

Thirty Shillings, Five Pounds per Man had been offered by Government, we might have had Sailors enough, promising likewise on the publick Faith, their Discharge after a certain Number of Years; that this ought to have been done Six Months ago; that 50,000 Sailors, on this Calculation, would only have cost Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds; that above Twice the Sum had been squandered away at *Kezo, Richmond, and for most corrupt Purposes*, and voted without any Accounts; that such a Method ought to have been first tried: But that now in the very Capital, our Fellow Citizens were every Hour the Prey of lawless Ruffians, &c." My Lord Mayor then said, "He thought the Occasion justified his Conduct; and that it was unfriendly in Mr. Wilkes to mention it; but, however, he avowed having given all the Aid of the Civil to the Military in the City." Mr. Wilkes replied, "That it was a great publick Concern, that it was friendly to his Country, and that should always have the first Place in his Heart, as well as be the leading Principle of his Actions."

Oct. 15. The Spanish Infantry, including 33 Battalions of Militia, amounting to 25,100 Men, are estimated at about 92,000. Their Cavalry consists of about 12,000 Men, and their Seamen are said to amount to 47,000, all of whom are badly clothed, badly paid, and badly disciplined.

Authentic Accounts from Hamburg say, that 3 young Men had dropped down dead at the Custom-House in Dantzick, that several People had died there after a few Hours Illness, with livid Spots on their Bodies, which had thrown the Inhabitants into the utmost Consternation.

It is asserted, that Part of the Baggage of the Spanish Ambassador is already put on board a Ship in the River, bound for Cadiz; and that the Departure of his Excellency is fixed for this Day Se'nnight. He is to go by the Way of Paris to Madrid, in order to negotiate some important Business with the Court of France, which he is, by the Dispatches he received by the last Courier, charged with before he returns home.

Oct. 16. By Letters from Leghorn of the 21st of September, we learn, that Six English Men of War are arrived in that Port, and that Ten more are daily expected.

Orders are given for several small Sloops and armed Cutters to cruise in the Channel and on the Scotch Coast, to prevent any Ships putting into our Ports, suspected of being infected.

Orders are also sent to Ireland to take the same necessary Precautions as in England.

The Peace that is already signed between the Court of France and the Bey of Tunis, it is imagined, will alter the Face of Affairs a little in the Mediterranean. The Fleet the French had before that City, must either be laid up or put upon some other Service; being scarcely probable that they will maintain so considerable an Armament, unless with some particular View or Intention.

Oct. 17. We can from very good Authority assert, that a great Personage in Administration has declared, that a War is now inevitable.

We are now informed that the Spanish Ambassador has not received Letters of Recall, neither is there any Time fixed for his Departure.

Letters from Paris say, it is certain that the Duke de Choiseul has written to the Spanish Minister, to whom he has intimated, that it is by no Means the Wish of the French Court, that Spain should involve herself at present in a War with Great-Britain.

Yesterday arrived a Mail from Lisbon, by which we learn, that the Court of Portugal is greatly embarrassed on Account of the present unhappy Situation of Affairs in Europe, as they think there is no longer a Doubt but a War will soon break out between England and Spain, and consequently the latter will have Assistance from France. The Ministry there have been acquainted by the French Ambassador, that they must not remain idle Spectators. England has been their faithful Ally, therefore they seem not willing to take Part against them, lest they should hereafter stand in Need of their Assistance. The English Merchants there are treated in a much better Manner than they have been for some Time past; and a Promise has been made, that the Merchant who was imprisoned shall have Restitution made him for that gross Insult; and all Matters at that Time in Dispute shall be amicably settled.

Oct. 18. A great Officer of State is said to have declared, that he has Resources, without taxing the Nation to any great Height, sufficient to carry on a War for Five Years certain.

The present Premier, contrary to the Custom of his Predecessors, confines his Attention solely to the particular and undoubted Business of his own Department; and we have it from good Authority, that he has planned a Scheme to answer all the Exigencies of the ensuing Year, with which he will open the Budget of the approaching Session.

Whatever the Determination of the Court of Spain may be, with regard to our present Requests, an Augmentation of our Fleet in the Mediterranean is, we hear, determined on.

Oct. 19. It is said, with some Confidence, at the West End of the Town, that the Answer lately received from the Court of Madrid was, "That as they, as well as the English, were Parties, they could not properly determine Affairs; therefore they were willing to refer them to some neutral Power, to be hereafter agreed on." This for some Days seemed to satisfy our pacific Ministry; but it was warmly remonstrated against by a noble Lord in Council, as a Piece of Finesse to gain Time.

Tuesday Night Lord Weymouth had a long Conference with the Spanish Ambassador at Powis House, and the same Night, at Ten o'Clock, a Courier was dispatched by his Excellency to the Court of Madrid, requiring fresh Instructions for his Conduct.

We hear it has been resolved, after a long Debate, that in the present Dispute between Great Britain and Spain, the Mediation of France should not be accepted.

CORK, Oct. 18. Orders were received here last Wednesday Night from the War-Office, to the 51st and 61st

Regiments of Foot, to hold themselves ready to embark for Portsmouth. The 56th and 58th Regiments are ready to embark for Gibraltar; the Transports are expected the first fair Wind.

B O S T O N, December 17.

At the Superior Court, holden in this Town on Wednesday last, came on the Trial of Edward Manwaring, Esq; an Officer of the Customs, Mr. John Munro, Notary Publick, Hammond Green, and Thomas Greenwood, who had been charged with firing Guns out of the Custom-House, on the Evening of the 5th of March, and indicted by the Grand Jury for the Murder of those Persons who were killed at that Time, and for which Manwaring, &c. were imprisoned.—The Evidences against them being not credited, the Council for the Crown gave up the Cause, and the Jury acquitted the Prisoners without going from their Seats.

Dec. 24. The Expectation of a speedy War leads us to think of the present happy Situation Britain is in with Respect to the Colonies.—In former Wars they were indebted to the Affections and Purse of Americans, for any necessary Aids in Men and Money.—To procure the former they will now have the Influence of Commissioners, Judges of Admiralty, &c.—and for the latter, they have the whole American Revenue to apply to, without any Control from the People.

Several Watchmen of the Town have informed, that they have, for several Mornings past, discovered a Star, as they call it, or a Meteor, about Four o'Clock in the Morning, in the N. E. which continues for some Time, rising and lowering like a Lantern to a Kite.

NEWPORT, (Rhode-Island) December 17.

Capt. Christopher Chaplin, who arrived here last Monday Night, from the West-Indies, on the First Instant spoke with a Brig, Captain Tolan, 5 Weeks from London, for Cape Fear, who told Capt. Chaplin War was declared in England Two Days before he sailed.

PHILADELPHIA, December 27.

Capt. Miller, from Dublin, the 30th of October, in Lat. 36, 53, Long. 20, spoke Capt. Collins, from Cadiz, for London, out 10 Days, who said that it was currently reported there, that the Difference between the English and Spaniards was amicably adjusted.

Capt. Brown informs, that the French at Martinico were so apprehensive of a War, that they are hurrying their Produce to St. Eustatia as fast as possible; and that all the Vessels belonging to the French Islands, that were able to carry Guns, were fitted out as Privateers, so that they will be able to put to sea and seize our Ships immediately on the Declaration of War.

TO THE PUBLICK.

ANY Person wanting to engage a Quantity of good common Bricks, Water Table and Stock Bricks, or Hearth Tiles, for the ensuing Season, may apply to the Subscriber, at Mr. James Maccubbin's Plantation near Annapolis, who has been Foreman for several Years at the Brick-making Business at Philadelphia, and will engage them as good as any made in the Province. Or any Person applying to Mr. William Coffin, Merchant in Annapolis, opposite Robert Couden's, Esq; will be equally the same.

MICHAEL KRIPS. N. B. said Coffin hath for Sale at his Store, West-India Rum, and Muscovado Sugar by the Hoghead, Barrel, or smaller Quantity. Also Loaf Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Mustard, Ginger, Soap, dipped and mould Candles, Spermaceti Candles, Cotton, Wool, Whalebone for Stay-makers, choice old Madeira Wine, by the Pipe, Gallon, or Quart, Mens Shoes, &c. &c.

January 3, 1771.

THE Copartnership of James Christie, junr. and John Boyd of Joppa, Baltimore County, having expired and been dissolved on the First Instant, and the Subscriber and his Agents being solely and fully empowered to settle and finish the Business of that Concern. It is requested of those who have Claims against it, to bring them in, that they may be adjusted and paid, and those who are indebted to that Copartnership are desired speedily to pay off their respective Balances, or at least to give Bond, with Security, if desired, for them, either to Mr. Thomas Miller at Joppa, or at Baltimore-Town, to

JAMES CHRISTIE, junr.

Annapolis, December 8, 1770.

THE Subscriber hereby gives Notice, that he has taken out Licence to keep Tavern, in the House lately occupied by Mrs. M'Mordie, in Church-Street, near the Dock; in Consequence of which, he has laid in a Stock of the best of Liquors, Hay, and Oats, and will be obliged to all Gentlemen Strangers, and others, for their Custom, as they may depend on his utmost Endeavours to oblige.

N. B. He likewise retails Rum, Sugar, and Molasses.

ISAAC M'HARD.

December 27, 1770

WHEREAS the Subscriber obtained a Note of Hand of John Horn, of Baltimore-Town, in the Province of Maryland, for Eighteen Pounds Current Money, drawn by James Norman, payable to Christian Heneberger, which Note was assigned by Heneberger to John Horn, and assigned by the said John Horn to me, which said Note I have lost or mislaid.—This is to forewarn all Persons whatsoever from taking an Assignment of the said Note.

WILLIAM SCOTT.

Long's Wharf, near Baltimore-Town. WHEREAS the Subscriber has purchased of a certain Joseph Jeffers, a Schooner named Peggy; any Person or Persons claiming Property in the said Schooner, may have her again, on proving Property, paying the Purchase Money and other Charges. (w3) WILLIAM HOYE.

December 29, 1770. STOLEN from the Subscriber's Stable, living in Little-Britain Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on the 12th Instant, in the Night, a cart bay Gelding, about Fifteen Hands high, has a small Star in his Forehead, paces well, is a complete well made Horse, and was Four Years old last Spring.

Whoever secures the said Horse, so that the Owner may have him again, shall have Five Pounds Reward, and Five Pounds for the Thief, provided he be brought to Justice.

(w6) WILLIAM GILCHRIST. TEN POUNDS REWARD.

Baltimore, January 7, 1771. THERE is now in my Custody, committed as Runaways to the late Sheriff of this County, who has by Indenture assigned them over to me.

JOHN WILLIAMS, about 56 Years of Age, with a sandy Beard and Hair, says he belongs to Mr. William Tucker, of St. Mary's.

WILLIAM LANGLEY, of a pale Complexion, light brown Hair, about 5 Feet 7, but will not tell to whom he belongs.

NEGRO MOSES, a lusty well made Fellow, about 26 Years of Age, 5 Feet 6 or 7 Inches high, and says he belongs to Thomas Ogle, of New-Castle County.

NEGRO JOAS, a well made Fellow, about 20 Years of Age, 5 Feet 3 Inches high, says he belongs to Jeremiah Adderton, of Port-Folaco.

NEGRO HARRY, a well made Fellow, with very thick Lips, about 23 Years of Age, 5 Feet 7 Inches high, says he belongs to Dier Hamming, of St. Mary's County.

NEGRO JEM, a young Lad, about 5 Feet 5 Inches high, said to belong to Mr. John James Mackall, of Calvert County.

Their Masters are desired to fetch them away, paying their Fees and Reward due, to

JOHN ROBERT HOLLIDAY, Sheriff of Baltimore County. EIGHT POUNDS REWARD.

Anne-Arundel County, January 4, 1771.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living on Ell-Ridge, a Servant Man named PETER KELLY, he is young, much pitted with the Small-Pox, about Five Feet high: He took with him a Parcel of good Cloaths, among which there is a blue Coat, a spotted Swankin Jacket, German Serge ditto, a Pair of German Serge Breeches, Two white Shirts, and several Pair of Stockings, he has likewise with him a Discharge signed by Richard Green. He went away with an Irishman named Thomas Hall, a Weaver by Trade, who has a Pass with him signed by the Subscriber.

Whoever secures the said Peter Kelly, so that the Subscriber gets him again, shall receive the above Reward, and reasonable Charges paid if he is brought home. (w3) HENRY HOWARD.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

September 3, 1770.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in Garrison-Ferrest, in Baltimore County, Two English Convict Servant Men, viz.

THOMAS PRICE, a Tailor by Trade, about 30 Years of Age, 5 Feet 10 Inches high, a talkative Fellow, of a yellow Complexion, short black Hair: Had on, and took with him, a blue Cloth Coat, black Cloth Jacket, One Calico ditto, a Check Shirt, One white ditto, Three Pair of Osnabrig Trousers, a new Felt Hat, old Shoes, and One large Pair of Tailors Sheers, and has a large Scar on his right Leg.

JAMES BOARDMAN, about 40 Years of Age, 5 Feet 4 Inches high, a well set Fellow, short brown Hair, has One Leg shorter than the other, which makes him walk lame: Had on, an old brown Cloth Coat with white Metal Buttons, old Leather Breeches, Osnabrig Shirt, light coloured Yarn Sockings, Half Boots and Felt Hat.

Whoever takes up the said Servants, and secures them in any Jail, so as their Masters may have them again, shall have the above Reward, including what the Law allows, and reasonable Charges, if brought home, paid by

BENJAMIN WELLS, & LARKIN RANDALL.

THERE is at the Plantation of Thomas Richardson, living in Prince George's County, taken up as a Stray, a pied Heifer, marked with a Crop and Square in the left Ear.

The Owner may have him again, on proving Property and paying Charges. (w3)

THERE is at the Plantation of Abraham Britten, living in Baltimore County, taken up as a Stray, a small bay Horse, Four Years old, about Twelve Hands high, has neither Brand or Ear Mark.

The Owner may have him again, on proving Property and paying Charges. (w3)