

afide their austere Behaviour to the Subjects of Great-Britain, and have permitted them to enjoy much greater Advantages, with regard to Trade, than they have done for some Time past.

"The Portuguese now carry on a considerable Trade with the Americans, especially for Corn, which the former pay for in Cash; but their other Articles they Barter for; however the Americans have carried from hence vast Sums of Money at different Times, by which Means they have been enabled to enlarge their Commerce, and are freed from those Embarrassments which the great want of Cash had often driven them to; and their carrying on such an extensive Trade here will make them less dependant on their Mother Country. They certainly are a very industrious People, and having good Ground to work upon, produce a prodigious Increase, and the Corn is no way inferior to any that has ever been brought from any other Country.

"They are building several Men of War here, and at other Ports, and the Army (such as it is) is kept to strict Discipline, which intimates that they are apprehensive a War is near at Hand.

"The many Executions which have been of late are shocking to human Nature, Gentlemen dragged from their Houses to a Dungeon, and without any Form of Trial, in the Dead of the Night, have their Heads severed from their Bodies, from false Informations. The Crime they were charged with is said to be groundless, because they have never attempted to prove it. I hope I shall be able soon to settle my Affairs, that I may return to my native Country, a Land of Liberty; for I am heartily weary of living in an arbitrary Country, where such Scenes of Cruelty are daily presented."

Sept. 12. A distinguished Personage, who made a conspicuous Figure in the Opposition, during the last political Campaign, has hinted to the Premier, that he is willing to shake Hands with him, upon certain Conditions.

On the other Hand it is asserted, that notwithstanding the Wavering and Inconstancy of some, and the Defection of others, of a certain Society, the patriotic Band have a masked Battery to play off against next Winter, which will astonish all the Tools of Administration.

We hear from very good Authority, that the Parliament will not sit for the Dispatch of Business 'til after Christmas, on Account of the American Affairs being likely to terminate so well.

It is asserted that fresh Overtures of Peace have been made to the Czarina, on the Part of the Grand Signior, which are likely to procure a Cessation of Arms.

A Letter from Italy, dated August 17, says, "All the Artillery which the Turks had landed at Scio, and some other Islands, for the better Defence of those Places, is fallen into the Hands of the Russians. The Turks who escaped, and flew to Smyrna, after the total Defeat of their Squadron, have massacred all the Greeks they found there."

Extra of a Letter from a Merchant at Lisbon to a Gentleman in London, dated August 7.

"On the 4th Inst. Mr. Dennis Connell was committed to Jail in a most arbitrary Manner, by an inferior Officer of the City Magistrates, in violation of the Privileges granted to the British Nation by the most solemn Treaties, confirmed by many Royal Decrees, for refusing to sign a Claim made by Brokers, for Brokerage on Sales, at which they were not employed, nor had any Thing to do with. It is done with a View to subject all Sales to the Charge of Brokerage; on which Pretence there is a Law-Suit now depending between the Body of Brokers and the British Factory, as a Claim on an ancient Royal Grant, though often denied them on Appeals to Courts of Justice. It is a stale Attempt at Abuse revived, and made with Violence to intimidate us into Acquiescence. A Design to lay our ruining Trade and Traders under Contribution. It is, in short, an Insult on our Country, and an actual Violation of our Rights. We shall see what our Government will do, as a Representation of the Affair from the Consul and Factory is going to England. Our Judge conservator officially interposed, but without Effect. The Privileges were violated by sending Mr. Connell to a common Prison for a pretended civil Offence. Had it been a real one, it was his right to be sent to the Castle; but he was removed thither Yesterday.

Sept. 13. On Friday Morning last the Comptroller of the General-Post-Office, with One of the Clerks, were sent Express, in a Chaise and Four, to Falmouth, after the last dispatched New-York Bag, with Orders, that if they did not overtake it there, immediately to get a Yessel, and follow the Packet for that Purpose; supposed to be the Consequence of some Change of Sentiments in the Ministry, respecting the New-York Importers.

Last Night a Messenger arrived at St. James's from the Court of Petersburg, with some secret Dispatches of Importance which were immediately forwarded to Richmond.

The Report is now current in all the publick Offices, that this Nation is on the Eve of a War with some of the continental Powers.

We hear Orders are just given for Eleven Thousand Tons of Shipping to be immediately taken up on Government Contract, to be employed as Transports.

A Fleet of Observation is actually fitting out for Channel Service, and to cruize to the Westward as far as Cape Finisterre.

A Board of Admiralty is to be held on Tuesday next, on Affairs of great Importance.

We hear Three Regiments of Infantry on the Irish Establishment, are ordered to be in Readiness to embark for foreign Service.

A Squadron of Spanish Men of War, consisting of Nine Sail besides Transports, were lately seen near off the Bermuda Islands, steering to the South-West.

Last Night it was reported that the Spanish Ambassador set out on his Journey to Madrid.

Fifteen per Cent. Insurance, against a War, for One Month was offered yesterday at Lloyd's Coffee-House.

We can assure the Publick, that Orders are issued from the Admiralty Office, to equip and completely man Sixteen Sail of the Line, which are to have Three Months Provisions on board: Their Destination is not yet made publick, but from this, and other concurring Circumstances, it seems as if we were not far from the Eve of a War; at least our Ministry wisely put themselves upon their Guard against any sudden Stroke; indeed the amazing Number of Ships that are getting ready at the several Ports of France and Spain, is a Circumstance that demands their most cautious Attention.

Several Transports are taken up to carry Troops and Stores to Gibraltar, to relieve that Garrison; and as a proper Convoy of Men of War must necessarily be appointed to attend them, it is conjectured by the rational Part of Mankind, that this Circumstance has given an Opportunity to the Bulls and Bears to propagate the Report of a War, in Order to make a Prey of the Ignorant and undiscerning. In Consequence of this artful Scheme, the Stocks have already fallen Three or Four per Cent.

It is reckoned that the Sixteen Men of War of the Line, now fitting out, will require 10,000 Sailors to man them.

It is said that the E— of C— has been particularly requested to attend the Privy Councils.

It is now confirmed that Lord N— strongly recommends the restoring the Seals immediately to Lord Camden.

A Gentleman lately arrived from Italy reports, that the Earl of B— attends Mass abroad with great Ferocity and Devotion.

It is actually said, that a Detachment from the Troops in Halifax is ordered to march into the Province of New-York, to secure the Merchants against the Threats of the Populace.

Lord Hillsborough's and the Attorney General's Visit at this Time to a Neighbouring Kingdom, has given Rise to many Conjectures, some of which reflect but little Honour either to the Negotiation or Negotiators.

There is nothing talked of in the City but a Spanish War, and the Merchants, instead of being apprehensive of the Consequences, labour to bring it about.

This Day Bank Stock has fallen Three per Cent. and the other Stocks in Proportion; but we have not yet been able to learn the Cause.

It is said very large Insurances on French and Spanish Property are now making at the East End of the Town, on high Premiums.

The strictest Orders are sent to New-York to support the Friends of Government in that Colony with the utmost Exertion of both the Naval and Military Powers.

Lords Weymouth, Rochford, March, and Sir Edward Hawke, as well as Earls Gower, and Northington, were present at the Council held yesterday at St. James's.

It was observed by a great Man at a late most respectable Meeting, that France and Spain were unfaithful as to the Observance of the Treaties subsisting between them and this Nation; but that the Behaviour of Portugal, for a long Time past, has been Ingratitude itself.

Another Council will be held in a few Days; when the Affair of the Imprisonment of Mr. Connell (a British Merchant in Portugal) will be taken into Consideration.

Mr. Sheriff Townsend, in a late Conference with some of the Members of Administration, relative to the exonerating himself from the Contract he is at present engaged in, was, after some Conversation, told that no Sum of Money should acquit him. Well then, Gentlemen, replied the Patriot, though you Force me to be your Servant, you may depend on it I shall never be your Tool.

At the late Visit of a certain Ambassador to Lord Weymouth, it is said, that he insisted on knowing the Destination of our Men of War now fitting out; but his Lordship assured him, that the English would by no Means be accountable to any Nation on that Head; upon which the Ambassador replied, that if the English thought proper to drive his Country into a War, his Court should be prepared for it; and immediately turning upon his Heel, abruptly left the English Minister.

The Russians, by their Land Forces, have not yet made Progress enough to secure the Navigation to the Black Sea, which is indeed the grand Point aimed at; Till this is accomplished, there will be no Cessation of Arms, and all Reports to that Purport are groundless. Bank Stock has fallen Six per Cent. in one Week.

Sept. 14. We are informed that the Russians have erected an Hospital for their Sick, at Scio; but when the last Letters came away, they had not set Foot in Asia or Egypt, nor yet attempted the Passage of the Dardanelles, which is but narrow, being no more than Three Quarters of a Mile over, the Current exceeding rapid and contrary, and secured by Batteries on the Two opposite Shores.

By the latest Accounts from the East-Indies, we hear, that though Hyder Ali has not formally broke with the English in those Parts, yet he has cantoned his Troops within Twenty Miles of their principal Settlements, so as to be able in Two Days to draw together an Army of 50,000 Men, to a Distance less than a Day's March from Madras.

Thursday arrived and remain in the Downs the Russian Squadron, consisting of Three Ships of War, and Sixteen Transports, commanded by Admiral Arff.

Letters from Warsaw, dated August 22, brought by this Day's Mail, assure us, that the Plague has already carried off 30,000 Souls in the Neighbourhood of Zaffan, Ortróg, Chmielnik, Constantinow, Dubno, and Zbaraz. In Consequence of these Advices, the Entrance into the Principal Cities of that Kingdom is forbidden to all Strangers, who are unprovided with Bills of Health, as well for themselves, as their Effects.

PORTSMOUTH, Aug. 21. Yesterday a French vessel came to the Officers here, for their opening Places of rendezvous to enter Sailors on board the following Men of War here and at Plymouth, viz. the Achilles, 60

Guns; Centaur, 74; Saint Antonio, 74; Bellona, 74; Arrogant, 74; Ajax, 74; Dorsetshire, 70; Rippon, 64; Hero, 74; Cornwall, 74; Tamerlane, 74; Burford, 70; Bellide, 70; Firm, 64; and Edgar, 64; and that they may be manned as soon as possible, great Encouragement is offered to all able Seamen that will enter.—It is said, that as soon as these Ships have got their Complement of Men, they will be stationed in the Mediterranean as a Fleet of Observation.

B O S T O N, October 29. On Thursday last the Honourable House of Representatives chose Dr. Benjamin Franklin Agent for the House.

The Superior Court of Judicature, and Court of Affize and general Gaol Delivery, met at the Court House in this Town, on Tuesday last, according to Adjournment, for the Trial of criminal Cases. The Trial of Capt. Preston began on Wednesday Morning, and continued every Day since, (Sunday excepted) and it is thought the Trial will be finished this Day. The Jury (which consists of Inhabitants both of Town and Country) has not been permitted to separate during all this Time.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 1.

The Captains Sparks and Osborn, from London, have brought no Goods, except such as are allowed of by our late Agreement, but have, on the contrary, brought near 10,000 l. in Cash, the Property of Persons in this City; this being some of the Golden Fruits of the Non-importation, it is hoped that the People of this Continent will so far see their Interest, as to manufacture whatever lays in their Power, so that instead of sending Millions to maintain our Talk-masters in England, we may receive Thousands from thence.

Arrivals from Philadelphia, Captains Davidson, and Scot, at Bristol; Currie, at Cork; and Captain Williams, at Lisbon.

From Virginia, Captains Dunley, and Dobbie, in London; Sampson, at Bristol; Breakhill, and Quinsey, at Liverpool; Jorden, at Dover; and Captain Ritchie, at Ayr.

From Maryland, Captain Jordan, in London.

ANNAPOLIS, NOVEMBER 15.

To Messieurs John Hall, Thomas Johnson, jun. William Paca, Samuel Chase, Benjamin Mackall, Stephen Bordley, jun. Thomas Jennings, and James Tighman, 3d, Esquires, Attornies at Law.

GENTLEMEN,

YOUR Advertisement in the last Week's Gazette, that you are willing to receive the several Fees due to you, for Services done this Year in the Law Way, at the Rate of Ten Shillings common Money, must be of great Service to the good People of this Province, and more especially to the poorer Sort of them, who often Times are involved in heavy and expensive Law Suits: It is therefore resolved unanimously, by the Grand Jury for the Body of Anne Arundel County, that their sincere Thanks be returned to you, and to assure you, that such a Measure, at this Time, bespeaks a noble and patriotic Spirit of our constitutional Liberty; and we pray God that all Officers may follow such a worthy Example, and may your Names be handed down from Generation to Generation for acting so worthy a Part, at this Time, to the good People of this Province, with the greatest Respect and Veneration.

Signed per Order of the Grand Jury, NATHAN HAMMOND, Foreman.

BY the Committee appointed to inspect the publick Offices, and to inquire from the several Officers, their Deputies, Registers, or Clerks, into the annual Amount of the Fees that have accrued due to the said Officers of this Province for Seven Years last past. In Obedience to the Order of the Honourable House, your Committee have inquired into the Amount of Fees in several of the Offices, and do report as follows:

SECRETARY'S FEES in the Provincial Court.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Fees. Rows for 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1768, 1769.

SECRETARY'S FEES in the Chancery Court.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Fees. Rows for 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1768, 1769.

Two of your Committee applied to the Examiner, for the Account of his Fees for Seven Years last past, who answered, in general, that he had not made any Lists of Fees but what were sent to the Sheriffs annually, and could only know the Amount by having Recourse to their Accounts and Returns, and at present was unable to do it.

Your Committee applied also to the Register of the Commissary's Office, and were informed, by Letter from him, that he was so unwell as to be incapable of leaving his Bed; that he was ready to give all the Information in his Power; that to the best of his Remembrance the Fees in 1763, and 1764, amounted to about a 20,000; in 1765, and the following Years down to 1769, to about a 30,000, and in 1769, by Reason of Papers not coming timely to Hand to charge in the preceding Year's Fees, they amounted to about a 20,000.

Your Committee afterwards understanding Mr. Fall's letter was better, went to his Office again, and obtained

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