liament to America in general, in the opening Free Ports at the Islands of Jamaica and Dominica; yet, at the same Time, they cannot but lament, that it is their Unhappiness to be in no Condition to reap the Benefits which, it was imagined, would flow from so wise a Policy; that the collecting great Quantities of the Produce of Martinico, Guadaloupe, &c. at the Island of Dominica, will be the natural Consequence of opening that Port, and would prove of real Importance to those Colonies, were they at Liberty to bring them back in Return for their Lumber and Provisions; but as they are now prohibited from taking any Thing, except Molasses, and, it is justly apprehended, there cannot be a sufficient Quantity of that Commodity to support any considerable Trade, the Petitioners think it evident, that no substantial Advantage can be derived to them under such a Restraint; that they are, at the same Time, at a Loss to discern the Principle on which the Prohibition is founded; for, since Sugar may be imported direct from the Foreign Islands, it seems much more reasonable, to suffer it from a Free Port belonging to Great-Britain; that the Petitioners therefore humbly hope, that the House will think it equitable to adapt this Trade to their Circumstances, by granting them Liberty to import into the Colonies all West-India Productions, in Exchange for their Commodities; and that, upon the Whole, with the greatest Anxiety, the Petitioners find themselves obliged to inform the House, that, although, at the last Session, the Necessity of relieving the Trade of those Colonies seems to have been universally admitted, and the tender Regard of Parliament for their Happiness highly distinguished, nevertheless, Experience has evinced, that the Commercial Regulations, then enacted, instead of remedying, have increased the heavy Burthen under which it already laboured; as, therefore, upon due Consideration, it will be manifest, that the Ability of those Colonies, to purchase the Manufactures of Great-Britain, immediately depends upon, and is inseparably connected with, the Progress of their Commerce; and as that Ability only by removing the Necessity of Home Manufactures, will leave them at Liberty to pursue Agriculture, in which their true Interest consists; therefore praying the House to take the several Matters, in the said Petition suggested, into their Consideration, and to grant such Relief therein as shall be thought consistent with good Policy, and the mutual Interests of Great-Britain and her Colonies.

LONDON, *February* 14.

THE East-India Company have given Orders for 10,000 Muskets to be got ready, with all Expedition, to be shipped for Bengal.

An Agent employed for enlisting Soldiers for the East Indies, is said to have cleared, within the last Six Months, Fifteen Hundred Guineas.

One Recruiting-House, for the East-India-Company, on Wednesday and Thursday last, enlisted no less than 33 Recruits for that Service. Such Emigrations must in Time affect the Nation.

It is said, there are at present upwards of Thirty Rendezvous, or Lock-up-houses, in the City, occupied by Crimps, employed to enlist Soldiers for the East-India Company.

Feb. 24. Monday the Transport Ships fell down the River to Woolwich, to embark a Detachment of the Train of Artillery for New-York.

Feb. 26. To-morrow his Majesty will go to the House of Peers, with the usual State, to sign the Bills now lying ready for the Royal Assent.

Private Letters from Hamburgh say, that the Corsicans have lately suddenly attacked the Genoese Troops in that Island, and gained a very considerable Advantage over them.

They write from Jamaica, that the Spaniards were cutting down several Thousand Cedar, Mahogany, and Walnut Trees, in the Island of Cuba, to be sent to Cadiz, Ferrol, and Carthagena, for the Use of his Catholic Majesty's Magazines and Dock-Yards.

It was this Morning reported, that a Memorial of a very interesting Nature is preparing to be dispatched to the English Minister at the Hague.

This Morning an Express was sent from the Admiralty Office to the Commissioners of Plymouth Dock.

Several Thousand Cartouch Boxes, made of Cork, are ordered to be got ready to be shipped for the East-Indies.

We hear from Leghorn, that about the Middle of last Month there were above Two Hundred Vessels in that Port with Cargoes of Corn, amounting to 800,000 Sacks Leghorn Measure.

Feb. 28. The Right Honble LORD BALTIMORE was unanimously elected a Member of the Royal Society.

March 2, *and* 3. Friday some Dispatches, said to be of a very agreeable Nature, were received at the Secretary's-Office, from Boston in New England.

It is reported that Advice has been received of the Colony of New-York having submitted in all Things to his Majesty's Injunctions as lately transmitted to Sir Henry Moore, Governor of the Province, and that a very Loyal Address was preparing to be transmitted home, when these Letters came away.

We are informed that the Dutch are under the greatest Uneasiness imaginable for the Fate of Surrinam, and are preparing to send Troops, &c. in order, if possible, to save that important Colony, the Loss of which would prove the Ruin of their State.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Chatham arrived on Saturday Afternoon, from Marlborough, at the King's Arms in Reading; he lay on Sunday Night as Salt-hill, and Yesterday arrived in Town.

Yesterday Morning the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor arrived in Town from his Seat at Cambden Place, in Kent.

Thursday Night last was stranded near Portland, the Peggy, Weekes, from Rhode-Island for London, with Mahogany, Oil, &c. The Captain and all the Crew (except one Man) perished.

We are informed from good Authority, that there are not the least Grounds for the Report of our Court having at present any Disputes with the States General, relative to Surrinam.

March 5. Yesterday Morning the Right Hon. the Earl of Chatham had a Conference with his Majesty for upwards of an Hour.

Yesterday Morning M. Mello de Castro, Envoy Extraordinary from the Court of Portugal, had a Conference with Mr. Secretary Conway, on the Subject of some important Dispatches received from Lisbon.

We are assured that Nine Priests, who have been lately ordained at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, are all going over as Missionaries to propagate the Gospel amongst the Indians in North America.

A Man of War is ordered to be fitted out at Portsmouth, to carry over his Excellency General Monckton to his Government of Jamaica.

Orders are sent to Woolwich, for Two Companies of the Royal Regiment of Artillery to hold themselves in readiness to embark for North-America at the shortest Notice.

We are credibly informed, that Orders have been sent to Scotland to delay the Embarkation of some Regiments of Foot on that Establishment, which were intended for North-America.

This Week several Artificers in the Glass Manufactories were engaged, on good Encouragement, to embark for New-York.

The Report continues, that a great Change is in Agitation.

BOSTON, *April* 16.

We hear from Stoughton, that Yesterday seven-night died there Mrs. Mary Horton, aged 105 Years: She was a Native of Jamaica in the West-Indies, and in the great Earthquake at that Island, about 60 Years since, she was taken up floating on the Water, and brought hither by a Vessel belonging to this Place: Her Husband was also taken up at the same Time, and brought hither by another Vessel, by which means they met together to their great Surprize, both imagining each other to have perished in that terrible Catastrophe.

April 20. By the last Ships from London, we are agreeably informed of the Determination of a Cause before the House of Lords, between the City of London and the Dissenters, respecting the Sheriffalty. The Case was as follows; Allen Evans, Esq; a Dissenting Gentleman, was elected by the City of London one of the Sheriffs; he refused to serve in that Office, and plead that the City had not a Right to choose him, nor he a Right to officiate therein, as by Act of Parliament he was disqualified; for that he had not within the Space of Twelve Months before his Election, partook of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, according to the Rites of the Church of England, which the Act of Parliament required all Persons chose into, and serving in that Office, should do: That he could not conscientiously comply with that Requisition, and therefore was not obliged to serve in that Office, nor was he subjected to any Fine for not serving—Upon this, an Action was brought by the Chamberlain of the City against him for the Recovery of Six Hundred Pounds Sterling, suggested to be forfeited by his Refusal; which, after various Trials, was at length unanimously determined in Favour of Mr. Evans, upon a Writ of Error in the House of Lords. This having been a Case of great Expectation, and long contested, we have, to gratify our Readers, obtained an Extract of a Letter upon this Subject, wrote by a Gentleman of Distinction in London, to his Correspondent in this Town, which is as follows.

SIR, *London, February* 10, 1767.

I SHOULD have acknowledged the Receipt of your Favours October 14 past sooner, but that my Time and Mind have been fully employed for Months past, in a Public Affair, which most nearly concerned the Civil and Religious Interests of every Dissenter in England. By the Force of Truth, which is always an Overmatch for Cunning, and by the Grace of God, supporting at this Time, by his Providence, that glorious Cause, we found the whole House of Lords, as it were, born in a Day to countenance, and also to give Judgment as one Man, in Favour of the Dissenters, against that great Power the City of London, and all that Art we have contested with in the Sheriff's Cause for more than Fourteen Years; and even in this last signal Defeat, to use their own Expression, they died very hard. When the Council on both Sides had done, and the Judges who were summoned to attend had given their Opinions *seriatim* on a Point of Law which was started, my Lord Mansfield, in a most nervous and eloquent Speech, amongst other Things declared, That the Mode of religious Worship amongst Protestant Dissenters, was established by Law. And further, That according to his Apprehension, it would be Sin in a conscientious Dissenter to conform to the Church of England. He concluded, by moving the House, that the Judgment be affirmed, which the House agreed to immediately.

ANNAPOLIS, *May* 7.

On Monday last, by the Violence of the Wind, the *Baltimore* Packet overset off *Horn-Point*: The People, Three in Number, were happily saved by the Assistance of Mr. *Middleton*'s Boat, which he sent out to their Relief.

ARRIVALS.

In *Patuxent*; the Captains *M'Dougal*, *Biggs*, *Maynard*, *Brooks*, *Robinson*, and *Lewis*, all from LONDON.—Capt. *Hanrick* is also arrived, and informs us, that the Captains *Keity* and *Richardson*, may be hourly expected.

ANNAPOLIS, *May* 7, 1767.

ALL Persons having just Claims against the Estate of JONAS GREEN, late of this City, deceased, are desired to bring them in, that they may be adjusted; and, as there are a great Number of Debts due to the said Estate, as well as Accounts unsettled, I most earnestly Request all those who are indebted, immediately to settle with Mr. *John Clapham*, and pay off their Balances, that I may thereby be enabled to pay off the Claims, and compleat this Business without Loss of Time.

A. C. GREEN, Administratrix.

JOHN WOLF, STAY-MAKER, *near* Lower-Marlborough, *in* Calvert *County*,

TAKES this Method of informing all Ladies and Others, That he has supplied himself with GOODS, (having been to *Philadelphia*, and purchased them in Person,) in order to make a Beginning in the abovementioned County, where he will supply Ladies and Others, with STAYS, made in as neat a Manner as may be had elsewhere. Ladies and Others in *Annapolis*, that shall be pleased to favour him with their Commands, may, with little or no Trouble, send by the Post, and receive their Stays weekly; and, may likewise depend on having their Work effectually done, by

(6^w) JOHN WOLF.

TO be Run for, on Thursday next, the 14th Instant, at *Oxford* new Course, a Subscription Purse of TWENTY POUNDS, free for any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, not more than Half Blood, the best of three Heats, two Miles each; if rising 4 Years old this Grass, to carry 8 Stone, Saddle and Bridle included; if 5 Years old, 9 Stone 4 Pounds; 6 Years old and upwards, to carry 10 Stone.

All Horses, Mares, or Geldings, that Start, are to be Entered with Mr. *Edward Bramwell*, any Time before the Day of Running, and pay Entrance (if a Subscriber) One Pistole, all Others Five Dollars. Judges will be appointed, and the Horses, *&c.* to Start at III o'Clock.

N. B. There will be a Poney Race next Day.

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IS kept at *Beale's* ... *Roberts's* Creek, ... this Season, at FO... DOLLAR for the ...

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