

However if any Thing of this Kind should happen, it must prove very detrimental to our publick Affairs."

The King of Prussia, before the Demand of 90,000 l. of the Inhabitants of Dantzick, as a Fine for Disrespect shown him by the Magistrates, has ordered that all those born in Prussia, or of Prussian Extraction, now residing at that Place, be delivered to him. Several of their Magistrates, and principal Merchants and Burgesses, are originally from Prussia, so that this last Demand frightens the Town much more than the former.

They write from Copenhagen, that a Fleet is fitting out at Elbhour, supposed to be intended against some of the French Settlements, as War is expected soon to be declared, the Danish Ambassador having left the French Court.

Letters from Dantzick advise, that the Magistracy of that City had applied to the Empress of Russia, in order to obtain her good Offices with the King of Prussia, not only for effecting an Accommodation between them, but likewise a Mitigation of the Sum demanded by his Prussian Majesty. The former Part might probably meet with Success, but there are small Hopes of obtaining any Abatement of the Demand in Money; his Prussian Majesty being peremptory in Affairs of that Sort. Besides the Deputation which the Dantzickers sent to Berlin, upon this Errand, found all Overtures for an Abatement were treated with Contempt, although in every other Respect the Deputies were received and treated with the greatest Politeness.

The following List of a new Administration is handed at the West-End of the Town:

Lord Camden, Lord Chancellor.
Marquis of Rockingham, First Lord of the Treasury.

Earl of Chatham, Secretary of State for the Southern Department, with a full Scope of Government.

Earl of Shelburne, Secretary of State for the Northern Department.

Mr. Dowdeswell, to be First Lord of Trade and Plantations.

And, Earl of Hillsborough to continue as Secretary of State for North-America.

Other Accounts say, the Dreams of an approaching Coalition of Parties, are now entirely vanished.

Sir Edward Hawke came to Town this Day from his Seat at Snodbury, to be present at a Board of Admiralty, which is to be held to-morrow.

Some very disagreeable News has lately been received from the East Indies. Somero, the Renegade General, who a few Years ago murdered a great Number of English Prisoners in cold Blood, and who has remained unheard of a considerable Time, has at length emerged from his Obscurity, and is now at the Head of 90,000 Men, committing Acts of Hostility on One of the Nabobs in Alliance with us, near Madras. This Circumstance we have from the best Authority.

An Evening Paper says, there are Letters in Town which positively affirm, that after the Danish Fleet had destroyed the Batteries of the Algerines upon the Moie, a Flag of Truce was hung out; and that Matters were likely to come to an Accommodation, by the Mediation of the French Consul. It is also said Two of the Danish Ships were very much damaged by the Shells of the Enemy.

It is an alarming Truth, that the Portugal Gold which used to circulate in this Country, is now transferred to the Colonies, and that the Trade of Corn, which used to supply England with the Coin for that Country, is now wholly carried on by the Americans. It is said they have exported within these Two Years, Wheat, Flour, and Indian Corn, from Three Provinces only, to the Amount of several Hundred Thousand Pounds; and that many of the Merchants of that Country are so rich, as to have Thousands of Pounds in the Hands of their Correspondents in London, by which they make Eight or Ten per Cent in Bills of Exchange.

It is certain, that Overtures have been made to restore the Seals to Lord Camden, and to compliment Lord Chatham with a considerable Post in the Administration: But as this had been judged a Fiasco, only to divide the Leaders of the Opposition, the Proposition, it is said, has been rejected.

It is now beyond all Doubt that a new Lord Chancellor must be appointed before the Meeting of Parliament, for if Lord Mansfield retires, the Chair in the Upper House will be vacant, and must be filled up.

Lord Mansfield's retiring from publick Business is now talked of by those who pretend to be in the Secret, with the most confident Authority.

Several Conferences have been lately held among the principal Persons in Administration, concerning the State of the Irish Funds; and we are assured this will be Subject of Consideration at the beginning of next Session of Parliament.

Accounts of Two important Victories gained lately by the Russians over the Turks, by Sea and Land.

The Russians were so lucky to make good their Way into the Archipelago much sooner than was expected, as the usual Course of the Wind could not be depended on to carry them sooner than September. They were not, however, far advanced into the Sea, when, on the 15th of July, being Nineteen Ships commanded by Admiral Elphinston, they fell in with the Turkish Fleet, consisting of Twenty-three Ships, commanded by Zeffier Bey. They engaged each other with the Appearance of great Ardour on both Sides, and after an obstinate Engagement, the Turks were obliged to yield the Victory; and those of their Vessels which remained in a Condition to effect it, saved themselves by Flight. It is supposed the Turkish Admiral Zeffier Bey, was very near being taken, as the Vessel sunk in which he was presumed to be, as the Commander was seen to get out of her, with great Difficulty, into a Boat.

By an Express which arrived by Way of Germany, and through Holland, certain and authentic Advice is brought of a most signal and total Victory of the Rus-

sians over the principal Army of the Turks, on the 15th of July.

B O S T O N, O c t o b e r 11.

We hear the Honourable House of Representatives at Cambridge, on Tuesday last voted to proceed to Business. 53 Yeas, 29 Nays.

At a Meeting of the Merchants in this Town at the British Coffee-House, it was unanimously voted to alter the Non-Importation Agreement, and to open the Importation of Goods from Great-Britain, except Tea, and such other Articles as are, or may be subject to Duties for the Purpose of raising a Revenue in America.

We hear there are new Appointments for Surveyors of his Majesty's Woods in North-America, viz.

His Excellency Governor Wentworth for New-Hampshire, &c.

Hon. Brigadier Ruggles for this Province, and the Northern Parts of Nova Scotia.

Capt. Gazel of New-York, for the Southern Provinces.

And Mr. Scammel, for the Navy.

With Salaries of 500 l. Sterling per Annum, each. We hear Francis Bernard, Esq; and John Bernard, Esq; are appointed Joint Naval Officers for the Port of Boston.

Sir Thomas Adams, late Commander of the Boston, died on board the Romney, and on Monday was buried at Castle-William.

Yesterday Morning arrived here Commodore Gambier, in his Majesty's Ship Salisbury: He was saluted by the Men of War in this Harbour and by the Castle, which were returned by the Salisbury.

New in this Harbour, his Majesty's Ships Salisbury, Romney, Rose, Beaver, Viper, Senegal, and Two armed Schooners.

W I L L I A M S B U R G, O c t o b e r 13.

On Monday the 15th Instant, about One o'Clock in the Morning, departed this Life, universally lamented throughout this Colony, his Excellency the Right Honourable Norborne Baron de Boucquart, his Majesty's Lieutenant, Governor-General and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Truly and justly to express the many great Virtues and amiable Qualities which adorned this noble Lord, as well in his publick as private Character, would demand the Skill of the ablest Penman. Suffice it then to inform such Parts of the World as were Strangers to his transcendent Merits, that Virginia, in his Fall, sorely laments the Loss of the best of Governors, and the best of Men. Let his distant Relations and Friends be told, that we have all anticipated, and shall, to the latest Period, share their Grievs and deep Afflictions; and that we condole with them, with the Warmth of the most tender Affection.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, O c t o b e r 13.

Monday last the General Assembly of this Province met here, when Joseph Galloway, Esq; was chosen Speaker; and Charles Moore, Esq; Clerk of the House. Benjamin Franklin, Esq; is appointed sole Agent for this Province at the Court of Great-Britain, for the ensuing Year.

A N N A P O L I S, S E P T E M B E R 1.

IN Consequence of the following Advertisement which appeared in the Maryland Gazette, Number 1309.

"At a Meeting of the Merchants of Baltimore-Town, held at Mr. Little's, the 5th of October, 1770,

"Mr. JOHN SMITH was unanimously chosen Chairman.

"On Motion, the Question was put, Whether an Advertisement be published in the Gazette, requesting a Meeting of a General Committee at Annapolis the 25th Instant, to judge of the Expediency of continuing the Association under the particular Circumstances of the Philadelphia Merchants breaking theirs; and, that if such a Meeting cannot be brought about, that in that Case the Merchants of this Town will look upon the Association dissolved, and go into a general Importation, excepting Tea and other dutiable Goods?

"Resolved in the Affirmative.

"Signed by Order of the Meeting, JOHN SMITH, Chairman.

"In Consequence of the above Resolution, a Committee of Four will be appointed to attend at Annapolis the 25th Instant, to meet such as may be sent from the other Counties."

Committees from Queen-Anne's, Talbot, and Dorchester Counties, some Gentlemen of the Council, a considerable Majority of the Representatives in Assembly, several Merchants of the City of Annapolis, and other Gentlemen from different Counties of the Province, met at the House of Mrs. Middleton, in Annapolis, the 25th of October, 1770.

Mr. JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH in the Chair.

Mr. Jonathan Hudson, the only Person attending from Baltimore-Town, produced the following written Appointment.

"At a Meeting of the MERCHANTS and TRADERS of the Town of Baltimore, this 24th Day of October 1770, Mess. JONATHAN HUDSON, JOHN M'CLURE, JOHN MERRYMAN, and JOHN BOYD, or ANY OF THEM, are appointed to meet the Committees of the other Counties, to consider of the Expediency of continuing or altering the general Association of this Province.

Signed by John Smith, William Lux, William Smith, William Buchanan, Samuel Purviance, Jun. E. Mactie.

Mr. Hudson then informed the Meeting, "That he is instructed by the Merchants and Traders of Baltimore-Town, who signed the Appointment, to ac-

quaint the Committees, that they were determined to depart from the Non-Importation Agreement, and import every Kind of Goods from Great-Britain, such only excepted on which Duties are, or hereafter may be imposed by the Parliament of Great-Britain, notwithstanding any Regulations of this Meeting to the contrary, and that He was likewise instructed not to agree to any other Terms but to a Dissolution of the Association."

First, Resolved unanimously, That it is the Opinion of this Meeting, that the British Subjects in America have a constitutional exclusive Right of taxing themselves in a legislative Capacity.

Second, Resolved unanimously, That it is the Opinion of this Meeting, that the Non-Importation Agreement was a necessary, prudent, and legal Measure for obtaining Redress of the Grievances of America, and if generally adhered to, would interest the Merchants, Traders, and Manufacturers of Great-Britain, in obtaining a Repeal of the unconstitutional Revenue-Act, which would be of great Importance in promoting Frugality, Industry, and Manufactures among ourselves, and the most likely Means to obtain the desired End.

Third, Resolved unanimously, That the Association entered into the 22d of June 1769, be strictly adhered to.

Fourth, Resolved unanimously, That those Six Persons who stile themselves "the Merchants and Traders of Baltimore-Town," together with Mr. Jonathan Hudson, who brought and delivered their indecent and inconsistent Message to this Meeting, have by their Conduct shewn a shameful Disregard, as well to their own Engagements as to the most sacred Rights and Liberties of America, and as far as lay in their Power endeavoured to destroy that Union and good Faith so necessary at this, and at all Times for the Safety and constitutional Rights of these Colonies.

Fifth, Resolved unanimously, That if the Merchants and Traders of Baltimore-Town, or elsewhere, shall depart from the Non-Importation Agreement, We will not (nor ought any other Person, in our Opinion, within this Province) buy, take up, or receive any Goods whatever from such of them who shall by any Means break the Association.

Sixth, Resolved unanimously, That the above Resolutions be printed in the Maryland Gazette and transmitted to the several Colonies.—And the People of America are hereby intreated and conjured, by all the sacred Rights of Freemen, to join as One Man in the Rejection of all foreign Superfluities, until a total Repeal of the injurious and oppressive Revenue-Act takes Place.

By the COMMITTEE of GRIEVANCES and COURTS of JUSTICE, October 30, 1770.

YOUR Committee beg leave to report to your Honourable House, That being informed William Stewart, Clerk of the Land-Office, had taken a Note of Hand in that Office from William Hamlin, with Security for the Payment of a Sum of Money, on the issuing a Warrant of Escheat in the said Office to the said Hamlin, and that the said William Stewart did administer to the said Hamlin the Oath of not making Tobacco heretofore used, the said William Stewart acquainted your Committee by Order, and attended your Committee, That upon Application made to him, as Clerk of the Land-Office, by William Hamlin, for a Special Warrant of Escheat, he applied to Benedict Calvert and George Stewart, Esqrs. his Principals, by Letter, for their Directions as to the Receipt or Security of the Fees of the said Office; That they both came into the Office, and gave him verbal Directions, that he should, upon any Application to him for Business to be done in that Office, take the Fees allowed by the late Impediment Law, or Notes therefor, or for the Payment of such Fees as should be allowed by any Regulation made by the Assembly, or by Proclamation; That if a Person made no Tobacco, and therefore purported to pay in Money, at Twelve Shillings and Six pence, that he should administer the Oath of not making Tobacco, heretofore in Use, to such Person; That if ready Money was offered by those who made Tobacco, that then the Fees should be received at Fifteen Shillings per Hundred; That, in consequence of such Directions, he the said William Stewart (being a Justice of the Peace) administered such Oath to the said William Hamlin, and took of him, and Robert Buchanan as his Security, a promissory Note, as well as in a Course of Business Two other Notes for Special Warrants, Copies of which Notes are hereto annexed, and which the said William Stewart informed your Committee are the only Securities taken for the Payment of Fees in that Office; That he received from each of the Parties Ten Shillings to himself for his drawing a Petition for each of the said Warrants.

Which Proceedings and Doings in the said Land-Office, your Committee are of Opinion are in no wise warranted by Law, and are oppressive and grievous to the People of this Province, and humbly submit the same to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed by Order, RALPH DOBINSON, Clerk.

The HOUSE unanimously concur with the above Report.

Signed by Order, JOHN DUCKETT, Cl. Lo. Ho.

WILLIAM HAMLIN and ROBERT BUCHANAN, both of Kent County, do oblige themselves, or Heirs, to pay unto Benedict Calvert and George Stewart, Judges of the Land-Office, the Sum of Two Pounds Five Shillings and Ten-pence Current Money, as it now passes, as witness our Hands, this 24th Day of October 1770.

Test. WILLIAM STEUART. WILLIAM HAMLIN, ROBERT BUCHANAN.

N. B. The above Fee to be agreeable to Proclamation.

THOMAS ELLIOTT, of Queen-Anne's County, do oblige myself, or my Heirs, to pay unto Benedict Calvert and George Stewart, Judges of the Land-Office,

the Quantity of Three Hundred Pounds of good and lawful Tobacco, this 30th Day of October 1770, to be agreeable to Proclamation of Fees, which shall happen.

Test. NICH. HARWOOD. TH.

JOHN BROOKER MEEK, of Kent County, do oblige myself, or my Heirs, to pay unto Benedict Calvert and George Stewart, Judges of the Land-Office, Three Hundred Pounds of good and lawful Tobacco, this 30th Day of October 1770, to be agreeable to Proclamation of Fees, which shall happen.

Test. NICH. HARWOOD.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY

RESOLVED unanimously, That the Rights of the Freemen of this Province, with the Assent of the Legislature, to impose and establish, and that the imposing, establishing, or altering, any Taxes, or Fees, on, or from the Province, under Colour or Pretence of Reward, or in the Name of the Governor or other Authority, is arbitrary, oppressive, and illegal.

Resolved unanimously, That in all Cases where Law for Officers, the Power of ascertaining Reward for such Services is constituted upon the Action of the Party.

Resolved unanimously, That the William Stewart, Clerk of the Land-Office, Thomas Elliott, and John Brooker MEEK, who have taken and received, or are intended to receive, any Fees, or other Money, or any other Thing, which is not appointed and required by Law, and is dangerous to the Liberty of the People, be and they are declared to be dangerous Tendency.

Signed by Order, JOHN DUCKETT, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Ordered, That the above Report, Notes, and the Resolves thereon, be printed in the Maryland Gazette.

Signed by Order, JOHN DUCKETT, Cl. Lo. Ho.

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(7w) JONATHAN HUDSON.

To be sold by the Subscriber, on Friday next, at the Plantation of the del Manor, commonly known as Hominy-Pot,

A Parcel of HOGS, SHEEP, and CATTLE, for ready Cash.

JAMES HAMILTON.

THERE is at the Plantation taken up as a Stray, a Fourteen Hands and a Half high Bay Brand, appears to be about three years old, has a short Scar on the right hind Leg just above the hock, which appears to have been cut.

The Owner may have him again, upon paying Charges.

RICHARD BRIAN sails from Baltimore-Town, on Friday next, at 10 o'Clock every Tuesday Morning; and from Annapolis on Friday next.

RAN away from the Subscriber's Plantation, Kent County, Maryland, the 23d of October, a Convict Slave, PHILLIP GRIFFITH, about Twenty Years of Age, Five Feet Nine or Ten Inches high, of a remarkable pale Complexion, short dark Hair, gray Eyes, and a high Frize Coat much worn, a black Waistcoat, a Pair of old blue Kilted Trowsers, and a Pair of old blue Felt Hat half worn.

Whoever takes up, and secures the said Slave, so that the Owner may have him, shall receive Fifty Shillings Reward, and all Charges paid by the Owner.

N. B. It is supposed the said Slave is an Oyster-Boat belonging to Little's Neck.

On Wednesday the 28th Day of October, 1770, at Upper Prince George's County, for the Redemption of a certain Money, TWENTY-TWO Country

consisting of Men, Women, and Children, will be given for Payment with Security if required.

(5w) ELIZABETH BUCHANAN.