

the Wishes of the Court, and accumulate the Obloquy of Government.

There is no Foundation whatever in the Report of Spain's having ceded Louisiana to the French; on the contrary, the Spaniards are securing the Country to themselves by every possible Means, and have practised some Cruelties on the French Settlers in that Part of the World, perfectly similar to their first Efforts in peopling Mexico.

Sept. 25. All the foreign Ambassadors; we hear, have an Invitation to be present at the Ceremony and Entertainment this Day at Deptford, every necessary Preparation being made for that Purpose. Lord Sandwich will go in the Admiralty Barge from Whitehall about 9 o'Clock.

The Ship to be launched at Deptford was laid on the Stocks in the late Premier's Reign, after whom she was named. Another will be begun immediately, and to be finished with the greatest Expedition. Great Attention is now paid to the Repair of the Shipping in the several Dock-Yards, as well as to the building of new ones. Whether any Thing is the immediate Object of this Attention, is at present a Secret.

The Two Bands of Music engaged by Orders from Lord Sandwich; to attend the Ship-launch at Deptford, are to be there at 11 o'Clock, and we are told his Majesty will be present at 12.

Monday Evening there was a numerous Meeting of Liverymen, in Consequence of Two Advertisements inserted in the Papers, in order to consider of proper Persons to be returned to the Court of Aldermen for the Office of Lord Mayor for the Year ensuing. Mr. Deputy Cockledge was called to the Chair, and after some Management by the Friends of Mr. Wilkes, to prevent joining Messrs. Townsend and Sawbridge together, each of the Aldermen who had been named were separately proposed, and upon the Divisions there were the following Numbers:

Lord Mayor	for	against
Townsend	131	51
Sawbridge	111	97
	133	59

There were about Eight Hands held up for Mr. Bridgen. The Number of Liverymen who attended amounted to about 212, amongst whom were a very considerable Part of the staunch Friends and Partizans of Mr. Wilkes.

Sept. 26. We hear from Plymouth, that a French Frigate has been cruising off the Ram-head for this Week past, and that she stands in for Land at Dark, and disappears at Day-break.

Advice is received, that there has been a warm Dispute between an English Man of War and a French Frigate, in the Mediterranean; the English Captain demanded the Compliment that is usually paid to his Britannic Majesty's Ships, which the Frenchman did not chuse to comply with, till several Shot were fired at him; but the Gun's were ordered to be pointed in such a Manner as they could do no Execution. The French Captain declared he should send an Account Home of the Affront done the King his Master.

By the last Letters from Bengal, dated in February 1777, it appears they were under great Apprehensions of a Second Famine, Rice being then from 15 to 17 Scers per Rupee.

KINGSTON, (Jamaica) September 14.

On Sunday last, a small Sloop arrived from Carthage, by whom we have the melancholy News of the Loss of the Sloop Charming Sally, Captain Scot, from this Island, on that Coast, and the cruel Murder of the Captain and his whole Crew, except Two Curacao Mulatto Men, supposed to be committed by a Mulatto, trading on the Spanish Coast, a Native of this Island, who being tempted by the Success Captain Scot had met on this Voyage, and his having on board a considerable Sum of Money, killed the Captain himself, and with the Assistance of the People he had with him, destroyed the Crew: On their accomplishing so far of their horrid Design, they took the Money out of the Vessel, cut her adrift, and let her drive against the Rocks, by which Means she was soon destroyed.

CHARLES-TOWN, (South Carolina) October 24.

We are informed that Admiral Sir George Rodney, who commands his Majesty's Squadron stationed at Jamaica, &c. having lately sent Two Ships to Carthage, to demand the Release of some Hundreds of British Subjects, who have been most disgracefully suffered to remain imprisoned there, and at other Places, some of them for a Number of Years, and not only compelled to work on the Fortifications, but also otherwise treated as Slaves; and the Spanish Government have refused to deliver them up; he was preparing to go with his whole Fleet to make a Demand of them—having no private Trade to carry on with the Spaniards, to which he fears such a Conduct will give Interruption.

BOSTON, November 22.

On Friday last, in the Afternoon, his Excellency the Governor laid before the Council, for their Advice thereon, a Paper in the Massachusetts Spy of Thursday, signed Mucius Scaevola, said to contain divers seditious Expressions, &c. The Council, after debating till Sun-down, adjourned till the next Day, when they met again, and sent for the Printer, who in Answer to the Summons, told the Messenger, he was busy in his Office and should not attend: Upon which, it is said, a Motion was made for his Commitment to Prison for Contempt, but did not obtain—Whether through the abundant Lenity of the honourable Board, or from their having no legal Authority in the Case, has not yet transpired to us. The final Result was, their unanimous Advice to the Governor to order the King's Attorney to prosecute the Printer at Common-Law.

PHILADELPHIA, November 25.

Our Advices from Charles-Town, South-Carolina, are, That the Governor of Carthagea having refused to release a Number of British Subjects, that have been long enslaved there, and at other Places, Admiral Sir George B. Rodney, was preparing to go with his

whole Fleet from Jamaica to make a Demand of them—That Brigadier General Hildiman is strongly fortifying Pensacola—That the Hon. John Moultrie, Esq; is appointed Lieut. Governor of his Majesty's Province of East Florida, and has taken upon himself the Administration of that Government—That Dr. John Haly was arraigned at the October Session in Charles-Town for Murder, for the Death of Peter de Lancey, Esq; in a Duel, and that, after a long and interesting Trial, he was found guilty of Manslaughter, pleaded his Majesty's Pardon, and was discharged—That the Joint Publick Treasurers of South-Carolina, not thinking themselves warranted to comply with an Order of the Commons House of Assembly ALONE, to advance the Sum of £.300 their Currency, to the Committee on the Silk Manufacture, it was adjudged a Contempt, and they were, by Order of the House, committed to the common Jail of Charles-Town; but they were very soon after set at Liberty again, in Consequence of the Governor's dissolving the Assembly—That Thomas Townsend Master, the Mate, and one Mariner, late of the Schooner Seaflower, of and from Virginia, bound to Antigua, which was wrecked at Sea, were carried into Charles-Town by Capt. Hendley the Rest of the People were drowned.

Nov. 28. Captain Peter, from Cadiz, informs, that while he lay there, the Queen of Spain was delivered of a Prince Royal, for which Event there were Illuminations and great Rejoicings at that Place for 3 Days: That the Ship St. Francis, Capt. Butler, belonging to Brittol, homeward bound from Cadiz, took Fire off Cape St. Mary, the Day after she sailed, and was entirely burnt to the Water's Edge; the Capt. and Crew saved themselves in their Boat, and got back to Cadiz: That Five Sail of Transports were arrived there from La Vera Cruz and the Havanna, with Troops, and more daily expected: That they were fitting out the Flota with all Expedition, to go under Convoy of a 74 Gun Ship: That there was only one Man of War of 80 Guns at that Place, which lately arrived from Carthagea, and was laid up; and that about the First of October an English Frigate passed by there, with his Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester on board, bound up the Mediterranean.—On the 15th Instant, in Lat. 37, Long. 72, he spoke a Brig from New-York, Eight Days out, with Wheelbarrows on her Quarters, but could not learn the Master's Name, or where she was bound.

Captain Smith, from Cowes, on the 12th Instant, in Lat. 37, Long. 67, spoke a Ship from Virginia for Glasgow, Five Days out, but did not learn the Master's Name.

By Letters from London we learn, that the Pennsylvania Packet, Captain Osborne, was to sail for this Place, the 28th of September.

The Ship Molly, Captain Christian, from Virginia for London, was spoke with on the 14th of October, in Lat. 41, Long. 42, by Captain Wilson, arrived at New-York, from Liverpool.

Captain Clark, arrived at New-York, on the 26th Ult. in Lat. 38: 23, spoke a Brig from Maryland for London, Nine Days out.

Captain Harrison, from Bardados, on the 12th Inst. in Lat. 26: 25, Long. 69: 48, spoke a Brig from the Grenades for Virginia, out 22 Days, she had carried away her Mainmast, but he did not learn the Master's Name; and on the 18th, in Lat. 36: 38, Long. 73: 42, he spoke a Sloop from this Port, out Two Days, but could not learn the Master's Name, or where bound.

Captain Dyson, from Antigua, on the 22d Instant, in Lat. 37: 20, Long. 72, spoke the Sloop Ruth, from Jamaica for New-London, Forty Days out; all well.

The Brig Dolphin, Captain Shewell, of this Port, bound to Amsterdam, was drove ashore in the Texel, in a hard Gale of Wind, about the 8th of September; the People, and most of the Sails and Rigging saved, but the Vessel and Cargo it is feared will be lost.

ANNAPOLIS, DECEMBER 12. TO THE PRINTERS.

Nam idem velle, atque idem nolle, ea semum firma amicitia est.—SALLUST.

JOSEPH ADDISON, Esq; of humorous and immortal Memory, was a great Friend to Clubs, which is, in my Opinion, a very strong Argument in their Favour. It is undoubtedly necessary that there be Times and Places appointed in which Men of compassionate and congenial Souls may meet, to forget the Disgusts, and console themselves for the Fatigues of their respective Functions and Businesses, by giving a Loafe without Check or Interruption to that social Pleafantry, and harmless Gallery, which a Collision of such Spirits naturally strikes out.

The above nice Observer and delicate Master of the human Heart has, in One of his Papers, given us an Account of a Variety of Clubs; but that denominated the Two-penny Club has challenged his Attention in so particular a Manner, that he has obliged us with the whole System of its Laws, in black and white, which he transcribed from the Wall of a little Alehouse.—These wise Legislators, as they intended their Ordinances for the Benefit of their Society, had not, it seems, in Imitation of the inhuman Roman Emperor, hung them up so high that their Contents were not to be come at.

I think it proper to submit this System to universal Examination, and therefore recite it at full Length.

"RULES to be observed in the Two-penny Club, erected in this Place, for the Preservation of Friendship and good Neighbourhood."

"I. Every Member at his first coming in shall lay down his Two-pence."

"II. Every Member shall fill his Pipe out of his own Box."

"III. If any Member absents himself, he shall forfeit a Penny for the Use of the Club, unless in Case of Sickness or Imprisonment."

"IV. If any Member swears or curses, his Neighbour may give him a Kick upon the Shins."

"V. If any Member tells Stories in the Club that are not true, he shall forfeit for every Third Lie an Halfpenny."

"VI. If any Member strikes another wrongfully, he shall pay his Club for him."

"VII. If any Member brings his Wife into the Club, he shall pay for whatever she drinks or smokes."

"VIII. If any Member's Wife comes to fetch him home from the Club, she shall speak to him without the Door."

"IX. If any Member calls another Cuckold, he shall be turned out of the Club."

"X. None shall be admitted into the Club that is of the same Trade with any Member of it."

"XI. None of the Club shall have his Cloaths or Shoes made or mended, but by a Brother-Member."

"XII. No Nonjuror shall be capable of being a Member."

If the Spirit or Letter of these intelligible and comprehensive Laws should appear at all useful to any Club or Society at present existing, or that shall exist, in this flourishing City, I hope they will not disdain to adopt either the one or the other, on Account of the Humility of their Preamble, but be guided by the Behaviour of the old Romans, who condescended to cull their famous Laws of the Twelve Tables out of the respective legal Monuments they found in those Countries, which had submitted either to the Force or Terror of their Arms.

The HOMONY Club is clearly of Greek Derivation, and imports a Society of Men who are all of one Mind; a Society knit together by an OMONOIA, a Similarity of Humours and Characters. The Greeks called their social Meetings *Sumpnosia*, which were; in their true Import, let drinking Matches. *Tully* rallies them very smartly for it, and is not a little vain, that his own Countrymen had hit upon a Term, more truly and happily expressing the Dignity of that Intercourse, which was *Convivium*, or a living together. But I think one might venture very safely to decide, that the OMONOIA, or HOMONY Club, is as far before the Roman Compagnie, as the Roman is before the Grecian, in Elegance. The HOMONY Club is therefore the true Reading, nor can it be supposed to fetch its Appellation from the barbarous Word *Homony*, which the supernumerary *m* will point out to every Tyro. This Etymology never could have entered the Head of any Critick or Antiquarian of Sagacity and Industry, but must be the undigested Conjecture of some Dreamer, who placed his *summum bonum* in the Enjoyment of that Dith, and like *Sanga*, when he should be engrossed by his Duty of Observation and Inquiry—*Jam ludum animus est in patinis*. The Politeness and Hospitality of this renowned Club to Strangers, the unalterable Regularity of their Proceedings, as far as human Nature will admit, their sincere and laudable Desire of promoting good Fellowship among one another, with the many other innocent Purposes of their original Contrivance, entitle them in the highest Degree to the Attention of the Historick as well as the POETIC MUSE. Would it be amiss for that circumspet Body, to ingraft the Third Rule of the Two-penny Club on those of their present Code, during the SITTING OF PARLIAMENT, but *pro hac vice* only?

I am heartily rejoiced that this clubical Spirit is likely to diffuse itself: For I am credibly informed that there is a Set of young Gentlemen, Equals in Age, Fire and Talts, who are about incorporating themselves into a Club, for the sake of cheering and recreating their Minds, when sinking into that State of Depression and Impotence, which is the natural Consequence of their unremitting Application to their Studies, during all the rest of the Week. It has, I understand, been previously agreed *nem. con.* that they shall all, build with Wine, tully forth on Club Nights, at a *seasonable* Hour, preceded by that Kind of Ministry which is the most powerful not only to kindle the youthful Fire in their Bloods, but to keep it up. Every Body must have observed the agreeable Sensations, with which People of fine Textures are apt to be affected, at the Alarm of Murder, or Fire, the Explosion of Cannon, the tolling of a Bell, or the sudden BEATING UP OF A DRUM even at Mid-Day; but all these Sensations are infinitely heightened by the DEAD HOUR OF NIGHT. The timid Sex, the languid Prisoner of the sick Bed, in short every human Being whose Sleep is not the Sleep of Death itself, must receive its Proportion of Delight from the Visits of these delectable, these tuneful Serenaders. Sometimes indeed a Lady of delicate Nerves may be thrown into Hysterics, or even Convulsions, but that is the Fault of Nature, as it seems to be One of her Laws, that excessive Pleasure borders on excessive Pain, and is sometimes transmuted into it.

Were such a Society actually instituted, I should congratulate my Country on the Blessings which would be derived from it. It is to be supposed that, in Proportion to the temporary Relaxation which is the Consequence of these stated Revels, Vigour and Intention will be restored. If I could place myself unnoticed in a Corner of the Club-Room, I should set him down as a future Ornament and shining Light of the Church, the Bar, or the Faculty, whomsoever I should observe to drink the most Punch at a Draught; or continue to swallow the longest without fetching his Breath. It is indeed apprehended by some, that this *indulging of the Genius* may degenerate into an incurable Habit, and so the growing Hopes of this Country, be blighted. I do not imagine there is any very solid Ground for this Apprehension: For should it become an inveterate Custom, we may flatter ourselves that they will be ever prepared to consult upon all Matters of publick Moment at least; for we have it on the grave Authority of *Tacitus*, that the ancient Germans, who were both a warlike and politick People, never debated on the Affairs of their Nation but when they were DRUNK; and the inviolable Practice of some of the most ardent, honest, and undersigning Patriots of the present Day, is a Testimony clear and sufficient, in Favour of the Wisdom of that old German Policy.

I am requested by the most agreeable the Errantry of the Knight of the Moon, with the Title of the most virtuous and simple politician to the specification to be not too presumptuous in your Description from L...

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who was himself a member of the Club, to be a Curean Club, to be a Canopy of the Chair, bows, Bottles, Glasses, and discoloured Cane, Incentive, for every Seat at the Table, a Want of a Father, has his Prosperity, Break, and breaking down which his An incident to this. A Hall conclude w...

lar Consideration of Request of the same Two-penny Club.

p. s. The Gentle Weighing Negro, wou Entertainment of the desal Ear-piercing Choir of the above ready come to a grinding Organ, a Church Organ, but in their only Objection their Purposes.

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