

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1768.

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

L O N D O N .

Extract of a Letter from Rome, Nov. 21.

THE Ambassador from the Republic of Venice at this Court has received, by the last Courier, the following News. In the Province of Montenera, which is tributary to the Grand Seigneur, and which borders on the Venetian Dalmatia, a Foreigner who has gone by the Name of Stefano, and who for some Time exercised the Profession of a Physician in that Province, has declared himself to be the Czar Peter III. pretending that the Report of his Death was designedly spread at the Time, but that he had found Means to escape from his Prison. Under Favour of this Name, and seconded by the Calovers, Schismatic Greek Monks, who have great Influence over the Inhabitants, he has got himself publicly acknowledged for the Czar, not only by the People, but likewise by the Bishop, and all the other Orders; so that he is already at the Head of some Thousand Soldiers. 'Tis reckoned that in the Province of Montenera there are Thirty Thousand Men able to bear Arms; and his Situation is very advantageous, because he is inclosed by inaccessible Mountains. The People there are extremely attached to the Name of Moscovite, as well on Account of the Conformity of their Religion, as because the Sovereignty of Russia have always employed the necessary Means to maintain a great Influence among them. The pretended Peter III. is said to be a Man of Spirit, a fine Figure, and seems to abound in Money, which he distributes with Profusion to his Soldiers. 'Tis added, that the Republic of Venice, fearing the Consequence of this Enterprize, has sent Orders for the immediate March of all the Infantry and other Troops from Dalmatia to Cattaro, a Town of that Province, which is not above a Mile from Montenera.

Dec. 22. If ever there was a Time for the great Men of the Land to be united, to throw aside all past Distinctions and Animosities, it is now; it is of much more Consequence to preserve the Balance of Affection between this Country and America, than ever it was to preserve the Balance of Power in Europe, about which so many Millions have been thrown away. America is now almost the only Market for our Manufactures; and if they are cramped in their Trade, and affronted about Trifles, it will induce them to set up manufacturing for themselves, and a very few Years would enable them to do without us; and how fatal a Stroke that would be, is very evident. This is a Matter of such Importance to the future Well-being of this Country, that it is hoped the Leaders of the different Parties in it, will lay aside all other Considerations, and convince the World, there is yet some Public Virtue left, by uniting together in a grand impartial Plan of Politics, with regard to Great-Britain and America, as will be equally advantageous to both. They write from Spain, that People are daily arrested there, and especially Churchmen, amongst whom is one of the King's Almoners. The Bishop of Cuena has been sent for to Madrid, to be publicly reprimanded for having advanced, in a Mandamus, "that Religion had suffered an irreparable Injury by the Destruction of the Jesuits in that Kingdom."

Yesterday his Majesty went to the House of Peers, and gave his Assent to the following Bills, viz.

The Bill for granting an Aid to his Majesty by a Land-Tax, to be raised in Great-Britain, for the Service of the Year 1768. [Three Shillings in the Pound.]

A Bill to allow the Importation of Indian Corn or Maize, from the American Colonies, for a limited Time, free of Duty.

Yesterday the Right Hon. the House of Peers adjourned to the 20th of January, and the Hon. House of Commons to the 14th of the same Month.

It is said, that the following new Ministers will kiss Hands To-Morrow, viz.

Lord Sandwich, to be one of the Post-Masters General.

Lord Gower, President of the Council.

Lord Hillsborough, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Lord Chatham is now at Reading, where Apartments are fitted up for him, and where he will reside, until his House at Hayes is ready for his Reception.

Dec. 24. Yesterday his Majesty was pleased to appoint the Right Hon. Earl Gower, to be President of the Council, in the Room of the Right Hon. the Earl of Northington, who has resigned; he was at the same Time sworn one of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

Yesterday the Earl of Hillsborough took his Leave of the Gentlemen at the Post-Office, on his quitting that Office, his Lordship being appointed Secretary for the Affairs of America.

Yesterday Thomas Townshend, junior, Esq; one of the Joint Paymasters of the Forces, was sworn at St. James's one of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council.

The same Day George Onslow, Esq; one of the Lords of the Treasury, was sworn at St. James's one of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council.

Dec. 26. We hear that the Earl of Northington has retired with an Appointment of 3000l. per Annum, his ill State of Health not permitting him to give due Attendance to the important Office he lately held,

It is said for certain, that the new Ministry will be fixed on the broadest Bottom possible, and that a most extensive Coalition of Parties is actually on the Tapis.

It is one Proposition, we are told, in the present political Plan, to add to the Strength, Dignity and Permanency of Administration, by the Acquisition of Earl Temple, and Mr. George Grenville, in consequence of Terms to be agreeable to the Sentiments of those great Personages for them to refuse.

We hear that a Most Noble Marquis will come again into Administration; and that his Lordship has given up every Point relative to a Right Hon. Gentleman now in a high Station, the said Right Hon. Gentleman having declared his earnest Inclination to retire totally from all State Business whatever.

We hear that Mr. Conway will not leave the Office of Secretary of State, 'til after the Holidays, when he will be succeeded by Lord Weymouth.

We hear from Guernsey, that upwards of 5000 English Sheep are constantly fed in the Neighbourhood of Rouen, in Normandy, and their Number kept up by fresh Supplies from this Kingdom, for the Benefit of their Woolen Manufactures carried on there.

It is estimated that the ensuing Election will cost the various Candidates at least One Million Sterling.

Dec. 29. It is reported, that a certain great Man, finding himself no longer able to look proud Connections in the Face, has at last agreed that the Coalition so long talked of, should take Place, on Condition that a certain Number of his Friends should still continue in their Places.

We are informed that the following Promotions will soon take Place, viz.

Lord Weymouth to be Secretary of State, in the room of the Hon. Henry Seymour Conway, Esq; Robert Wood, Esq; Member for Brackley, to be Chief Secretary.

Lord Sandwich to succeed Lord Hillsborough, as Joint-Post-Master General, who is appointed Secretary for the Affairs of the American Colonies.

By a Gentleman arrived in Town from Perth-Amboy, in America, we are informed, that a Manufactory of Shaloons and Serges, very good in Quality, has lately been set on Foot there; and at Staten-Island they make Blankets, Ticking, &c. sufficient to supply the Country round.

Numbers of our Manufacturers are daily shipping themselves off for the happy Regions of America.

The Outrages committed by the Journeyman Weavers on Account of the present Scarcity of Work, is estimated at 500l. a Week.

Dec. 31. A Commission is preparing to pass the Great Seal, for appointing a new Board for the Management of the Affairs of the North-American Colonies, for which the Earl of Hillsborough is appointed Secretary, who will keep his Office at the Cockpit, Whitehall.

There have been near Forty Ships of different Nations, lost lately in a Hurricane at Cadiz.

Letters from the West of England inform, that the Cloathing Business was never known at so great a Stagnation as at present; and that many Thousands of poor People, usually employed in that Branch, were starving for Want of Work.

Jan. 2. We are informed, that there are upwards of 400 Manufacturers in the Clothing Trade, now almost starving, with their Families, in Gloucester only.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Sandwich will, we hear, soon be made Secretary of State.

The newly established Secretaryship of State for the American Colonies, we hear, is considered as one of the most important Offices under the Government, and will always be filled by a Personage of the first Consequence.

Jan. 5. Preparations are making at the old Secretary's Office at the Cockpit, Whitehall, in order for some of the Clerks from Lord Shelburne's Office, in Privy-Garden, who have the Management of the American Business, to remove there, to act under the Earl of Hillsborough, Secretary for that Department; the Business of the Northern Department alone being too much for one Secretary.

Jan. 6. It is said that the grand Coalition, which is to take Place, has deprived a certain Exile of all Hopes of returning to his native Country; and that it was in consequence of his having received early Intelligence of such Coalition, upon his late Arrival in this Kingdom, that he so very suddenly returned to his Exile.

Jan. 7. Yesterday the Navigation between London and Gravesend was entirely stopped; so that great Quantities of heavy Goods were sent down to Kent by Land Carriage.

Jan. 8. It is confidently said, that a Bill for Triennial Parliaments will be brought into an Honourable House this Session, and strongly supported; several Members being resolved to take this Method of recommending themselves to their Constituents at the ensuing General Election, in Preference to Bribery and Corruption.

It is said that large Commissions have this Week been received from Corfica for Fire-Arms, Gun-Powder and Shot.

In the last Holland Mail is the following Article, dated Lisbon, Dec. 1. "The Hon. William Henry Littleton, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Great-Britain, holds frequent Conferences with the Ministry, in order to settle, in an amicable Manner, the Misunderstanding which has arisen between the Two Nations, on Account of Trade. He takes great

Pains to remove this Stumbling-Block; for, as to the general System of Politics, it is certain that the most perfect Harmony subsists between the Two Courts, notwithstanding the Reports that have been maliciously propagated to the contrary.

Jan. 9. We are told the Right Hon. Lord Viscount Weymouth will be shortly appointed one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in the room of the Right Hon. Mr. Conway, who, we are informed, resigned the Seals on Thursday.

We are assured from very good Authority, that the Earl of Sandwich did not resign the Presidency of the Board of Trade, merely "because his Lordship was not appointed Secretary of State for the Colonies," but because the noble Lord did not approve of the unstable Disposition of some of the leading Members of the Administration; and because his Lordship would not acquiesce in the erecting an important (though necessary) New Office of State, in the Way of a Ministerial Job; and which has since actually taken Place in another Channel.

The Situation of Political Matters in regard to Lord Sandwich, seems to be, that the Ministry are very desirous of his Lordship's retiring, and yet are totally deficient in Spirit of coming to compulsive Measures with him. On the other Hand, we have it confidently affirmed to us, that the noble Lord has made the following Declaration, in a Letter to a very great Man in Power: "His Majesty having been graciously pleased to entrust the ——— to my keeping, if it pleases God to spare my Life, there are many, very many Days to come, before I shall voluntarily decline the Honour my Sovereign has thought proper to confer upon me."

Jan. 15. The Ministry, during the Summer, thinking themselves too weak to stand the ensuing Winter, negotiated with the Marquis of Rockingham — Mr. Charles Townshend's Death rendered them still weaker. His Place was soon filled up by a Nobleman, whose Abilities were much boasted of by his Friends, and as much decried by his Opponents; and it was believed that they could not go on without some other Assistance. The Marquis of Rockingham had been twice entreated without Effect. Mr. Grenville was dejected: His Abilities were confessed, but these intimidated them. They wavered, remained inactive, and trusted to Chance, which at last did more for them than their most sanguine Friends could have wished. On the Meeting of Parliament, it was evident from what passed the first Day, that the several great Parts of the Opposition, were far from being united. The Minister then threw out a Lure to the select Friends of the Duke of Bedford; the Proposals were accepted; however it was agreed to only by a few, who declared to the other respectable Persons who had acted and adhered to that Interest with uncorrupted Fidelity, That it was hoped their Acceptance of the Offer which had been made to them, would not be considered as a Breach of the good Faith that had subsisted between them.

A Division of the Opposition being thus effected, a general Negotiation was openly set on Foot, and by December 22d, the following Arrangements were agreed upon:

Earl Gower, Lord President of the Council, in the room of the Earl of Northington, who retires upon a Pension of 4000l. per Annum.

Earl of Hillsborough, Secretary of State for the American Colonies. — A new Officer.

Viscount Weymouth, Secretary of State for the Northern Department, in the room of Mr. Conway. Mr. Conway to have the first Military Vacancy worth his Acceptance.

Earl of Sandwich, Joint-Postmaster, in the room of Lord Hillsborough.

Lord Charles Spencer, a Lord of the Admiralty, (in the room of Mr. Jenkinson, made a Lord Treasurer of, some Weeks before.)

Right Hon. Mr. Rigby, one of the Joint Vice-Treasurers of Ireland, in the room of Mr. Oswald, who retires with the Reversion of a lucrative Place in Scotland for his Son.

Hon. Henry F. Thynne, Master of the Household, in the room of Mr. Harris, deceased.

Richard Vernon, Esq; Clerk of the Board of Green Cloth, in the room of the Hon. Mr. Grey.

A Third Secretary had been first proposed solely for the Colonies, by Lord Halifax, when first Lord of Trade, a Number of Years ago; the Expection at that Time was the Objection. On the Accession of the Marquis of Rockingham to Power, it was revived, and the first Lord of Trade intended for that Office. No Increase of Expence was intended; the Clerks of the Board of Trade were proposed as Clerks to the new Secretary for the Colonies, and the Lords of Trade as a Council to him. A Change of Ministry defeated this Plan, just on the Point of being finished, and when Lord Dartmouth (then first Lord of Trade) had only to kiss his Majesty's Hand on being appointed.

However, from the Manner in which the Affairs of the Colonies have been transacted of late, or rather mismanaged; the Necessity of a Secretary of State for the Colonies solely, has been more manifest, and been deemed a Measure absolutely necessary both for the Good of America and the Welfare of Great-Britain.

PORTSMOUTH, Jan. 15. The Snow is so deep and the Frost so severe, that the like hath not been known in the Memory of Man. 'Tis like to continue. — The Birds flock into the Town, nay into the Houses for Shelter, giving up Liberty to preserve a little Life.

ANNAPOLIS, October 29th 1767.

S C H E M E

OF THE

MARYLAND LOTTERY.

THE Lower House of Assembly of MARYLAND, have constantly, and ineffectually, hitherto, since Seventeen Hundred and Thirty-nine, RESOLVED, That his Lordship hath no Right to collect Twelve-pence for Hoghead on Tobacco exported.

A CONSTITUTIONAL Tax on the People to support an Agent of the Appointment of the Lower House, has been greatly desired, frequently attempted, and is often refused by the Upper House.

THE Lower House of Assembly contend, That the Clerk of the Council his reasonable Reward, as well as every other Expence necessarily attending the Execution of the Powers of Government, ought to be defrayed out of the FINES, FORFEITURES, AMERCIAMENTS, and OTHER MONIES, received by the Government for the Support thereof; and, "That "Sentiment being directly opposite to the Opinion of the Upper House had, on mature Consideration, "formed upon the Subject of the Clerk of the Council's Claim," principally occasioned the Non-payment of the Public Debt for upwards of Ten Years. The Distress of Trade for Want of a Circulating Medium, and the extreme Necessity of Public Creditors, compelled the Lower House to agree to an Appeal to his Majesty in Council, on the Subject Matter of Disference, without the Allotment of any Public Money for that Purpose, as the only Means to settle Disputes, restore Public Credit, and lay a sure Foundation for the future Ease and Good of the Province.

A SUBSCRIPTION therefore, by RESOLVE of the Lower House, has been open'd, and Subscriptions are taken in by every Member, for maintaining an Agent, and supporting the Appeal on the Part of the People, as well as obtaining Redress of their OTHER Grievances; and, by RESOLVE also of the Lower House, as an additional Means of raising Money for the same Purposes, the following SCHEME of a LOTTERY, by which to raise ONE THOUSAND POUNDS Common Money, is submitted to the PUBLIC.

Table with 4 columns: PRIZE, of, £, is. Rows include 1st drawn Blank (4500), 1st drawn Blank (13:15), 2500 Prizes (15:15), 2500 Blanks (6500), and 5000 Tickets at Thirty Shillings each (7500) with a deduction of 1000 (6500).

Two and an Half per Cent to be deducted from the Prizes, to defray the Expences of the Lottery.

THE Drawing to be in the Court-House at ANNAPOLIS, in the Presence of the Managers, and as many of the Adventurers as shall be pleased to attend.

THE Managers are, WILLIAM MURDOCK, Esq; Messieurs THOMAS SPRIGG, WILLIAM PACA, JOHN WEEMS, THOMAS GASSAWAY, South-River, THOMAS RINGGOLD, B. T. B. WORTHINGTON, HENRY HALL, JOHN HAMMOND, THOMAS JOHNSON, JOHN HALL; of Annapolis, and SAMUEL CHASE, or such of them as shall chuse to act.

THE said Managers to give Bond to the Honourable SPEAKER, and be upon Oath for the faithful Discharge of their Trust.

A LIST of the PRIZES to be published in the MARYLAND GAZETTE, and the Prizes paid as soon as the Drawing is finished; and those not demanded in six Months after the Drawing, to be deemed as graciously given to the above Use.

THE SCHEME to be made public in the MARYLAND and VIRGINIA GAZETTES, and PENNSYLVANIA JOURNAL.

LIFE, without LIBERTY, is worse than DEATH; TICKETS may be had of any of the Managers, and of most of the Members of the Lower House of Assembly.

There not having been such a full Return of the SALE of TICKETS as could have been wished; rather too many TICKETS to lie on the Risk of the SCHEME, being still unfold; and as the Winter Season will be too far advanced after the November County Courts, the MANAGERS have resolved to begin the Drawing, certainly, on the Thursday after the Third Tuesday in May next, when many of the Adventurers may attend, with Convenience. — It is hoped by that Time all the TICKETS will be sold; but if they should not, the PUBLIC may rely on the LOTTERY's being then drawn.

THE MANAGERS take this Opportunity to return their hearty Thanks to those Gentlemen, who have assisted in the SALE of TICKETS and beg they will return any they may have unfold, at least a Week before the Drawing.

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