

whatsoever, either by the Spaniards, French, or any Power in the Italian Seas.

Orders are sent to Plymouth, for Two Regiments of Foot to be embarked immediately at that Place for Quebec.

Sept. 20. We are told that Orders are issued from the War Office, for all Officers belonging to the Artillery Companies at Portsmouth, to join their respective Corps with all Expedition.

The Orders issued for completing all the Regiments of Foot and Cavalry, both on the English and Irish Establishments, have no very pacific Appearance.

The Publick may be assured, that the Ministry are in actual Possession of other Information respecting the Conflagration of Portsmouth Dock, than what has been given them either by *Dudley* or *Britain*; and that the said Information will be scrupulously discussed at the Meeting of the Parliament, when some great Men will be called to account for their *unhappy* Negligence in suffering not only Count de Guignés, but some other Persons, employed by the French Court, to withdraw themselves from this Kingdom subsequent to such Information.

Thirty Ships of the Line are said to be at Cadiz, and that sixteen are completely manned and fitted for the Sea.

By a Dutch Ship that is arrived off Dover, from Denia, we have Advice, that the Spaniards have Ten Ships of the Line, Four Frigates, and several Store-ships, lying in the Harbour there, all ready to sail at a few Hours Notice, and a Regiment of Soldiers daily exercising, which are to be embarked as soon as Orders come for their sailing. The Capt. further says, that they shall not admit an English Ship into their Harbours.

A Report prevails at the West-End of the Town, that the Court of Spain have, by a new Treaty, guaranteed to France all her Settlements in New-Orleans on the American Continent for ever.

Sept. 21. A great Officer of State, on a particular Dispute (said to be relative to some Proceedings respecting the Inquiries about the Firing of the Dock-Yard at Portsmouth) refused to attend the last Council for some Time; and did not acquiesce at last, till he had received the positive Commands of his Master.

A Board of Admiralty was held Yesterday, at the breaking up of which Expresses were sent to the Commissioners of the several Dock-Yards of Portsmouth, Plymouth, Chatham, and Sheerness.

Lord Rochford is certainly become the greatest Favourite of his Master of all the *ostensible* Ministers; and, indeed, if his Lordship's Affiduity (his Attention to Business being singularly indefatigable) was employed on Matters for the general Good, he would deservedly stand the First in Publick, as well a sovereign Favour.

An Inquiry is making after the Person who made the Dye, by which several Half-pence have been struck, having Britannia on the one Side, and on the other a Head, with an Hatchet over it.

We are informed that the present Lord Mayor's Friends have canvassed for him the Wards of Farringdon and Cheap, without receiving a single Denial; and that the like Success has attended the Shelburnite Candidates in Billingsgate Ward.

In the Course of next Week a privy Council will be summoned to meet at St. James's, when it will be then finally determined, whether the Parliament will meet for the Dispatch of Business before Christmas, or be further prorogued to January next.

The King of Spain has of late, through his Ambassador at this Court, we are assured, been very profuse in his Protections to our Court of his *secret* Intention of promoting Tranquility and good Understanding between the Two Crowns. This so pleased his Majesty, that he desired his Consent to make Prince Mazario's Lady a present of some curious Birds, which was done. But for all this courteous Behaviour, his Catholic Majesty's sole Intention is to allure our Ministry, by these Kinds of Bait, till Opportunity enables him to throw off his Mask with Security.

It is again strongly reported, that a Change in the Law Department will take Place before the First of Michaelmas Term next.

CHARLES-TOWN, (South Carolina,) Nov. 7.

Last Tuesday Afternoon, the Joint-publick Treasurers of this Province, not thinking themselves warranted to comply with an Order of the Commons House of Assembly alone, to advance the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds Currency, to the Committee on the Silk Manufacture, it was adjudged a Contempt, and they were, by order of that House, committed to the common Jail in this Town; but very soon after again set at Liberty, in Consequence of the following Proclamation.

South Carolina.

By his Excellency the Right Honourable Lord Charles Greenville Montagu, Captain General and Governor, in chief, in and over the said Province.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it appears to me that it is necessary, for his Majesty's Service, that the present General Assembly of this Province should be immediately dissolved; I have therefore thought fit to issue this my Proclamation, dissolving the same. And I do hereby dissolve the General Assembly of this Province accordingly.

Given under my Hand and great Seal of the said Province, at Charles-Town, this Fifth Day of November, in the Twelfth Year of his Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1771.

By his Excellency's Command, C. G. MONTAGU. Thomas Skottowe, Sec.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

See his Majesty's additional Instructions to the Governor of this Province, dated the 24th of April, 1770.

NEWPORT (Rhode-Island), November 11.

Notice is given in the London Papers of the 31st of August, That a fifth and final Distribution of Prize Money to the Officers and Soldiers who were at the Surrender of the Havannah the 13th of August, 1763, will begin on the 23th of October: Those belonging to Major-General's Corps, the Connecticut, Rhode-Island, New-Jersey, New-York, &c. on the 23th of November: The Shares not then demanded, will be ready to be paid on the first Thursday in every Month for Three Years to come, by Jonathan Garton; in Great Russell-Street, Bloomsbury.

NEW-YORK, September 20.

The States General have ordered all their Barrier Towns to be garriioned and put in a Posture of Defence—Reported that the whole Force of Spain will shortly be exerted against the Russians, and if so, that England will be engaged in the Quarrel—30 Ships of the Line said to be at Cadiz, and that 16 are completely manned and fitted for the Sea—Letters from Venice say, the Russians have not been so prosperous as represented, and that they have not been able to stop up the Passage of the Dardanelles, &c.

The Nancy, Graham, from Maryland, is arrived in the Downs, and the Briton, Harrison, from Quebec.

PHILADELPHIA, November 25.

Capt. Thompson, from Jamaica, informs, that a Number of Vessels belonging to Montego Bay in Jamaica, which have for some Time past followed the Practice of cutting Wood on Cuba, were surpris'd by a Spanish Brig, fitted out for that Purpose, who made Prizes of 17 Sloops and Schooners.

ARRIVALS.

From Virginia. Captains Montgomery, How, and Featherstone, at Gravesend. Maynard, in the Downs. Brickhill, at Liverpool.—From Maryland. Captains Christie, Bishopick, and Jordan, at Gravesend. Graham, at Dublin. Thomson, at Cork. Whitefield, at Oporto. Thomson, at Barbados.

The Captains Smith, Barns, Fearus, and Steel, from this Port, are arrived at Barbados.

ANNAPOLIS, DECEMBER 5.

On Saturday last his Excellency the Governor, after having passed the Bills inserted below, was pleased to deliver the following SPEECH to both Houses of Assembly.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

I AM sorry the Season is so far advanced, that you are prevented entering into Consideration of those Subjects which I recommended to your Attention at the opening of the Session; I must however hope that their Utility will not be overlooked the first Opportunity that presents itself to you, especially a Review of the State of the criminal Law, the Defects of which I so fully pointed out on the Address of the Lower House this Session, a Circumstance which flattered me with Hopes that the same would be taken into immediate Consideration.

Gentlemen of the Lower House,

The vast Loss of Time to yourselves, and the great Expence of Money to the Country which have accrued this Session, and the very little Business that has been done at it, gives me the greater Concern, as I had flattered myself that the Inspection Act would be re-enacted, from which so many Benefits had been experienced. How it has happened that your Sentiments in respect of that Regulation are so opposite to the Opinion of the Assembly in 1755, I shall not undertake absolutely to pronounce. In 1755, as appears by your Journals, Lord Baltimore threatened his Dissent to the Inspection Law then in force, because it contained a Regulation of Officers Fees, and of foreign Coins: His Instruction being communicated by the Governor, the Lower House expressed their Sorow that a Regulation of Officers Fees, agreed upon after the most mature Deliberation, and that had subsisted for Five Years, been revived, and continued, should be objected to by his Lordship, and declared their Opinion that the Parts respecting Officers Fees and foreign Coins were of great Advantage, and highly conducive to the Ease and Quiet of the People. The Governor was then prevailed upon by the Council to suspend the Publication of his Lordship's Dissent, and, on the Representation and earnest Solicitation of the Council, his Lordship withdrew his Instruction.

I am willing to impute my present Disappointment to the Flame you were blown into at the opening of the Session, by the mistaken Construction or Explanation of a Proclamation issued by me, solely for the Benefit of the People of this Province, by Nine Tenths of whom I have the greatest Reason to think it was so understood; I must add, that I sincerely wish the same Zeal for the Service of the Province which has all along actuated my Conduct was diffus'd amongst others, and it is not now too late to hope it may be so hereafter.

His Lordship's Officers throughout the Province are thoroughly acquainted with my Sentiments, and the Consequences of any Disobedience of the Orders issued by me with respect to any Imposition on, or Extortion from the People, during the Want of the Inspection Law; I am therefore under no Necessity of repeating the Proclamation on that Head, otherwise, notwithstanding your Address, I most certainly should do what I think my Duty, in the Situation I am plac'd, requires; and, while I continue therein, I hope my Actions will ever evince that the Prosperity of the Province is the first Object of my Wishes.

Gentlemen of both Houses,

It is full Time to put an End to this Session: By and with the Advice therefore of his Lordship's Council of State, I hereby prorogue this Assembly to the 18th Day of February next, being the third Tuesday of that Month, and you will accordingly take Notice that you are prorogued to that Time.

Could Social Virtues from Intermittent Fevers, Death never could have sent you to the Grave.

On Friday the 19th of last Month departed this Life Mrs. Catharine Sims in the 46th Year of her Age; she was second Daughter to William Murdoch, Esq; and Wife to Major Joseph Sims of Prince George's County; she bore a long, lingering, and painful Illness, which bore Fortitude, and Christian Resignation until indicated a certain Preiuge of her approaching Departure.

If we examine her domestic Virtues, we shall find few equal, none superior to her: Let the agonizing Grief of her inconsolable Consort, after Seventeen Years most happy Union with her in the matrimonial State, declare her almost matchless Excellencies as a Wife: Had she been less amiable in that State, proportionably less would have been his Sorow: She has left Seven disconsolate Children to bemoan the irreparable Loss of a most indulgent Parent: Her Domestic, with Tears, lament a most kind, humane and tender Mistress.

Though I knew the deceased Lady from her Birth, till her Death, I shall not attempt a Description of her social Virtues: For what may be looked upon as a strained Panegyrick by those who had not the Happiness of knowing her, would be censured by her intimate Acquaintance as short of her real Character.

She has paid the last Debt of Nature with a Soul so truly harmonized, that she was prepared to join the heavenly Choir at her first Admission into the Regions of eternal Bliss!

May her Life excite others to emulate her Virtues!

December 2, 1771.

Be pleased to insert the above in your next Gazette, and you will oblige a constant Customer.

A LIST of LAWS passed last Session of ASSEMBLY.

No. 1. An Act for vesting, in such foreign Protestants as are now naturalized, or shall be hereafter naturalized, in this Province, all the Rights and Privileges of natural born Subjects.

No. 2. An Act for the Adjournalment and Continuance of the High Court of Appeals.

No. 3. An Act empowering the Justices of Prince George's and Frederick Counties to levy, on the taxable Persons of Prince George's Parish in said Counties, the Sum of Ninety-six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for building a new Parish Church at or near the Place where the old one now stands.

No. 4. A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the building a Parish Church in Queen-Anne's Parish in Prince George's County.

No. 5. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to establish a Market at the Market House in Chester-Town in Kent County, and for the Regulation of the said Market.

No. 6. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the Preservation of the Breed of Fish.

No. 7. An Act for imposing a further additional Duty of Five Pounds Current Money per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province.

No. 8. A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the building of a Parish Church in Christ-Church Parish in Calvert County.

No. 9. An Act to empower the Justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties to levy, on the taxable Inhabitants of Stoney Parish in said Counties, the Sum of Sixty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned, and to establish the Church at Green Hill the Parish Church for said Parish.

No. 10. An Act to empower the Justices of Worcester County to levy, on the taxable Inhabitants of All-hallows Parish in said County, the Quantity of Thirty-two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned.

No. 11. An Act for preventing trivial Suits in the Provincial Court.

No. 12. An Act for confirming to Samuel Coalson of Baltimore County sundry Lands therein mentioned. (A Private Act.)

No. 13. An Act to prohibit raising Swine and Geese in George-Town, Frederick County.

No. 14. An Act reviving and continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for amending and repairing the Publick Roads in Baltimore County.

No. 15. An Act to prevent the Exportation of Flour not merchantable from George-Town in Frederick County.

No. 16. A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to enable the Justices of Dorchester County to levy, on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County, a Quantity of Tobacco, for the Purpose of building a Court-House.

No. 17. An Act to empower Frank Leete and George Digges, Administrators of Charles Digges, late of Prince George's County, deceased, with the last Will of the same Charles to their Letters of Administration annexed, to sell a Lot of Ground of the same Charles, situate and being in the Town of Upper Marlborough in Prince George's County aforesaid, for the Payment of the Debts of the said Charles Digges. (A Private Act.)

No. 18. An additional Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of the Poor within the several Counties therein mentioned.

No. 19. An Act to enable the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, to pay to William Mills, John Pearce, Peter Pagus, Executor of Ralph Price, and Ann Gaitber, the Sums of Money therein mentioned.

No. 20. An Act to prevent the Exportation of Flour, Staves and Shingles, not merchantable, from the Town of Baltimore, or Fell's-Point, in Baltimore County, and to regulate the Weight of Hay and Measure of Grain, Salt, Flax-seed and Fire-Wood, within the said Town.

No. 21. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for licensing Ordinary Keepers, Hawkers, Pedlars and Petty Chapmen.

No. 22. An Act for the Relief of certain Prisoners in the several Jails therein mentioned.

No. 23. An Act to remedy divers Defects in the Records of Charles County.

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