

more, whether the Forts would surrender? The Commandant answered, that was a Question to be asked in a Year's Time. Upon which the necessary Orders were issued immediately, and the Storm began at Midnight. The Russians fought with great intrepidity, and the Garrison and Burghers made a courageous Defence; however, the Town and Forts were scaled in a very short Time, and then a very tragical Scene ensued; for the Russian Soldiers were so furious, that there was no Hope of escaping, they threw down and cut to Pieces every Thing and every Body, and it was with great Difficulty some Bahaws escaped being killed. The Loss on the Russian Side, at the Time of the Storm, is reckoned at 3000 Men, and during the whole Siege 5000 Men killed and wounded. That of the Turks is computed at 10,000, the Inhabitants of the Place included.

From the LONDON GAZETTE.
WESTMINSTER, November 13.

This Day his Majesty came to the House of Peers, and the House of Commons being sent for and come thither accordingly, his Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

WHEN I last met you in Parliament, I renewed to you the Assurances, which I had before given you, that it was my fixed Purpose to preserve the general Tranquillity; maintaining at the same Time the Honour of my Crown, together with the just Rights and Interests of my People: And it was with much Satisfaction that I indulged the Hope of being still able to continue to my Subjects the Enjoyment of Peace with Honour and Security. Since that Time, those very Considerations, which I then promised you that I would never sacrifice even to the Desire of Peace, have laid me under an indispensable Necessity of preparing for a different Situation.

By the Act of the Governor of Buenos Ayres, in selling by force One of my Possessions, the Honour of my Crown, and the Security of my Peoples Rights, were become deeply affected. Under these Circumstances, I did not fail to make an immediate Demand from the Court of Spain, of such Satisfaction as I had a Right to expect for the Injury I had received. I directed also the necessary Preparations to be made, without Loss of Time, for enabling me to do myself Justice, in Case my Requisition to the Court of Spain should fail of procuring it for me. And these Preparations, you may be assured, I shall not think it expedient to discontinue, until I shall have received proper Reparation for the Injury, as well as satisfactory Proof, that other Powers are equally sincere with myself in the Resolution to preserve the general Tranquillity of Europe. In the mean Time, I have called you together thus early, in order that I may be able to receive from you such Advice and Assistance, as, in the farther Progress of this very important Business, may happen to become requisite.

With Respect to the State of my Colonies in North America, although I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that the People in most of them have begun to depart from those Combinations, which were calculated to distress the Commerce of this Kingdom; yet, in some Parts of the Colony of the Massachusetts-Bay, very unwarrantable Practices are still carried on, and my good Subjects oppressed by the same lawless Violence which has too long prevailed in that Province.

I hope, and trust, that the Precautions, which have already been used for securing this Country against the Visitation of that fatal Calamity, which has of late appeared in some distant Parts of Europe, will, with the Blessing of God, prove successful. But if, from any Alteration of Circumstances, it should at any Time be found, that farther Provisions will be wanted, I cannot doubt of your ready Concurrence for so salutary a Purpose.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I will order the proper Estimates for the Service of the ensuing Year to be laid before you. They must unavoidably, in our present Situation, exceed the usual Amount. Every unnecessary Expence my concern for the Ease of my good Subjects will ever make me careful to avoid. But I should neither consult their Interest, nor their Inclination, if I were to decline any Expence, which the publick Security, or the Maintenance of the national Honour, does at any Time require.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I am sensible how little I need say to you, at this Time, to prevail upon you to unite in whatever may best promote the true Interest of your Country. In all your Deliberations upon Points of a domestic Nature, let the Extension of our Commerce, the Improvement of the Revenue, and the Maintenance of Order and good Government, be always in your View. With Respect to foreign Measures, there will, I am persuaded, be no other Contest among you, than who shall appear most forward in the Support of the common Cause, in upholding the Reputation, and promoting the Prosperity of the Kingdom. For the Attainment of these Ends, you shall ever find me ready to exert myself to the utmost. I have no Interest, I can have none, distinct from that of my People.

[Thus far the Gazette.]
Nov. 15. Yesterday the House of Peers, preceded by Lord Mansfield their Speaker, waited on his Majesty at St. James's with their Address of Thanks, for his Speech from the Throne, and received the following most gracious Answer:

My Lords,

"It gives me great Satisfaction to find that you entertain so just a Sense of the Importance of Peace, while that desirable Object can be maintained consistently with the Honour of my Crown, and the Rights of my People. You may depend upon my best Endeavours to preserve that inestimable Blessing, so long as it is compatible with Objects still more dear to the Happiness and Prosperity of my Kingdoms."

"The affectionate Part you take in the happy Delivery of the Queen, and the Increase of my Family, gives me much Pleasure."

Extract of a Letter from Capt. W. H. Smith, of the Rickman, from Gijon, dated off Dover, November 21.
"I sailed from Gijon the 30th Instant; on the 21st of October entered the Port of Corunna, 20 Ships of the Line, and 20 Transports, all French; and the Spaniards have at that Port 20 Sail more of the Line, all ready for Sea. I came away by Night, expecting to be stopped if I remained till the next Day."

The Report of Mr. Porter being returned a second Time with Dispatches from the Court of Spain is not true; but he is daily expected.

It was reported Yesterday, that Advice was received from Bath of the Death of the Duke of Bedford.

Great Pains are taken by the Patriots to make up the Quarrel between Mr. W. and Parson H. but it is thought they will not succeed. And, it is reported, some other patriotic Gentlemen are displeased with the Conduct of the former.

We are assured, that notwithstanding Lord M. sat as President of a certain august Assembly on Tuesday, he has positively resigned the Office.

ST. JAGO DE LA VEGA, (Jamaica) October 4.

His Excellency the Governor having received Information on Oath, that a malignant Distemper was raging at Port-au-Prince in the Island of Hispaniola, called the Charbon, and there deemed a Species of the Plague, did order all Vessels coming from any Part of the said Island, to perform Quarantine until further Orders; and his Excellency having this Day received more certain Information on Oath, that there is no such Distemper at Port-au-Prince, or any other Part of the Island of Hispaniola, doth therefore hereby remand all Orders of Quarantine issued as aforesaid.

BOSTON, December 29.

We hear Sir Francis Bernard, Baronet, has had the additional Sum of 400l. Sterling, to the 600l. granted him annually, until some Place offers.

Notwithstanding the many alarming Articles in the Papers, of War just at Hand, we have it from good Authority, that the vigorous Measures taken in England will probably cause the Continuance of Peace to his Majesty's Dominions.

SALISBURY, January 1.

Last Sunday Capt. Benjamin Calley arrived at Marblehead, from Cadiz, which Place he left the 5th of November, and informs, that the Spaniards are making great Preparations for a War with Great-Britain, which they expected would commence very soon: That Troops are in Motion, and the Fortifications of Cadiz are receiving great Repairs and Additions: That Two English Men of War lately at Cadiz, lay upon their Quarters for several Nights, expecting to be boarded by the Spaniards, but left the Place before he sailed: That the Court of London had demanded Six Millions of Dollars of the Spaniards, as a Reimbursement for the Expences which their late Infradition has occasioned, and for completing the Manila Ransom: That the Court of Madrid would pay no more than Half that Sum, viz. Three Millions; on which the Person sent from London to make the Demand had left Madrid, having waited only Nine Hours for an Answer.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman at Lisbon, dated Nov. 14, 1770.

"The War seems daily nearer to an open Declaration. From Circumstances we have Reason to fear it will be general. The great and unexpected Success the Russians have had against the Turks has raised a Jealousy in the Emperor of Germany and the King of Prussia: Perhaps as the Russian Force will mostly be employed with the Turks, the Opportunity may seem favourable to the Two former Powers, who, it seems, now demand Part of Poland from the Empress, and the free Town of Dantzick. However, all these Schemes may as likely be for no other Purpose but to bring the Empress to an Accommodation with the Turks. It also happens, in the Course of such Designs, that the Parties disagree, and the natural Consequence is War: Therefore, while we see Pretensions of that Nature, we think for the worst."

NEWPORT, December 31.

We hear from Norwich that last Wednesday Night a large Barn, belonging to Colonel Jabez Huntington of that Place, was entirely consumed by Fire, with Six Oxen, Two Horses, One Cow, Twenty Tons of English Hay, and 200 Bushels of Wheat. This Barn had been set on Fire Twice before, within a few Weeks, supposed designed by some malicious Person.

Last Friday Morning, about Five o'Clock, a terrible Fire broke out in a Row of Buildings on the South Side of Queen Street in this Town, which burnt with such Fury that, notwithstanding the utmost Vigilance and Endeavours of the Inhabitants, it entirely destroyed Three considerable Dwelling-Houses by Sun-rise. His Majesty's Custom-House, adjoining the Westmost of those burnt, actually took Fire, and was so far given over, that all the Books, Papers, Furniture, &c. were removed to other Houses, and the Windows and Doors taken out in good Order, and the House must unavoidably have been consumed, had it not been for the extraordinary Activity of the People in working the Engines &c. favoured by Weather, remarkably mild and calm for the Season, by which the Fire was prevented doing it any considerable Damage.

The unhappy Sufferers, by this melancholy Providence, were Mr. Joseph Fox, Mr. John Dennis, Mr. Solomon Marche, Mr. Eleazer Levi, Mrs. Fry and Mrs. Sinkins, with their Families, amounting to 35 Persons; the Two latter poor Women, with a Number of small Children, having lost almost every Article of Furniture and Cloathing, are Objects really deserving the charitable Assistance of the Publick, and 'tis hoped will receive that Succour which their deplorable Circumstances require at this Season: Mr. Fox and Mr. Dennis lost considerable of their Furniture, &c. and merit the Benevolence of those in affluent Circum-

stances.—Through Mercy there were no Lives lost, though it was with Difficulty Mrs. Fry was carried out of her Chamber just before the Stairs were burnt down.

NEW YORK, January 10.

Advice by the Harriot Packet just arrived here from England.

"The Opinion among the trading Part in general is, that a War will take place, but still it is more certain, they decline making proper Informations, and yet fear to ship their Goods for foreign Exports, at a Hazard, which occasions a Stagnation in Trade. It is currently reported, that all Differences will terminate amicably between Great-Britain and her Colonies, and that Trade will speedily revive to its pristine Vigour."

The Bolcawen, Jacobson, from Boston, and the Golden Piece, Groesely, from Virginia, are arrived at Dover. It is said that Lord Chatham has a Plan for accommodating all domestic Differences, which he will read in the House of Lords at the Opening of the ensuing Parliament. The Right Honourable the Earl of Egmont is dangerously ill at his House in Pall-Mall. The Turks have lost several important Places and the Grand Signior had taken the Field in Person. Letters from Cadiz of the 5th, and from Lisbon of the 14th of November mention, that there are at those Places the greatest Preparations for, and Expedition of a speedy War.

PHILADELPHIA, January 14.

Saturday Morning last departed this Life Alexander Barclay, Esq; Comptroller of his Majesty's Customs for this Port.

The Friendship, Little, from Virginia to London is lost off the Sands, near Chichester; occasioned, it is said, by the Gangs preying all their People, and leaving the Captain, only one Man and a Boy to carry the Ship up, which proved insufficient to work her.

The following Paragraph is taken from a late London Paper—"We are informed, that the Disputes with respect to the Americans, are in a fair Way of being terminated. The Outlines of the Agreement, are said to be, That the Tea-Act be repealed, on Condition that a certain Sum annually be raised by the Houses of Assembly in each Province, for the Use of the Publick, in such a Manner as they shall think proper; and that an Act of Oblivion shall pass for all that has happened, on both sides, since the passing the Revenue Act for America."

It is said an Order is arrived in England to purchase for the Russian Troops, one Million Pair of worst Stockings. It is also said, that the Demands for Woolen Clothes from the North Country were very great, that all that could be obtained of the Manufacturers in Yorkshire were purchased to send there. The Ship London Packet, Capt. Cook from this Port, and the Betsy, Capt. Creamer, from Virginia, are arrived at London.

ANNAPOLIS, JANUARY 24.

Since our last we have received Advice of the following Gentlemen being chosen Delegates to serve in the General Assembly, viz.

For Cecil County, Mess. William Baxter, John Vasey, William Ward and Benjamin Runyon.
For Talbot County, Mess. James Lloyd, Charles Luine, Matthew Tilghman, Nicholas Thomas and Edward Lloyd.

For Dorchester County, Mess. William Enalls, William Richardson, Henry Steele and Joseph Richardson.
For Prince George's County, Mess. Josias Brad, Robert Tyler, Joseph Sim and Thomas Centre.

For St. Mary's County, Mess. John Reader, John Thomas Key, William Thomas and Jeremiah Jordan.
For Calvert County, Benjamin Mackall 4th, Yeast Parran, Charles Grabame and John Weems.

For Somerset County, Mess. Levin Gale, Lintala Dennis, Isaac Handy and John Adams.
For Worcester County, Mess. Peter Chaill, John Purnel Robbins, Nebemiah Holland and William Allen.

We hear from Queen Anne's County, that the Poll were not closed Yesterday Morning, but that Mr. Edward Tilghman, Thomas Wright and Richard Tilghman Earle would certainly be elected.

Yesterday Morris McCoy and Negro David were executed on the Gallows near this City, pursuant to their Sentence: McCoy's Body was from thence conveyed to a Place near which his Master was murdered, and there hung in Chains, on a Gibbet erected for that Purpose, in Sight of the Road leading to the lower Ferry on Passapatan River.

STRAYED or stolen from the Subscriber, at the Time of the Races, a small bay Horse, about Thirteen Hands high, with a Blaze on his Face, short hanging Mane and long scraped Tail, the Brand unknown, and is remarkably dull.

Whoever brings the said Horse to the Subscriber in Calvert County, or to Richard Thompson in Annapolis, shall have a Reward of Ten Shillings, paid by

(30) JOHN WOOLF.

THERE is at the Plantation of Benjamin Hory, near Upper Marlborough, taken up as a Stray, a black STEER, Five Years old last Spring, with a white Face, and a Crop on each Ear. He has been with my Cattle Four Years and upwards.

The Owner may have him again on proving Property and paying Charges.

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THE Subscriber intending to leave this Province in a short Time, all Persons who have just Claims against him are desired to bring them in, and those indebted are requested to make immediate Payment.

WILLIAM NEVIN.

On Wednesday the Sixth Day of March, will be SOLD, by PUBLIC VENTURE, Little's Dairy in Baltimore Town, Maryland.

A Parcel of very valuable Negroes, consisting of Men, Women and Children, whom is a very good Blacksmith, and a Forgemaster, Wood-cutters, &c. &c. by the Subscribers, Trustees and Mortgagees of the late Joseph Smith's Estate. Twelve Months Credit will be given to Purchasers, on giving Bond, on Improved Security.

And as there are many outstanding said Estate, to a considerable Amount, hereto indebted, either by Bond, Note, Debt, are desired very speedily to make settle their respective Balances to Satisfy Trustees; as, on Failure thereof, Receiv. will be immediately taken by JAMES W.

To be SOLD at PUBLIC SALE, 21st Day of March next, at the House of Messrs. Frederick Town, County, for ready Money, or good Land Exchange.

PART of a Tract of Land, lying in the County, situated on Little Neck, The Addition to Happy Creek, containing is being Part of the real Estate of Mr. late of Prince George's County, deceased by his last Will and Testament was sold, for certain Purposes in the said Will. The Land will be sold in Parcels, or together, as it may appear best for the Estate.

W. T. WOOLFE.

N. B. All Persons indebted to the said Mr. Jacob Sprigg, are desired to make Payment; and those who have just Claims against the said Estate, are requested to let me know before the Day of Sale, that they may be paid.

W. T. WOOLFE.

THOSE who have engaged to Carrington, are desired to apply to Mr. Carrington, for their Money or Bills for the same, the only Thing wanting previous to the sale is hoped there will be no Delay, that Place for that Purpose may be soon ad-

H. M.

D. C.

N. Y.

Allen's Friar, Talbot.

WHEREAS the Business here, late Management, is intrusted to Messrs. and being about closing and Transactions with the Store Customers Management; I take this Method to inform Customers as have not settled, that I am the Store for that Purpose, and hope no been and still are Dealers, will be backing to settle, as my Stay here may prevent any Disputes with my Successors who have Claims against the Store lodge them in due Time.

ARCHIBALD.

THREE POUNDS REWARD. AN away from the Subscriber, late Anne's County, near Choptank River, a young Negro Man, named Jamaica, something decrepit in his Time when he went away, a white Jack Breaches, white Stockings, &c. it is he has stolen a Claret coloured Jack Breaches, and a Pair of blue ribbed Stockings. Whoever takes up said Negro, and so that the Owner may have him again, if taken out of the County, the above Reward will be paid.

WILLIAM.

THERE is at the Plantation of John living in Frederick County, near Manor, taken up as a Stray, a bright Colt, between Two and Three Years old, has a bright Star in her Face, her both white, but neither docked nor branded. The Owner may have her again, on property and paying Charges.

W. A. N. T. E.

THREE Thousand Bushels of Indian convenient Landing or Landing for Quantities, delivered at Annapolis, paid by

N. B. Any Person writing shall be Answered.

THERE is at the Plantation of McCoy living near the Mill, sold to John Stull in Caroline County, a Horse, aged about Eleven Years, of natural Pacer, branded on the near side with a Figure of Three, and Thighs 8.

The Owner may have him again, on property and paying Charges.

WILLIAM NEVIN.