense.

March 30. Letters from America say, that the Assemblies of several Places are preparing a Petition to the Mother Country for Leave to send a certain Number of Representatives to the British Parliament, from the Time of the next General Election.

April 1. A very great Addition to the Plan of the Post-Office is intended, and will speedily take place. The General Post will be extended to all American Colonies; and the Penny Post is to be established in all the Parts of this Kingdom.

Some Thousand Pounds Sterling Value, in Silver Three Penny Pieces, are soon to be coined at the Mint, for the Use of the American Colonies, to supply the place of Copper Money, which the People there have long complained of.

We hear the Sum of Money arising from the new Stamp Duties in North-America, for the first 5 Years, are chiefly to be applied towards commodious Post Roads from one Province to another, erecting Bridges where necessary, and other public Measures equally important.

We hear the Establishment of a Royal Mint at New-York will certainly take place; but that only the coining of Silver will be permitted.

April 9. Friday last died, advanced in Years, the celebrated Dr. EDWARD YOUNG, Clerk of the Closet to her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Wales, and Author of the UNIVERSAL PASSION, the REVENGE, NIGHT THOUGHTS, and other poetical Works.

The Duke of Albany, Capt. Haldane, who sailed from the Downs the 4th of March 1764, for Coast and Bay, arrived in the Downs last Saturday, after Post, from Madras, and brings an Account of the Boscawen, late Braund, being safe at the Mauritius; the also brings the agreeable News, that all Troubles were at an End upon the Coromandel Coast, Madura and Palnacota taken, and the Rebel Joseph Cann executed; and still more agreeable News of the 26th of September from Bengal, that all was then quiet; Governor Vanfittart had overcome all Difficulties; Soojah Doulah, the Nabob, had retired into his own Country, soliciting Peace, which Mr. Vanfittart would not grant him, unless he delivered up Cossim Ali Cann, and Sumro the Assassin. Mr. Vanfittart was upon the point of delivering up his Government, and was to return Home in his Majesty's Ship Argo.

The Albany Indian was near being lost, before she entered the Downs. She brings Advice, that, at the Siege of Madura, we had between three and four Hundred Europeans, and eight or nine Officers, killed and wounded, amongst whom was Col. Preston, a very gallant young Gentleman, who was mortally wounded at one of the Attacks, and died about ten Days after, greatly regretted.

April 16. This Day came on the Trial of Lord Byron, when the Lord High Steward, attended by the Judges, went in Procession from his House in Lincoln's-inn-Fields to Westminster-Hall.

Orders were given out for 500 Horse and Foot Guards, to mount at Four o'Clock this Morning at Westminster-Hall and Places adjacent, to prevent any riotous Proceedings during the Trial of Lord Byron.

B O S T O N, May 20.

By Letters from London by the last Ships we learn, That those who had the Care of the Petitions from the Colonies, chose to defer (for what Reason we can't say) the presenting the same to the House of Commons, till the Stamp Bill was brought in, and then it was too late.—The first which was offered against it was from the West-Indies, the second was from Virginia, the third from Carolina, then Mr. Jackson produced his Petition for Connecticut, which, tho' the most moderate, was rejected as soon as Read; he then offered one (committed to his Care) from this Government, which met with the same Fate. The Ground of rejecting all the Petitions was the standing Order of the House to receive none against a Money Bill. How those to whom the Care of these several Petitions was committed came to delay the Presentation of them so long, is unaccountable, especially as some, if not all of them, were Members of Parliament, and all of them were Resident in England, and most know the constant Usage of Parliament, never to admit a Petition against a Money Bill.

We further learn, That there is not like to be any Alteration with respect to the Molasses Duty this Session; the Ministry chose first to have some Experiment of it's Efficacy. It was affirmed by some of the Advocates for that Duty, that it would produce a very great Sum, at least £. 60,000 Sterling per Annum, and that he was credibly informed that during the two first Months after the Commencement of the Act, there had been collected at Boston £. 14,000, and at Charles-Town £. 10,000 Sterling, whereas it is well known here that during the Time aforementioned, the whole of the Collection did not exceed £. 1400 Sterling. It is from hence probable, that a certain great Aff-bly has been amused and carried away with idle and false Reports, and have been made to expect great Things from the late Regulations, and led into Measures that in the End will prove detrimental to Great-Britain as well as her Colonies.—We learn that some Relief will be granted us with respect to the Lumber Trade, and we shall be permitted to carry Staves and Lumber to Ireland and the Azores, and perhaps to all Places to the Southward of Cape-Finisterra.

That instead of one Vice Admiralty Court at Halifax, there will be three appointed for all America, with a Right of Appeal, each of the Judges are to have £. 800 Sterling

a Year, to set them above all Corruption, one of these Courts to be at Boston, another at Philadelphia, and the third at Carolina.

It has been Resolved in the House of Commons, that one Shilling Sterling shall be paid for every single Letter, and in proportion for double, treble and packet, that is brought from London to any Port in America. One Penny Sterling to be paid for every Letter delivered to any Post-master, from any Vessel except Packet-boats. Also for every single Letter from any Port in the British Dominions in America to any other Port in the said Dominions, Four-pence Sterling is to be paid, and double, &c. in proportion. There are also other Resolutions respecting the Inland Postage, which were ordered into a Bill.

It is feared there will be almost a Prohibition of the Distilling and Sugar-boiling Business in America.

N E W - Y O R K, May 27.

By Letters from London, we have certain Accounts, that a Clause is added to the Mutiny and Desertion Bill, whereby Justices of the Peace are empowered to billet Soldiers on the Inhabitants in America, at their Discretion.

A N N A P O L I S, June 6.

We learn from the Northward, that the STAMP ACT is to take Place in America, on All Saints Day, the First of November next.

In the Year 1755, on the 1st of November, happen'd that dreadful and memorable Earthquake, which destroy'd the City of Lisbon.

We have the Pleasure of informing our Readers, that the Account of Part of Dominica being lately sunk by an Earthquake, is contradicted. As is also, the Report of the Plague raging in Sicily.

By a Proclamation in Virginia, we find, That a Party of Cherokee Indians, who had obtained a Pass from Col. Lewis, to go to Winchester, were met on their Way, and attack'd by a Party of upwards of 20 Men, who kill'd their Chief and Four more of the Party.

In the Thunder-Guilt on the 24th past, a great Quantity of large Hail, fell in several Parts of this Province, and has entirely ruin'd many Fields of Rye, so that the People have Plow'd them up to Plant with Corn.

Tuesday last arrived in South-River, from London, the Snow Sally, Capt. John Buchanan, who left London the latter End of March.

The Ship Fanny, Capt. Lane, from London, is arrived in Patuxent; with whom came Passenger Mr. THOMAS BUCHANAN, of London, Merchant.

PETER BELL, MATHEMATICIAN, Lately from England, (Now in ANNAPOLIS.)

WILL wait on any Gentlemen, at any Time, and Survey what Lands they may think proper, in a Different, but more Exact Method, than that at present practised in this Province.

He will likewise Teach young Gentlemen, the Art of Surveying and Drawing, at a moderate Price, and use his utmost Diligence to make them compleat Masters in a short Time.

He has some Plats and Prospects of this City (but not Engrav'd) which he will dispose of at a cheap Rate.

To be LET, for a Term not under Seven, nor exceeding Twenty Years, and to be Entered on immediately,

THE MILLS belonging to the Subscriber, at the Falls of Rappabannock River, in Virginia; and, together with them, a good commodious Dwelling-House, with necessary Out-Houses, and Twenty Acres of as good Land as any in the Colony, on which the Mills and Houses stand. The Stream is not only sufficient for the present Works, which are in good Repair, and consist of two Pair of large Cologne Stones, with Tub Wheels under one Roof, and one Pair same Sort of Stones with double Gear'd Work, quite new, in an exceeding good large framed House, but also for a Forge Wheel, or any other kind of Water Work; and there is no Danger from Floods in the Winter, nor was there ever known a Scarcity of Water in the greatest Droughts, at which Times the Toll Custom extends many Miles in a thick settled Country. The Convenience to good Navigation for Sea Vessels, to the Town of Fredericksburg, distant one Mile, to the Town of Falmouth, which stands on the North Side of the River, opposite to the Mills, and a good Forging Place between them, and to a fertile Back Country, where large Quantities of Grain may be purchased, are Advantages very obvious, and afford a Prospect for carrying on the Flour and Baking Trades to great Extent and Profit, especially the latter, as most of the Ships in Rappabannock River have Occasion to send to the above Towns for Tobacco, Iron, &c.

As I live on the Premises, shall at all Times be ready to make known my Terms, to those who incline to treat with

Their humble Servant, FRANCIS THORNTON.

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THE HOFFE OTHELLO, that was bred by Col. Taker, and by him Sold into Virginia, is now at WHITEHALL, on the North Side of Severn River, in Anne-Arundel County, and will Cover Mares this Season at Four Guineas, or One Guinea a Leap.

To be SOLD at PUBLIC VENDUE, for Cash, Bills, or Tobacco,

A TRACT of LAND called Willsfire Plains, containing upwards of 400 Acres, lying within two Miles of Bryan Town, in Charles County, on the 2d Day of September next, on the Premises.

(*) M^r Samuel Parran.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living near Lower-Cedar-Point in Charles County, the 17th of May last, Three Convict Servants, imported in the Tryal, Capt. Errington, from London, viz.

John Thomas, a stout swarthy Man, about 32 Years of Age, upwards of 6 Feet high, has black Eyes, and dark brown Hair. Had on an old Jacket lined with Country Cotton, a red Cloth Cap, an old Check Shirt, old black Worsted knit Breeches, and 3 Pair of Yarn Hose.

John Maund, alias Philpott, about 21 Years of Age, 5 1/2 Feet high, has dark brown Hair, grey Eyes, and Lips in his Speech. Had on a Scarf colour'd Coat and blue Breeches, ribb'd Worsted Hose, a Check Shirt, and old Shoes.

James West, about 5 Feet high, 15 or 16 Years of Age, has dark brown curl'd Hair, and grey Eyes. Had on and took with him, a Scotch Bonnet, a white Linen Shirt, two Coats, one a dark Cloth, the other a light colour'd Surtout, a Pair of Leather Breeches, ribb'd Worsted Stockings, and a Pair of Pumps.

They took with them two new Osnabrigs Shirts, one Pair of Pumps, one Pair of Shoes, and one Pair of old Shoe Boots.

Whoever takes up and secures the said Servants, so that their Master may have them again, shall have Three Pounds Reward; or Five Pounds if brought home, beside what the Law allows, and in Proportion for either.

(*) THOMAS JAMES. N. B. All Masters of Vessels are forewarn'd not to carry them off at their Peril.

Love-Point, on Kent-Island, May 28, 1765. LEFT at my Landing, some Time ago, a small Clinch-Work BOAT about 12 Feet Keel. The Owner, on proving his Property and paying Charges, may have her by applying to

(3*) PATRICK HAMILTON.

THERE is at the Plantation of Jacob Harman, near Frederick-Town, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a middle siz'd brown Gelding, with a Star in his Forehead, his near hind Foot white, a bob Tail, and is shod before; but has not any perceivable Brand.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of Walter Evans, on the North Side of the Eastern Branch of Patowmack River, in Prince-George's County, taken up as a Stray, a Sorrel Mare, about 12 Hands high, branded on the near Buttock, but not plain enough to be made out, has a large Snip on her Nose, a small Star in her Forehead, and a flaxen Mane and Tail.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

To be SOLD to any Person living out of ANNAPOLIS,

THE Time of a very good JOINER, who was Indentured for Four Years, and has been in the Country about 8 Months: Also, A good HOUSE CARPENTER, who has about 6 Years to serve. Enquire at the Printing-Office.

To be SOLD by PUBLIC VENDUE, on the 13th of June, at the Dock in ANNAPOLIS,

A LARGE Quantity of Iron Work; among which are 2 Anchors, the one 6C. 3qr. the other 3C. or thereabouts, with about 40 Fathom of 9 Inch Cable, and 70 Fathom of 6 Inch Hawser; a small Quantity of Running Rigging, some Blocks, and 2 Boats, the one 20 Feet long, and 7 Feet wide, and the other 14 Feet long, and 4 1/2 Feet wide; being the Remains of the Ship Rachel, lately burnt in Hungre River.

(2*) THOMAS MOORE.

The 50 Land, Plate, and which will be next, at Annapolis

All PRIZES

- 2 Prizes containing about 350 Acres of Land, situated in Kent County
4 Ditto, containing about 175 Acres, situate as a curious Assortment of Plate,
1 Ditto,
2 Ditto,
4 Ditto,
8 Ditto,
20 Ditto,
16 Ditto,
50 Ditto,
100 Ditto,
40 Ditto,
100 Ditto,
150 Ditto,
500 Ditto,
7000 Ditto,
1 First drawn,
1 Last drawn,

8000 Tickets at 15 Currency, 15

The Public will easily be on a much better Footing, has been plann'd for the utmost Care has been taken in Goods, Plate, &c. to the Adventurers.

The following are some Part of

CURIOUS Silver Coffers; a large Silver Table; a Pair of handsome Pint; neat Silver Sauce Boats; a curious chiming Table; a large Assortment of Gold and Silver; a Quantity of the best German Flutes by Branch; Stone Shoe Buckle; shaving Equipages complete; Necklaces, Pompons, and the former is one of 15 l. Kind, made by the principal curious Microscope for magnifying a vast Variety of Gold Rings; Ladies Etwee Cases; Pieces and Fuzees; Silver Chafe; Optical Pillar March; Dozen of the very best French of rich Italian and French Silvester Broaches, differently mounted in Silver; complete Sets of 30 l. to 15 l. a Case; various Boxes of various Kinds, from French Fans for the Ladies; Variety of Silver Pencil Cases; travelling Equipages; a large Silver and Pinchbeck double Stone Stock and Knee Buckle; Hyson Tea; Silk Umbrellas; mounted Pocket Mirrors, &c.

Also a Library of BOOKS, &c.

SWIFT's Works; Po Butler's, Johnson's, Ho Gay's, Rowe's, Otway's, and Dictionary of Arts and Sciences; Lex Mercatoria; Statutes at Edition; M'Knight's Harmon Works; Parliamentary History; a general History of the World; the celebrated Letters and all the Transactions of the late Rapin's and Tindal's History; great Variety of Books and of and ornamental.

The Goods are deposited at be delivered from thence (Boston, as may be agreeable to ters) as soon as drawn, without what ever.

As it is difficult to collect tickets, exactly of that Value that many Hundred of them Eight, Nine, Ten, and Twelve, if any, not intrinsically

The Prizes, as they are drawn, verified in this Paper.

Tickets may be had of R New-York, and Philadelphia; at Chester-Town, The Rev. Town, Maryland; Mr. J. at the PRINTING-OFFICE