which a Privy Counsellor has been sent over to him with ample Powers for that Purpose.

Yesterday Morning General Paoli was on the Parade in St. James's Park, accompanied by General Salter and General Harvey, to see the Foot Guards go through their Exercise, at which he expressed much Satisfaction.

It was proposed that it should be publicly acknowledged this Day at Guild-Hall, that the Person hinted at in the City Petition to his Majesty, as a public Defaulter of unaccounted Millions, was Henry Lord Holland, and that it may be recommended to the City Members, to use their utmost Endeavours to procure a parliamentary Enquiry, whether Lord Holland has not, for a Number of Years past, kept in his Possession, some Millions of the public Money, and whether he has not used Means to prevent any Enquiry being made? And whether he has not procured, by the Interest of his Friends, to stay legal Prosecution, and by that Means set himself above the Laws of England, and turning Monarchy into Tyranny? And, if these Charges should be fully proved upon him, that the City Members do then impeach him.

It is now currently reported that some very conciliating Measures have been off-red to the Three Brothers, in which the Cavendish Family were particularly mentioned, but the Proposal was rejected.

The Petition of the County of Gloucester meets with the greatest Success, and is already signed by some of the most respectable Persons in that County.

It does Honour to this Nation to find all Parties, whether for Government or Opposition, striving who shall shew most Respect to the illustrious General Paoli.

Thursday a large Russian Man of War arrived at St. Helen's, and is working up to Spithead; there are several more in Sight. This Ship we look on as the Forerunner of the whole Russian Fleet; as there is now a fine settled Gale of Wind in their Favour.

We hear that Colonel Coote is preparing to set out to the East-Indies, to take upon him the chief Command of the Company's Forces on the Coast of Coromandel, to which Post he has lately been raised.

It is imagined by many, that from the dread of the above, and some other Circumstances, a certain Assembly will meet much sooner than was a little while ago expected.

The Petition of the Citizens of Bristol will, it is said, be changed, and one now will be presented in the Manner of that from the Gentlemen of Yorkshire, to beseech our most gracious Sovereign to dissolve the present Parliament, not doubting but such a Condescension on his Part will at once Remedy our Grievances, as it will give his People an Opportunity of choosing such Representatives as they could place a proper Confidence in, to enquire into some past Transactions.

It is said to be the Determination of a Number of Liverymen, if they succeed in their Choice of Mayor, to have another Common Hall, in order to consider of a Petition, the Subject of which will be, to demand a Removal of such Persons as may have advised the deferring the Meeting of a certain Assembly so late in the Season.

Oct. 10 This Day, a little before Twelve, the Two Sheriffs, Messieurs Townsend and Sawbridge, attended by a very numerous Concourse of Citizens, met, pursuant to annual Custom at Guildhall, in order to make a Return to the Court of Aldermen of Two Persons nominated by the Livery as proper to serve the Office of Lord Mayor for the ensuing Year, when they declared the Majority of Votes to be for Mr. Alderman Beckford and Trecothick, and returned them to the Court accordingly. The Aldermen then withdrew to the Council Chamber to consider of the Validity of this Return, but had not determined upon it when the Papers went to press.

A certain great Lawyer has received an Injunction from Authority to pay a particular Attention to the Conduct of the City of London, in order to find a legal Exception to their present Mode of Proceedings in the Choice of a Lord Mayor.

Such a Spirit of Freedom appears to be gathering in most of the Corporations in this Kingdom, that at their annual Election for new Officers they seem determined to make Choice of those Gentlemen only whose Conduct has proved them to be steady Friends to their Country.

By Letters just received from Constantinople, there is Advice, that the Head of the Grand Visir, and of another principal Officer, had been just struck off before the Accounts came away from thence.

We hear that his Majesty has approved of a Plan for building a new Palace at Richmond, and that the same will be begun early next Spring.

The Electors of the Borough of Southwark are to meet in their Town-Hall, on Tuesday the 17th Inst. in order to consider of proper Methods to be taken in support of the Right of Election.

A Letter from Hereford informs, that a Meeting was held there on Wednesday last, to consider of a Petition on the present Juncture of Affairs; when, after some Altercation, it was carried in the Affirmative, and a Petition was prepared.

Serjeant Glynn was very great in the Debate at Exeter on Thursday, particularly in answer to Lord Lisburn and Mr. Spooner.

Letters from Vienna mention, as a Thing now out of all Manner of Doubt, that the Imperial Court, and that of Berlin, have agreed together to take a direct and essential Part in the Affairs of Poland, in order to restore Tranquility to that unhappy Kingdom.

The Devonshire Petition is very spirited, and contains the same Prayer with that from the County of York, a *Dissolution of the Parliament*. Among other Things the Gentlemen of Devonshire say, "We presume, most gracious Sovereign, to add our Supplications to those of our fellow Subjects, that your Majesty would graciously attend to their Complaints. Permit not yourself, Sire, to be deluded by wicked and groundless Insinuations, that they proceed from Faction and Disaffection. We presume to assure your Majesty, that they flow from the purest Zeal for your Majesty's Honour and Safety, and are the Sentiments of the best Wishers to the Perpetuity of the Throne in your Majesty's Royal House, and the Privileges of the Subject, so inseparably connected with your Majesty's Right to the Crown. We acknowledge with them your Majesty's parental Regard to the Welfare of your Subjects. We with Anguish lament that the Fruits of so many Royal Virtues should be blasted with evil and pernicious Counsels. We were willing to spare your Royal Breast the Pain it must necessarily feel from the repeated Cries and Complaints of your Subjects, waiting with Patience and in Silence for the most desirable of all constitutional Remedies, the Interposition of a free and uninfluenced Parliament But we can no longer entertain such Hopes of Redress, as by the Arts and Practices of your Majesty's Servants an undue and dangerous Ascendency has been gained over the House of Commons; and they have been prevailed upon to reject the Choice of a Member, not ineligible by the Laws of this Kingdom, and to declare another duly elected, though confessedly with the Minority of Votes, whereby a great and populous County is deprived of its Privilege of Representation, and the fundamental Relation between the Elector and the Elected, is totally cancelled and destroyed. This Precedent, so subversive of the First of all our Privileges, the Right of electing our own Representatives in Parliament, extinguishes all our Hopes of Parliamentary Redress. In all Humility, therefore, we supplicate your Majesty, &c.

Oct. 13. On Tuesday Sennight the First Division of the Russian Fleet, consisting of Ten Ships, arrived in Four Days from Scaw, off the Spurnhead, when the Commissaries sent an Express to the Russian Minister, and went on board the Admiral's Ship. Lieutenant Dudgdale, with 13 Pilots, also went on board to steer them to Hull. Commodore Elphingston is expected with the Second Division every Hour. The Russian Ambassador is gone down to Hull to confer with the Russian Admiral.

We hear from Hull, that a Number of British Sailors have entered on board the Russian Men of War lately arrived in the Humber.

We hear the whole Russian Fleet have Orders to rendezvous in the Bay of Gibraltar, previous to their Voyage up the Levant.

We hear that there was a great Sickness among the Crew of the Dutton East-Indiaman in her Passage home; 33 Men died in a Fortnight between the Cape of Good Hope and St. Helena, and she had but very few healthy Men on board when she got to the last Place; so that they were obliged to hire Lascars, and to borrow a few Men from the Seahorse Indiaman, in order to Navigate the Ship home.

GLASGOW, *October* 19.

Extract of a Letter from Edinburgh, October 17.

"We hear that Orders are given to a Merchant in Leith, to prepare Biscuit and other Necessaries, for the grand Russian Fleet, in case the easterly Winds, should oblige them to come into the Forth. It is not unlikely but we may see this Armament in the Leith Road.

"The Spirit of Building continues as brisk as ever in this City and Neighbourhood. It is reckoned that within these Five or Six Years at least 600 Houses have been either built or are now building in Edinburgh and its Environs; which reckoned at the Price of 600l. each, one with another, amounts to 360,000l. As there are many of these Houses above Fifteen Hundred Pounds value each, the above Estimate may be supposed rather low."

BOSTON, *November* 27.

Extract of a late Letter from a known good Friend to both Countries, a Gentleman of Fortune and Character in London, to his Correspondent in New-England.

"Oh! my dear Friend, why will your Ladies take the Law of Fashion, from such a wanton Tyranny of Example, as is imposed on you from Great-Britain? I am more clear in the Enormity of this Despotism (which you submit to), than of all the Revenue Laws which America groans under; so many Yards of costly Silk, as we cut in Pieces with the most licentious Profusion! The decent Night Gown, which shewed the Shape of the Sex, in all its native Elegance, is now banished; and nothing but Negligees are seen with Things flapping down on each Side, which looks as if the Ladies had turned a most monstrous Pair of Silk Pockets inside out, and drawn them through their Pocket Holes. The hinder Part of their Garment seems contrived by an Upholsterer, for it is a drawn up Curtain; and for the Front how monstrously is the Elegant Fall of the Petticoat deformed with Flounces of massacred Silk! Oh barbarous Murder both of Beauty and Materials——but if I cannot restore the decent Night Gown, to its usurped Power and Influence; for Decency sake, for Beauty sake, by all that is engaging in Sweetness and Nature, let me obtain, that the first Man who comes among you to torture the Ladies Heads of Hair in New-England, as they are distorted among us, cut that Rascal's Head off for his Reward."

WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 7.

Extract of a Letter from Liverpool, dated October 14.

"To-morrow there is to be a Meeting in this Town, to draw up a Petition for having the Present Parliament dissolved. It is the Opinion of many, that a Dissolution will be a great Loss to the Nation, as they pretend to prove plainly, that it cost the good People of England Two Millions of Money to make the Parliament what it is. And will not the same Virtue be used at another Election? May the Virginians continue firm in their Resolutions! Nothing else can save them.

"I have just heard the Debates for and against the Petition, in which Sir William Meridith shewed himself a Friend to Freedom; Mr. Pennant was clever; the Company were for the Petition, and are now signing it."

On Monday the 20th Ult. an Address was resolved on by the House of Burgesses, to request his Excellency the Governor, to use his kind Offices with his Majesty to issue his Royal Proclamation for permitting Copper Money to be brought in, and pass in this Colony, which was accordingly presented; and his Excellency was pleased to answer, that he would write to England by the first Opportunity, and use all his Interest to obtain what the House desired.

ANNAPOLIS, *December* 21.

Yesterday, his Excellency the Governor was pleased to deliver the following SPEECH, on the Prorogation of the General Assembly.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

I CANNOT take my Leave of you on this Occasion, without expressing my Acknowledgement of the obliging Testimony you have been pleased to give me of your Regard.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Lower House,

Your steady Application to the Business brought before you, notwithstanding your well founded Apprehensions of the inclement Weather's setting in, shews you justly worthy of the Trust your Constituents have placed in you.

Gentlemen of both Houses,

The Medium of Commerce was much wanted in this Province; your Attention to the mercantile Interest has supplyed it: Nor could a more favourable Opportunity of erecting the necessary Public Buildings, without burthening the Subject by additional Taxes, have offered, than this you have made Choice of; and, from the Zeal of your Commissioners, I have no Doubt that I shall see them completed with the same Spirit with which you have so amply provided for that Purpose.

By and with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, I now prorogue this Assembly to the Second Tuesday in *May* 1770; you will accordingly please to take Notice, that you are prorogued to that Day.

This Morning, at 10 o'Clock, at a numerous Meeting, by Beat of the Town Drum, at which were many of the Gentlemen Committees from the several Counties of this Province, who, in *July* last, formed and entered into the Articles for Non-importation of *British* Superfluities, and for promoting Frugality, Oeconomy, and the Use of *American* Manufactures,

Resolved unanimously, That the said Articles be most strictly adhered to, and preserved inviolate; and that each, and every Gentleman, present at this Meeting, will use his utmost endeavour to those laudable Ends.

On Friday last a Special Court was held here, when *Michael Mitchell*, alias *Michael Huet*, was tried for the Murder of *Margaret Cumberford*, and found guilty.

*** *A List of Laws passed this Session, together with the Resolves of the Lower House of Assembly, will be inserted in our next.*

Kingsbury Furnace, *Baltimore* County, *Nov.* 30.

A TRACT of Land, called SHEREDINE'S BOTTOM, being offered for Sale, by *Robert Long*, of *Baltimore* County; to prevent an Imposition on others, and Trouble to myself, I take Leave to inform, that much the greater Part of said Land is included within the Lines of an elder Survey, made by the Principio Company: The Truth of which Matter any Person may be satisfied, by applying to FRANCIS PHILLIPS.

Maryland, October 24, 1769.

WHEREAS Complaint has been made to me, One of his Lordship's the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary's Justices for *Baltimore* County, by MARY CHAPMAN, that on the 19th Day of *September* last past, Two Men, one named THOMAS PLANT, the other JAMES GORDON, took of her Property, an Apparatus of a PUPPET SHOW, *Punch*'s Head remarkably large: GORDON is a Taylor by Trade, and had many Clothes with him, he is about 24 Years of Age. THOMAS PLANT is an uncommon short Man, and looks strangely with his Eyes, pretty much deformed in his Limbs, beats the Drum and plays Legerdemain. Whoever takes up said Men abovementioned, and secures them in any Jail in this Province, shall have Four Pounds Reward, paid by the above MARY CHAPMAN, on their sending Intelligence to Capt. JAMES MAXWELL, in *Gunpowder* Neck, *Baltimore* County, where said MARY CHAPMAN now resides.

THESE are therefore to require and command all his Lordship's good People of this Province, to make diligent Enquiry after the said *Thomas Plant*, and *James Gordon*, by Way of HUE and CRY, and to apprehend the said *Thomas Plant*, and *James Gordon*, or either of them, and to carry them, or him, to some Justice where taken, to be dealt with according to Law; and for their so doing this shall be their Warrant. Given under my Hand and Seal, the Day and Year first abovewritten. WILLIAM YOUNG.

To all Sheriffs, Constables, and others, his Lordship's good People in this Province.

December 14, 1769.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living at *Patapsco* Ferry, a Convict Servant Man, named JOHN PRAT, about 6 Feet high, red Hair, and a very down Look: Had on, when he went away, a blue long Jacket, with Leather Buttons, a white Flannel under ditto, bound round with black Binding, a Pair of long Osnabrig Trousers, with Flannel Drawers under them, an Osnabrig Shirt, a Pair of blue ribbed Stockings, Country-made Shoes, with Buckles, a Sailors Cap, and it is probable he may change his Name and Dress, and pass for a Sailor. He complains of a Weakness in his Back, to remedy which, he wears a broad Belt next his Shirt.

Whoever takes up said Servant, and secures him, shall have Two Pounds Reward, if taken in the Province; if out of the Province, Three Pounds, and reasonable Charges, if brought home, paid by FLORA DORSEY.

THERE is at the Plantation of *William Thomas*, and in the Custody of *Jonathan Sands*, near *Annapolis*, taken up as a Stray, a sorrel HORSE, between 13 and 14 Hands high, has a Blaze Face, several Saddle Spots, shod all round, is a natural Pacer, hanging Mane, switch Tail, and branded on the Shoulder and Buttock, but not to be distinguished.