

Bear that was exhibiting its Dexterity in the Street; the Pot in the Interim boiling over, and set Fire to all the Wood and Materials in the Yard, besides two new Ships which were loaded, and ready for sailing; all Prince's-street, which has but lately been built, Queen's-street, and Part of Paradise-street, were consumed, in the Whole above 200 Houses, besides several damaged. The Flames were so furious, owing to a Want of Water, that the People had hardly Time to save any of their Effects. During the Confusion 7 Villains were detected in carrying off the Goods belonging to the poor Sufferers, five of whom were carried to a Roundhouse, and the other two to Newington, to be dealt with according to Law.

It is said, not above one Third of the Houses burnt down by the above Fire were insured. The Damage sustained is computed to amount to near 100,000l.

BOSTON, August 1.

Some Minutes relating to Affairs at Home, are collected from Letters received by Capt. Blake.

The Parliament was prorogued the latter End of May: A few Days before which, the Principal Officers of State were very unexpectedly made acquainted with the King's Intentions of making some Changes in several of the highest Departments of Government; and accordingly the Parliament, notwithstanding they had finished all the Business of the Session, was adjourned from Day to Day for the Space of three Days successively, in Order, as is usual in those Cases, to issue Writs for new Elections, in Case of any Seats in the House being vacated by Promotion to Office. In the mean Time it was publicly known that no less a Personage than the D. of Cambridge went down to Mr. P. at his Seat at Hayes, (Mr. P. himself being ill of the Gout) with the King's Instructions, to desire him to take upon him the principal Management of public Affairs, and to let him know that he might nominate to every principal Office, and bring in with him such Persons as he pleased. This Offer, after a long Conference with the D. Mr. P. declined accepting, urging, 'tis said, his increasing ill Health. However that was, 'tis very certain the D. returned to Court with Mr. P.'s Negative to the Offer, which occasioned no small Contention and Bustle at Court. The next Day Mr. P. and his Brothers in Law, Earl T. and Mr. J. G. became reconciled to their Brother Mr. G. G. to whom they had not spoke in two or three Years, and all supped together at Lord T.'s. A Council was soon held, and instead of the present Ministry being turned out, the following Changes were made, viz. The Hon. S. M. Brother of a certain unpopular Nobleman, had the Privy Seal of Scotland taken from him in Favour of Lord F. C. younger Brother to the D. of Argyll; Lord North, Brother in Law also of the said Nobleman, resigned the Lord Lieutenantcy of Ireland, and Lord Weymouth appointed in his Room. Mr. Charles Townshend appointed Paymaster General, in the Room of Lord Holland resigned; these are all the Changes of any Consequence that happened, and it is said, and generally believed, that the D. of Newcastle, has publicly declared, that none of his Friends will accept any Post under the Government, if offered, to the disobliging of the present Ministry; and it is certain, that several Persons of Distinction of the Opposition, who had not spoke to Mr. G. G. for a long Time, went to his Levee immediately after the aforesaid Overture to Mr. P. and his declining it.

These seemingly strange and contradictory Events and Appearances are generally accounted for in England, by supposing that the before-mentioned unpopular Gentleman expected, under all the Circumstances of Things, that the present Ministry would have submitted in some considerable Measure to be advised by him in the Conduct of the public Business; but finding them in that Particular quite untractable, that he advised the bringing in Mr. P. again, in Hopes of being able to make some better Terms with him; but if that could not be done, that by this Means the People would be gratified, and that consequently at least the public Clamours, which have all along seemed ultimately to fall on the said Nobleman, would subside, and give him Time and Opportunity to recover himself. All this, it is said, Mr. P. saw through, and being persuaded that the Overtures thus made to him, proceeded not so much from Choice and Inclination, as from a Design to answer particular personal Purposes, not only refused to accept the same, but immediately threw the Weight of his Influence into the other Scale, as he now perceived both Parties were embarked in the same Bottom, viz. that of opposing the Influence of the Favourite. 'Tis said, Mr. P. told the D. that he never would undertake and be accountable to the Public for his Conduct in an Office of State, while another, who sustained no Office, and consequently would not be accountable for the Advice he should give in public Matters, would be continually going between him and the King. That he thought in his Conscience Mr. G. G. was the fittest Man in the Kingdom, to manage the Business of the Treasury, and that he did not think it was in his Power, under all Circumstances, to render any essential Services either to the King or the Public by the proffered Honour.

The Situation at Court, to be sure, by all Accounts, is very particular. The Ministry given plainly to understand that they were to go out, and others take their Places. The principal Person intended to be brought in, with such Others as he should name, refusing to come in for the very Reason that occasioned the Determination to make a Change. And in Consequence of that, the same threatened Ministry continued in the Administration, because those who were formerly their Enemies, now by this Step made their Friends, refuse to lend their Aid, in Order to their being got in, by declining to supply their Places.

Various are the Guesses of the Connoisseurs of what will happen to the Ministry in the Course of the Summer, and what may be done in Parliament next Session, in Consequence of these Events; but Time only will discover what these will be, or whether any Thing.

Aug. 5. In Capt. Blake's came Passenger Jared Ingersoll, Esq; having obtained the most reputable Office of a STAMP-

MAN for his NATIVE Place, the Colony of Connecticut, as it is said, at the Request of that Colony, for the good Services he has done them in England. In this Metropolis, he is received, by his Brother Placemen, with great Respect. Extracts of late Intelligence from England.

I congratulate Great-Britain and the Colonies on the happy Restoration of Mr. P. to his former Influence in Business. 'Tis certain he has had every Thing offered him, and like Himself, has refused every Thing, but the Honour of serving his King and Country in the most difficult Conjunctions. This, by one of the finest Strokes of Policy in the World, he has on a late Occasion most essentially effected. I venture to predict, that when the Whole shall be known, his noble Behaviour in this Instance will be as highly extolled, and as justly celebrated, as any Part of his heroic Conduct of the last War. I am also to assure you the Tide begins to set in favour of North-America, and you may depend on it, a Torrent will soon sweep away all your Enemies. You will also soon have the Pleasure of once more seeing your Friends in the Zenith of Power. I have good Reason to believe, that before next Christmas it will be as dangerous in South-Britain to scribble and barragane against the Colonies, as it now is to attempt a Vindication of Lord Cambridge, and his Junco. 'Tis certain his Lordship, will never again be so happy here as he may be North of Tweed. I must also take Leave positively to declare, that all Measures, prejudicial to the Interests of America, ever yet taken, have been not only proposed, but even very warmly recommended, by mean mercenary Hirelings or Particides among yourselves, who for a little filthy Lucre, would at any Time betray every Right, Liberty and Privilege of their Fellow Subjects. Most Men of Sense in England, are now convinced that they have been most miserably deceived and deluded by the Accounts received from Placemen in the Colonies, or the Settlers of such Places, who are and have been here from thence.

The Cases and Boxes for packing the Stamped Papers and Parchments, were making the middle of June last, and would be soon ready to ship for these American Provinces. Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman of Distinction in London, to his Friend here, dated June 11, 1765.

The Accounts I have received from Boston as to the Severity of the Winter, and sailing of some of the principal Merchants, are shocking. We have been making an Addition to your Troubles, by laying very heavy Duties upon you, and if these are tamely borne, you may yet have a few more.

- Distributors of Stamps in America. Collin Drummond, Esq; Quebec. John Mackenzie, Esq; Montreal & Trois Riviers. Hienfelwood, Esq; Nova-Scotia. George Melere, Esq; New-Hampshire. Andrew Oliver, Esq; Massachusetts-Bay. Augustus Johnston, Esq; Rhode-Island. Jared Ingersoll, Esq; Connecticut. James McEvers, Esq; New-York. William Cox, Esq; New-Jersey. John Hughes, Esq; Pennsylvania. Zachariah Hood, Esq; Maryland. Colonel Mercer, Virginia. Thomas Graham, Esq; East-Florida. Jacob Blackwell, Esq; West-Florida. Slater, Esq; the Attorney General, Bermudas. Whitehead, Esq; Barbados. Robert Seaman, Esq; Granada. Tucket, Esq; St. Christophers. John Howell, Esq; Jamaica.

The Officers for several other Places not yet appointed; Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in London, to his Friend here.

Among the many other Promotions of Officers in the Colonies, we are credibly informed, that Z-----b H-d, late a sojourning Merchant of the City of Annapolis, in Maryland, but at present Z-----b H-d, Esq; at St. James's, has, for his many eminent Services to his King and Country, during the late War, got the Commission of Distributor of the Stamps in that Province. This Gentleman's Conduct is highly approved of here by all Court-cringing Politicians, since he is supposed to have wisely considered, that if his Country must be Stamp'd, the Blow would be easier borne to a Native than a Foreigner, who might not be acquainted with their Manners and Constitution.

It gives too many here Pleasure to find, that let them make what Laws they please, to cramp your Trade, and destroy your Freedom, there are not wanting Sycophants enough of your own Country to sue for Commissions to put those very Laws in Execution among their nearest Relations and Friends. Oh! Degeneracy of antient BRITONS! AMERICA! how art thou fallen! when even thy own Offspring, who have been nurtured with all the Tenderness of maternal Affection, are base enough to solicit thy Oppressors to make them the Instruments of thy Destruction.

From the Conduct of your Americans now in England, we doubt not but Mr. H-d will be highly applauded among you by all those Patriots who set out with the old Man's Maxim, "Get Place and Wealth, if possible, with Grace, if not, by any Means get Wealth and Place."

There are too many of these mercenary Wretches in all Countries; but as yours is an infant One, take the Advice of an old experienced BRITON, Prevent the Growth of their Power by nipping it in the Bud; and instead of allowing them to Stamp you legally, Crush them forcibly, whenever they attempt to invade your Rights, or interrupt your Quiet. Let all who yet breathe the Spirit of LIBERTY,

act, as Addison makes Cato say of Caesar to his little Senate at Utica, and join in the Prayer: "May the Man forever be Accus'd, Who owes his Greatness to his Country's Ruin."

ANNAPOLIS, August 22.

Last Week we mention'd the melancholy Affair of Poisoning in Mr. GOLDBER's Family, by eating of Toad-Stools instead of Mushrooms, by which Two of his Family had then Died, and that he remain'd very Ill: His Illness continued till last Night, when he likewise Expired; but some Time before his Death he had lost the Use of his Limbs, and his Skin had turn'd of a very blackish Hue.

Sunday last arrived at Oxford, from London, but last from Madeira, the Ship Layton, Capt. Jeremiahs Banning, having had a good Passage.

We cannot learn that any one Person in Town has been taken with the Small-Pox, for a considerable Time; nor that any new have it, except in two remote Parts of the Town, it being turn'd on them and they nearly well. In all Probability we shall be quite clear next Week, and where it has been, People have been very careful in cleaning and airing their Houses and Bedding.

SEVEN Weeks, or Numbers, more of this

GAZETTE, will compleat Twenty Years and a Half, since I first began to Publish it, and will finish the Seven Years Partnership in it with Myself and Mr. Rind: At which Period (the first of November being near at Hand) its Publication must cease and determine; at least for some Time, until it can be known whether a sufficient Number of Subscribers will appear to support a Revival of it, under an unavoidable advanced Price: But even that advanced Price cannot yet be known, as the Paper, the STAMP's Paper, MUST be Bought of the STAMP-MASTER, but what Sort or Size of Paper, or at what Price, it is impossible yet to tell; or indeed what Proposals to make concerning it: Of this the Public will know further hereafter. In the mean Time, all those who are Indebted for it, or Advertisements, either to Myself, or to GREEN and RIND, would very much oblige, if they would be kind enough to pay off their Scores, which are scatter'd over the Country, and which may be readily sent by Gentlemen from the different Parts of the Province, at the approaching Provincial Court. The Compliance with this Request will be acknowledg'd as a great Favour. J. GREEN.

BALTIMORE-TOWN, August 9, 1765.

ALL Persons Indebted to the late Partnership of Samuel and Robert Purviance and Company are desired to pay their Accounts to the Subscribers; on whom all Persons having any just Demands against said Company, are desired to call for Payment of the same.

We gratefully acknowledge the obliging Disposition already shewn by the Public to encourage our Undertaking of the RUM DISTILLERY, and venture to hope for the further Continuance of their Favour, in carrying on a Scheme of such apparent Utility to the Trade of the Province; more especially at a Juncture when the Necessity, as well as Advantage, of promoting our own Manufactures, is become so very apparent. It is with singular Satisfaction we find our Hopes so fully answered, by the general Approbation given our RUM for its superior Quality; and we are determined to support its Character, should our Profit be ever so small. Some Obstacles that hitherto prevented our Distilling so fast as expected being removed, the Business of the Distillery is now carried on by us in the most extensive Manner, by which Means, having a constant Stock of RUM on Hand, our Friends, either in this or the neighbouring Provinces, may depend on being always well supplied. Importers of MOLASSES may depend on constant Purchases of the same, for which we shall always allow the Philadelphia Prices, or be willing to contract with Gentlemen inclined to import Molasses, before their Vessels go out. SAMUEL & ROBERT PURVIANCE.

ANNAPOLIS, August 22, 1765.

TO BE SOLD,

A LARGE New Top-sail SCHOONER, Burthen 86 Tons, with all her Tackling and Apparel, as good as new, was built last Year, at Liverpool, in Nova-Scotia, and is a prime Sailer. Any Person inclinable to purchase, are desired to apply to



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