

Chimney Tops during the Continuance of the Deluge. —The Day this Accident happened, there was a good deal of Thunder and Lightning in the Hills with some Rain, but nothing to cause so prodigious a Torrent; which is conjectured to have been occasioned by the break of a Water-Spout at the Source of these Rivers.

On the 4th Instant, about Ten o'Clock at Night, a terrible Fire happened at Thetford, a small Village near Ely, which raged violently for some Hours, and consumed Five Dwelling-Houses, with the Barns, Stables and other Out-Houses, and a large Quantity of old Hay, with some Corn, the Produce of this Harvest, whereby several Families, who lived comfortably, are brought to the greatest Distress.

Extract of a Letter from Paris, August 22.

"A foreign Baron, struck some Days since at the Opera, with the soft Attitudes and wanton Gestures of Mademoiselle Allard, wrote to her the following Billet: "Madam, I am a Foreigner, and of Course little accustomed to French Gallantry. I can make Love only seriously. Your Figure, and seducing Attitudes, have pleased me to that Degree, that I am determined to marry you. I offer you my Hand, if you will quit the Theatre, and cut Capers only for me. I am a Peer of Rank, have Twenty Thousand Crowns a Year; for the rest, am young, well made, and vigorous. Return me an Answer directly.

The Baron of ———

A Servant out of Livery, but very well dressed, carried this Billet, with an Injunction not to tell the Name of his Master.

Mademoiselle Allard replied: "Sir, Your Proposals are so extraordinary, that I cannot but consider them as a Joke. Accordingly I have no other Answer to make. I have the Honour of being, &c. ALLARD."

In the Afternoon the Stranger posted back with the following Billet:

"Madam, I had the Honour of telling you, that I meant not gallant Formalities. My Proposals are sincere and frank. May you use the like Freedom with me, and open your Heart with the same Confidence I show you. Once more, it is a Marriage I propose, in good and lawful Form. It gives me little Concern, that you have been a MISTRESS, provided you be not when you are my Wife; but, avail yourself of my Phrenzy; I shall not remain long perhaps in the same Way of Thinking. I cannot believe, that on this Second Explanation you will be still incredulous. Adieu, Queen of my Heart! Remember it is not a Barons's it fights after."

Mademoiselle Allard's Answer:

"I begin to believe, Sir, that what you write to me is very serious, and that you think all that you say. You express yourself without Circumlocution, and I will do the same. I should like very well to be a Barones's, to enjoy Twenty Thousand Crowns a Year; still better to marry a Man, young, well made, and vigorous: But Wedlock terrifies me! The Profession of a Mistress pleases me, and yet I am honest. If I had given you a Promise of Fidelity, I should have kept it to a Degree of Madness: But I would choose to be less rich, to continue unmarried, and to change my Lover when I please. There is a proper Return for your Frankness; and, without being of your Country, I think I can be sincere. For the rest, I am at present engaged to one whom I prefer to the Sovereignty of the World: Judge then, if a Barony, especially a foreign One, can tempt me. Adieu, Sir, Quit your Phrenzy as soon as you please, and set a proper Value on my Refusal. I am, &c."

Mademoiselle Allard received, the Day following, by the Penny-Post, a Billet in these Terms:

"Madam, When a Man like me makes Proposals of the Kind mine were, he is not disposed to be refused. I forgot myself to that Degree, that I would have married you. There wanted nothing to my Reproach, but your Denial. That has restored me entirely to myself, and I now see what I have to do. Since I cannot be your Husband, I am resolved to blow my own Brains out, but first, to blow out yours. Prepare yourself for that Event."

Mademoiselle Allard, extremely alarmed, went to the Lieutenant of the Police. The latter comforted her, and bid her fear nothing. Strict Searches are making after the Foreigner.

EDINBURGH, Sept. 3. From the North, we have an Account of an uncommon Phenomenon, which made its Appearance a few Days ago in Perthshire. It was first observed on the Water of Isla, near Cupar of Angus, where it was preceded by a thick dark Smoke, which soon dispersed, and discovered a large luminous Body, which at first Sight appeared like an House on Fire; but which presently after took a Form something Pyramidical, and rolled forwards with Impetuosity, till it came to the Water of Erick, which empties itself into Isla, up which River it took its Direction likewise with great Rapidity, and disappeared a little above Blairgowrie.

The Effects were as extraordinary as the Appearance. In its Passage it carried a large Cart many Yards over a Field of Grass. A Man riding along the High-Road, was carried from his Horse, and so stunned with the Fall, as to remain senseless a considerable Time.

It destroyed one Half of a House, or rather carried it off, and left the other behind, as the Part carried off was a great many Yards from the other. It undermined and destroyed an Arch of the new Bridge building at Blairgowrie, immediately after which it disappeared.

DUBLIN, Sept. 8. About Six o'Clock in the Evening, as some Gentlemen were sitting under a Markée, in a Field at Santry, they were surprized by a most violent Gust of Wind, which lifted them, with the Tent, Table, Glasses, &c. a considerable Space off the Ground, by which the Glasses were all broke, and some of the Company much hurt.

Between Seven and Eight o'Clock in the Evening, soon after High-Water, the Water in the Liffy suddenly sunk about Two Feet; and, in a Moment after, rose upwards of Four Feet, after which it immediately fell to its proper Level. On this Occasion, several Vessels received considerable Damage, by being drove from their Moorings, &c. It is apprehended, from this extraordinary Phenomenon, that an Earthquake has

happened somewhere, as an Event of the same Kind was felt at Cork, at the same Time of the Earthquake at Lisbon.

CHARLESTOWN, (South-Carolina,) October 26.

Just now we have received the following Account from Georgia:—"That the Ship Hawke, John Lightstone, Master, of and from Savannah, bound for London, sailed from Tybee, on Monday the 12th Inst. with the Wind westerly; but, before 12 o'Clock at Noon the next Day, in the Gulf Stream; the Wind having shifted to N. E. blowing a hard Gale, and the Sea running very high, the Ship sprung a Leak, which kept both Pumps constantly going. At Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, the Gale increasing, sprung the Fore-mast and Fore-top-mast, and carried away the Fore-top-sail. At Five, the Sea running still higher, both Pumps were hardly sufficient to keep the Ship above Water, and the Sailors refused pumping, unless the Captain would bear away, which he accordingly did, that Afternoon, for Savannah, having many of his People sick, and seeing the Impossibility of proceeding any farther with the Ship in that distressed Situation, which was soon after aggravated by the Tiller's breaking short off, and the Sea running so high and confused, that no other could be fixed immediately. The Ship then flew up in the Wind, split her Main-sail and Main-top-sail, and in that Condition lay too under the Fore-sail, till the next Morning, every Moment in Danger of losing both Rudder and Stern-post. The Carpenter, however, with great Difficulty next Morning (Wednesday) made the old Tiller serve again. Thursday, the 15th, about Ten o'Clock in the Morning, the Wind at N. N. E. saw Tybee Light-house, bearing W. by N. distant about Four Leagues. At Twelve at Noon, ran in, with a Signal of Distress, to Four Fathom Water; but no Pilot coming off, and the Vessel driving fast to Leeward, was obliged to stand off that Night, though in the utmost Danger of sinking, having then only Six Men able to go to the Pumps. The Seamen being now quite worn out with Fatigue, the Captain determined, next Morning (Friday) to run in for the First Inlet which should present itself, and it proved to be Sapello; but the Ship drawing 17 Feet Water, struck on the Bar, or a Reef of Sand, about Three Miles from the Shore, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon. The Sea running very high, almost immediately carried away her Rudder, and started the Main-plank in the Cabin. It was then thought Time to hoist out the Boats. The Yawl was instantly stove to Pieces by the Breakers along Side; but the Long Boat was happily got safe out, in which the Passengers, the Hon. Daniel Moore, Esq; and Mr. Nathaniel Hall, and all the Ship's Company (21 in Number) arrived on Blackbeard Island. The Ship and Cargo is entirely lost, nor has any Thing been seen to drive on Shore, but a Part of the Head and Flying Jib-boom.

BOSTON, November 23.

We hear from Marblehead, that a Fisherman arrived last Friday Night, from the Banks of Newfoundland, and that her Master and People, gave the following extraordinary Account, viz. That on the Banks of Newfoundland, being at Anchor, they were very much surprized to observe their Vessel run direct in the Wind's Eye, at a considerable Rate. They have their Log-Line, and found she went above Seven Knots, (not being able to purchase their Anchor) and continued so, to their great Astonishment, for 36 Hours, without being able to account for this unusual Occurrence; when a large Whale hove up, seemingly much tired. They then hove towards him, and got so nigh, as to discern the Whale had got their Anchor in his Jaw; they still hove nigher, and threw their Fish-Hook into the Ring of the Anchor, but being under fearful Apprehensions of Danger, they cut their Cable, and the Whale went off with the Anchor, and Part of the Cable.—Several other Fishermen, being in Sight, were greatly surprized to see this Vessel run direct to Windward, without Sail, and hove up their Anchors, and came to Sail. Note, If any of the Whalemens should happen to take the Whale, they are desired to return the Anchor to the Owner, in Marblehead.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3.

By Captain Bulkley, in 7 Weeks from Lisbon, we learn, that the Count de la Lippe, Generalissimo of his Most Faithful Majesty's Troops, having been sent on an important Negotiation to the British Court, lately returned from thence; that the Result of his Embassy remained a Secret, but the Portuguese appeared extremely apprehensive of a War with Great-Britain, as their Court did not seem inclined to pay the Sum demanded by the English, or to adjust, in a proper Manner, the Differences subsisting between the two Courts.—That Advice was received at Lisbon, of the Portuguese having retaken a Place in the Brazils, which the Spaniards had made themselves Masters of in the late War.—That a Register Ship was daily expected at Lisbon, from the Brazils, with a great Quantity of Cash.—And, that a Portuguese Viceroy, from the East-Indies, on his Arrival at Lisbon, was immediately arrested, and confined in a strong Castle, without being permitted to see his Friends or Relations; the Cause of which was not publicly known.

On Monday Evening, between Five and Six o'Clock, a Person was stopped at the upper End of Market-Street, near the Race-Ground, by a Man, who presented a Pistol, and demanded his Money. Upon his replying he had no Money about him, he ordered him to give him his Pocket-Book, with which he made off.

From Lewes-Town, we learn, that on the 21st Ult. a small Schooner put in there, with Two Men in her, which proved to be the same that was mentioned in the Pennsylvania Gazette Three Weeks ago, under the Boston Head, to be run away with from the Isle of Shoals. The Men are in Custody, and the Vessel secured for the Owner.—They say the Schooner belongs to Mr. George How, of Portsmouth, in New-England, and that they were blown by contrary Winds, into our Bay.

ANNAPOLIS, December 10.

From KENT County, we are informed of the following Gentlemen being chosen for their Representatives in the ensuing Assembly in this Province, viz. Mr. ROBERT BUCHANAN, THOMAS RINGOLD, Esq; Messrs. RICHARD GRESHAM, and STEPHEN BORDLEY, Jun.

CALVERT County, CHARLES GRAHAME, Esq; Messrs. YOUNG PARRAN, EDWARD GANTT, and BENJAMIN MACKALL, Jun.

The Election for their Members to represent Anne Arundel County, mentioned in our last, is not yet decided, the Polls not being closed when this Paper went to Press.

"We have not yet been favoured with the Names of the several Gentlemen elected for the other Counties in this Province; but they shall willingly find a Place as soon as they come to Hand.—And, should the Names of the above MEMBERS, or those that will hereafter be inserted, prove misplaced, our Readers are desired to impute it to the Want of proper Information.

On Thursday the 12th Ult. EDWARD LLOYD, Esq; of this Province, was married to Miss ELISABETH TAYLOR, eldest Daughter of the Hon. JOHN TAYLOR, Esq; of Virginia. A young Lady possessed of every necessary Accomplishment requisite to render the Nuptial State happy.

BALTIMORE, December 7, 1767.

To be SOLD on board the RANGER, lying at BALTIMORE-TOWN, on Saturday the 12th Instant, for Sterling, Currency, Wheat, Tobacco, or Indian Corn,

PARCEL of healthy Four, Five, and Seven Years SERVANTS, Men and Women; amongst which, are, Shoemakers, Tailors, Blacksmiths, Whitesmiths, Cutlers, Butchers, Weavers, Barbers, Bakers, Painters, Ropemakers, Tanners, Carvers, Turners, Woolcombers, Nailers, Stonecutters, Plasterers, &c. ROBERT ADAIR.

Port of ANNAPOLIS, } I HEREBY Certify, That in MARYLAND, } Robert Forsyth, Master of the Brig Ranger, Thomas Drysdale, Mate, and Mark Howard, a Passenger, on board the said Brig (in which were imported, Twenty-one Passengers, and Eighty-two Servants from Dublin) have made Oath before me, "That neither the Small-Pox, Jail-Fever, Yellow-Fever, Flux, or any such dangerous infectious Distemper, is, or hath, been on board the said Brig Ranger, on her Passage, to their Knowledge or Belief." Given under my Hand, the 7th of December 1767.

JOHN RIDOUT, Naval-Officer.

To be SOLD, by the Subscriber, at the House of Capt. GEORGE NEVILL, in Fauquier County, to the highest Bidder, on Monday, the 21st of December Inst.

THREE TRACTS of LAND, lying in the said County, viz. The Tract on which Mr. GEORGE LAMKIN now lives, containing 100 Acres, conveniently situated for an Inn. Also 500 Acres, near upon Goose-Creek, on which THOMAS FURR, and several other Tenants, now live; this Land is very level, well watered, wooded, and fit either for Farming or Planting, and on it are several Orchards. The other contains 23 Acres, lying in the Forks of Goose-Creek, and Chatham-Run; on this Parcel a small Plantation is cleared, about 30 Acres of Meadow Ground fit for laying down in Grass-Seed, and a Grist-Mill newly erected. Should any Person be inclinable to treat for the whole of these Lands before the above Day, they may do it with the Subscriber, at Port-Tobacco.

DANIEL JENIFER.

Lately IMPORTED, and to be sold on the most reasonable Terms, by PATRICK MACGILL, at Elk-Ridge Landing,

A LARGE and NEAT ASSORTMENT of MERCHANDIZE, suitable to the Season: Also a neat Harpsicord, with Three Stops. A Spinnet, approved of by Masters of that Instrument; some other Instruments of Musick, and a few Sets of CLIO.

All who are indebted to me, from One, to Five Years, are requested to discharge their respective Balances, which, if they neglect, I must fall upon some Method to compel them, which will be very disagreeable to me, as well as themselves.—Delivered, by Mistake, among my Goods, a Crate, mark'd I. P. No. 27. The Owner may have it on applying to P. M.

Anne Arundel, December 6, 1767.

AS it has been reported, some Time ago, that the Subscriber was taken up, and confined in Joppa Jail, upon Suspicion of a Murder, that was suspected to have been done, near Mr. Absolam Butler's, in Baltimore County, near Baltimore-Town: Therefore, I take this Method of acquainting the Public, that whoever will inform against the Person, or Persons, that was the Author of this ridiculous, heinous, and scandalous Story, so that he, or they, may be had to Justice, shall receive TWENTY DOLLARS Reward, paid by HENRY AYTON.

December 9, 1767.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in London-Town, on South-River, an Indented Servant Man, named WILLIAM COOKE, born in Staffordshire, in England, and has been in most Parts of Ireland, is about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, has a small Lump in his Fore-head, a Mole on his left Cheek, thin Visag'd, and dark Eyes: Had on, when he went away, a Coarse Hat, bound round with Worsted Binding, thin black Hair, tied behind, and curled, a short grey Half-thick Coat, and Breeches, with black Horn Buttons on the Breeches, a Scarlet Cloth Waistcoat, a Pair of Yarn Stockings, turn'd Pumps, a white Shirt, and Muffin Stock, with a Brafs Buckle: He may have other Cloaths with him, and probably will change his Name. He has been in the East-Indies, on board a Man of War, and boasts much of it, when drunk, in which he will not fail, if he can get Liquor. He was seen in Annapolis, on Monday Night, drunk. It is supposed he will go over the Bay, if he can.

Whoever takes up said Servant, and brings him home to his Master, shall receive THIRTY SHILLINGS, if taken within Ten Miles from Annapolis, and, if farther, THREE POUNDS Reward, paid by ALEXANDER FERGUSON.

STOLEN or STRAY'D, Mr. William Reynolds's HORSE, branded on the nose on a new Saddle and Bridle. Whoever brings the above to Mr. John Lane, at Pig-Foot of THIRTY SHILLINGS.

THERE is at the Plantation of Captain John, taken up as a Stray, a Flea-bitten HORSE, branded on the nose and has a Star in his Forehead. Likewise, a small Grey Mare, with a Star in her Forehead; had a small B. Strap. They both pace slow. The Owner may have them on party and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of Patowmack River, taken up as a Stray, a Flea-bitten HORSE, about 15 Years old, and about 15 his left Eye white, shod before with a Switch Tail, no perceivable and is low in Flesh. The Owner may have him on party and paying Charges.

TAKEN from the Subscribers of November last, living in Anne Arundel County, a bay Hands high, with a Blaze Face and Bridle. The Saddle Glasgow under the near Flank, is named Michael MacFerguson, an Irishman, and he ever secures the said Mare, the Subscriber gets them as SHILLINGS Reward, paid by

THE COMMISSIONERS of BALTIMORE, for SHIP'S MANORS and RESERVATIONS, that they will attend next, at the Places hereafter set to SALE, to the highest Bidder, the Terms of SALE, MANORS and RESERVATIONS, viz. ZACHARIA, Thursday the 7th PANGAIA, Friday the 8th CHAPTICO, Monday the 11th MILL, WOOLEY, West, St. Mary's, Thurford Snow-Hill, St. JOHN'S, and ST. BARBARAS, BEAVERDAM, Monday the 1st CALVERTON, Thursday the 1st The above Lands contain 1000 Acres, and are to be put up in LOTS, to the Purchasers. The Auctioneers, and the Terms of SALE, applying to the Subscriber. Signed

To be SOLD by PUBLIC SUBSCRIBER, living near on Friday the 6th of January

PARCEL of VALUABLE Land, containing about 600 ACRES, whereon is a Dwelling-House, and 25 Feet in Breadth, Brick Fire Places, Two below St. Two Rooms on the lower and below, with Two Porches, with Feather-edg'd Plank, and Shingles, and all in good Repair, paved in; a Well in Cellar; House; Kitchen; Silk-house; Corn-house; Two Mill'd Work, with Plank L. Feet in Length, 16 Feet in breadth for Threshing, and Shingles; a large Apple Orchard; Peach-Orchards; Quite five large Tobacco-Houses, a good Repair, that rents for a Meadow completely cleared; and full Thirty Acres to be watered and timbered. The attendance on every Wednesday order to show, and treat able to purchase.

(37) The Subscriber has Taken on the Drafts of Great County, within 14 Miles of being 514 Acres, which he rents. The Title is indisputable.

Elk-Ridge Landing ALL Persons indebted to me, and pay of their Accounts, I will take any Kind of the highest Market Price, I flatter myself, will not be without distinction, which I cannot further Indulgence. I have a Tract of LAND lying in Anne Arundel County, containing one Hundred Acres, on which the Soil is particularly good, and is particularly good for Tobacco. I will either sell or lease it to suit the Purchaser's Interest.