

Street. 'Tis supposed the above was occasioned by the sudden Departure of the French Ambassador.

It is said that the French Ambassador's Return home is occasioned by a great Difference having arisen in his Councils, and not from any Umbrage taken at this Court.

Two Houses were opened last Week at Wapping for Volunteers for His Majesty's Service.

The Duke of Northumberland, we are assured, will, before Christmas, fill a very considerable Post in the Ministry: In this, it seems, the Ministry sacrifice their Inclination for some political Reasons.

August 26. The Bishop of Osnabrug's Revenues will, we hear, be laid out at Interest till the Period of his arriving at Age; and a Correspondent assures us, that the accumulating Produce will amount to near Two Millions, in which Case, though possessed of little Territory, he will be really richer than the greatest Sovereign in Europe.

The Plan of a new Town, which is to be settled on the Junction of Ohio, at present engages the Attention of many Persons of Distinction; Lord Eglinton is to be the Director, as his Lordship is possessed of vast Tracts of Land in these Parts. Several Families are ready to embark, and those not of the meaner Kind. It is to be formed into a regular Government. It is expected it will be as flourishing a City as any in those Parts. Several Persons of Rank are making Interest already for Posts on this proposed Establishment for their Dependents.

A Letter from St. John's, Newfoundland, informs, that there were there upwards of 500 Sail of French Fishermen on the Coast, but not above half the Number of English, even including those from the Plantations.

We are assured, that there is such a Scarcity of Provisions in the interior Parts of Germany, that it is computed that in the Circle of the Lower Rhine, above 9000 Persons perished for Want of Food.

The Persons who were taken up for being concerned in setting Fire to the Store-houses in Portsmouth Dock-Yard, on Friday last, passed an Examination of Three Hours before the Secretaries of State; Sir John Fielding also attended, but nothing further has yet transpired.

A capital Offender, it is said, is to have his Pardon for discovering how, and by whom, the above Fire happened.

Mr. Banks is to have Two Ships from Government to pursue his Discoveries in the South Seas, and will sail upon his Second Voyage next March.

Letters from Monaco, dated August 9, give us a Report, that the King of Sardinia, in Consideration of his great Age, had taken the Resolution to surrender his Crown into the Hands of the Hereditary Prince, his eldest Son. His Majesty was born on the 27th of April 1701, and ascended the Throne on the Resignation of his Father, on the 30th of Sept. 1730.

We are informed that the Majority have acquiesced to several popular Measures proposed towards a Coalition, but that many others have been rejected by them.

It is again reported, that the Right Hon. Thomas de Grey, Esq; is going to resign, on Account of his bad State of Health.

A Report prevails at the Coffee-houses about the Change, that a Treaty, of an important Nature, has been lately negotiated between the Republick of Genoa and the Court of Madrid.

August 18. Advice is received of a dangerous Insurrection at Naples, and that a great Body of Troops have been sent from Spain to quell the Rioters, many of whom are of the first Quality.

One of the King's Messengers, we are assured, with proper Attendants, is gone into Scotland, in Quest of some capital Offender, and another is dispatched into the West; and there is great Reason to believe, that some of the Persons concerned in the dreadful Fire, at Portsmouth, are of the former Nation.

August 29. We can, from good Authority, assert, that Count de Guignes is gone on Leave, not by Recall: As he was informed that Lord Harcourt was to be at Calais on the 26th, he hastened his Departure, in order to meet him there.

Mr. Bathaillie Frances had a House of his own behind that of the Count de Guignes. It is his Furniture that has been removed and sold, and not the Ambassador's, as has been reported.

It is said the Person in Custody, on Suspicion of setting Portsmouth Dock-Yard on Fire, has declared, that he, and others, were hired by the French to do it; that a certain Romish Priest, well known about Portsmouth, was the principal Contriver; and that a French Frigate lay off Portsmouth Harbour ready to receive him and the others concerned in it. He was visited on Tuesday by many Persons of Note, and several Foreigners, who wanted to converse with him privately, which the Keeper refused.

It is said that the French have no less than 80 Men of War now in the Port of Brest and Toulon, most of which are large Ships, and could be in Readiness on the shortest Notice.

August 30. On Tuesday the Earl of Harcourt, who arrived the preceding Evening from Paris, waited upon his Majesty at St. James's, with whom his Lordship had the Honour of a long Conference.

On Monday last Two Messengers who have been in different Parts of the Kingdom, in quest of Persons suspected about the Firing of Portsmouth Dock, arrived at St. James's, but what the Result of the Journey was, has not yet transpired.

It is asserted that a certain Board has given Orders for a Number of Press Warrants to be printed, in order to impress Seamen into his Majesty's Service.

We hear that Col. Coote, Commander of the Company's Forces in the East-Indies, who arrived last Week in England from thence, through the Defarts of Arabia, and by the Way of France, is soon to be invested with the Ensigns of the Order of the Bath.

GRAYSEND, Aug. 20. Passed by the Betfy, Darby, from Virginia.

DEPT, Aug. 20. Came down, the Chesapeake Frigate, Anderson; and Fanny, Gilbert, for Virginia.

The Ship Pair, Capt. All, of this Post, is arrived at Dublin from Maryland.

The May, M'Lachlan, for Maryland, was cleared out at London the 20th of August.

The Elizabeth, Chantie, from Maryland, is arrived off Southampton.

PHILADELPHIA, October 17.

By Letters received, via Wilmington, from Kingston, Jamaica, we learn, that on the 3d of September, at 8 o'Clock in the Morning, they had there the severest Shock of an Earthquake that they have felt for many Years past; and it is said, that had it continued but a very little longer, it must have smothered every Brick House in Kingston; as it was it threw down a Number of Chimnies, split many Houses, and several People were hurt by the falling of Beams, &c. from the Chimnies, but no Lives were lost; they have had several smaller Shocks since.

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 Agent for this Province at the Court of Great-Britain, for the ensuing Year.

Oct. 21. With Captain Falconer came Passenger the Hon. Richard Penn, Esq; our Governor. On his landing, he was received by a great Number of the principal Inhabitants of the Place; the Bells were immediately set a ringing; and in the Afternoon his Commission was read at the Court-House, in the Presence of a vast Concourse of People. Joy and Satisfaction, on this Occasion, appeared in every Countenance.

Thomas Foxcroft and Richard Tighman, Esqs; also came Passengers with Capt. Falconer.

A R R I V A L S

From Maryland. Charles, Reach; and Hercules, Woolsey, Dublin. Horatio, Scougal, at Gravesend. Three Friends, Hutchings, at Millford. Union's Success, Sewal, at Dover. Three Brothers, Gwynn at Londonderry.

A N N A P O L I S, October 31.

On Saturday the 19th Instant, about Two o'Clock in the Morning, John Schneider, a Musician and an Inhabitant of this City, cut his Throat through the Windpipe, after which he got out of Bed and was found lying on the Floor; his Groans waked the Family, and though a Surgeon was immediately sent for, and every possible Assistance given, by sewing up the Wound, &c. he died on Saturday Evening last. 'Tis said he had frequently been disordered in his Mind.—A Jury of Inquest were summoned to view the Body, who brought in their Verdict Lunacy.

TO THE P R I N T E R. By giving the following a Place in your Paper you will oblige several of your Readers.

From the P U B L I C K A D V E R T I S E R.

S I R, EVERY plain Man must observe, and every good Man must lament the Temper of the Times into which we have fallen. An evil Spirit seems to have gone forth to tempt us by every heinous Art to hate our own Felicity; to haunt us with the Dread of Grievances that do not exist; to make us clamorous for Remedies when there are no Diseases to be cured; or such only as could not be tampered with without endangering the most perfect System of equal Liberty that ever blessed a Community.—History abounds with Instances of Nations driven into Madness by the Cruelty of Oppression; it is the singular Situation of us, at present, that we have been made mad by an Impatience of all legal Restraint, and a wanton Abuse of Freedom. We see the Minds of a certain Rank of Men in the Capital poisoned to such a Degree, that far from being ashamed of resisting subordinate Authority, they even glory in their audacious Insults of Government itself: And if the Infection hath not, as yet, spread through the distant Counties, God knows how soon the Activity of bad, and the Inattention of good Men may complete the Mischief. Contempt, nay even Defiance of the judicial, the legislative, and the executive Branches of Government, is made the very Test of Patriotism. Every obscure and unprincipled incendiary, encouraged by this seditious Disposition of the infatuated Multitude, and hoping to be relieved from Indigence, or raised from Insignificance, by publick Confusion, stands forth daringly to commit every Outrage against the Characters and Persons of those who stand in the Way of his detestable Machinations. And by the Timidity of some, the Treachery of others, and the supineness of all in general, whole Duty it is to preserve the Peace, or to punish the Breach of it, Things are now come to that Pass, that the Law itself is pressed into the Service of those who deserve most to feel it's Justice; and every Attempt to have Recourse to it, to punish past Transgressions, by some unaccountable Fatality, lays the Foundation of fresh Complaints against Government, and of more daring Attacks on the Constitution. But all this Extravagance of Sedition would be as unavailing in its Consequences, as the Ringleaders of it are profligate and despicable in their Characters; if there had not been Combinations of Men, from whose fairer Faine, more enlarged Views, and elevated Stations, better Things might have been expected; who, sacrificing Principle to Ambition, have lent a willing Hand, to make the Flame of Faction burn more fierce, by supplying the more dangerous Fuel of Parliamentary Motions and Protests; careless in what horrid Scenes of Distress they involve their Country, if they are not permitted to guide the Councils, and to monopolize the Emoluments of the State; and absurdly aiming at the Overthrow of those in Power, by encouraging a deluded Populace to chimerical Expeditions, which they themselves, if they succeeded, could not gratify, or would not if they could. MANLIUS.

BY Order of the Commissioners for the Sale of His Lordship's Mines and reserved Lands, who are to be exposed to Sale, to the highest Bidder, on Thursday the 14th Day of November next, at the Petrean Office in Annapolis, for ready Money or good Bills of Exchange, the following Quantities of Land lying within the Manor of Cambridge, viz.

Longstone Hill and several other Tracts, containing together 533 Acres and an Half, on which are several valuable Improvements made by the late Mr. George Ross.

Level Plains and Addition to Level Plains, containing 364 Acres and a Quarter, the Lines of which run into the Reserve, but in his Lordship's Grant of the late John Merton Jordan, Esq; he excludes the above 367 Acres and Three Quarters as lying within the Manor, so that no Deficiency will arise by Means thereof.—The above Lands are subject to Leases for 21 Years, of which One-half the Term is yet unexpired.—The Situation and Soil are too well known to need any Recommendation.

JOHN CLAPHAM, Cl. Com.

Charles County, October 24. 1774.

TO be sold very reasonably, on good security, and Credit given for Seven Years, on paying the Interest annually, or leased out for Twenty-one Years, the Two following Tracts of Land, lying in Frederick County, a little above the Mouth of the Fifteen Miles Creek: The one called Wall's Level, containing 255 Acres, on which is a good Log Dwelling-House, with a small Plantation cleared and fenced in. The other called Degraded Plains, containing 253 Acres and an Half, a small distance higher up the said Creek. From either of these Tracts an exceeding good Waggon Road may be made to the Country Road, which leads from Frederick-Town to Fort Cumberland; they are both well timbered and watered, and have Sufficiency of good Bottom for Meadows; the high Lands will produce fine Wheat: On and adjoining to these Tracts is a very extensive Range for Stock. These Tracts will be sold or leased together, or separately, as may best suit the Persons who take them; if leased, some Time will be allowed Rent free, as may be agreed on. Whoever is inclinable to treat about this Matter, may know the Terms, by applying to Mr. John Hanson at Frederick-Town, or to the Subscriber, living about Eight Miles below Pappanoke.

(3w) SAMUEL HANSON.

October 31. 1774.

To be sold, at the Plantation where Mr. Richard Brooke lived, in Charles County, near Pile's Warehouse, on the 2d Day of December next.

A Parcel of choice Slaves, consisting of Men, Women, Boys and Girls, for Cash or Bills of Exchange on London, by LEONARD BROOKE, Executor.

Annapolis, October 31. 1774.

Just imported, in the Brothers, Captain Williams, from London, and will be sold by the Subscriber, at Mr. Calvert's old House, on the publick Quay, near the Market-House in Annapolis, to be sold and ready for ready Money, Bills of Exchange, or short Credit.

A Large Assortment and great Variety of European and East-India Goods, adapted to the different Seasons: And as ready Money is the best and surest Commodity to go to Market with, and as incline to deal with precious Cash, will, upon a Trial, find it much to their Interests in bargaining with WALLACE, DAVIDSON and JOHNSON.

THOSE who have Claims against John Seaman, late of Annapolis, deceased, are desired to bring them in, and those who are indebted to him are desired to make immediate Payment to THOMAS HARWOOD, Executor.

Talbot County, October 25. 1774.

THIS is to acquaint whom it may concern, that the Term of Years which the Subscriber agreed to do Business for and on Account of Samuel Robinson of the City of London, is now expired; he is now ready to account with any Person or Persons properly and legally qualified by said Samuel Robinson and his Assignees, and deliver up all the Effects in his Hands, due to, and which upon settling may appear to belong to said Samuel Robinson or his Assignees. PHILIP WEATHERS.

October 25. 1774.

COMMITTED to Anne-Arundel County Jail, as Runaways, the Three following Persons, viz. George Griffin, a lusty young Man, about 22 Years of Age, says he is a free Man, and lived in Delaware Government, and followed the Trade of a Sadler.

Negro Whitehaven, says he belongs to Henry Howard on Elk-Ridge.

Negro Joe, belonging to Charles Correll, Esq; and Company.

Their Masters are desired to take them away and pay Charges to JOHN CLAPHAM, Esq;.

COMMITTED to my Custody as Runaways a Negro Man and Woman; the Man calls himself George and the Woman Nan; both say they belong to Mr. Robert Hurd of Talbot County. Their Master is desired to pay Charges and take them away. RICHARD THOMAS, Sheriff of Cecil County.