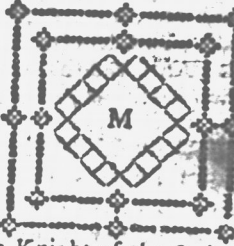


MARYLAND GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1772.

PETERSBURGH, November 29.



ESS. Obresow and Lewaschow, who were so long Prisoners, either in the Castle or the Seven Towers, or in the Ottoman Army, while they were Ministers from this Court to the Porte, are returned here. The Empress to show how well she is satisfied with their Conduct, has appointed the former of St. Alexander Newski, and made him a present of 10,000 Rubles; and the other is made a Counsellor of State, and gratified with 5,000 Rubles; and her Imperial Majesty has assured them that this is only an Earnest of her future Favours.

L O N D O N,

Dec. 10. A foreign Minister, much interested in the Event of the present Negotiation between the Courts of London and Madrid, lately speaking on that Subject, expressed himself thus. "It is surprizing, when Three Things are considered, that Passion of the English Nation for quarreling with their Neighbours should be so predominant; in the First Place (continued his Excellency) the Estates of the Landholder must be heavily taxed; in the Second Place, the Trade of the Merchant must be interrupted; and in the Third Place, the Commonalty must be torn from their Families to serve on board the publick Fleets. Yet still the People of England continually roar for War, and, if they have not a common Enemy, are ready for a civil War among themselves."

Dec. 12. However improbable it may seem, there is great Talk, that Lord Clive will be appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, for which Purpose, his Lordship is to be first created an English Peer.

We have Authority to assure the Publick, that the Mogul has left Illiabad, his Residence, in a most private Manner, and has actually joined the Mahrattoes, who are encamped with a powerful Army, in the Environs of Delhi. Sujah Dowla pretends to disapprove of this Measure, but it is supposed, that he is in the Secret. The French, who have 12,000 European Regulars, besides disciplined Natives, at the Mauritius, are at the Bottom of this Conspiracy. They were expected daily to land with a great Force on the Malabar Coast; and to take their Route, by the Permission of the Mahrattoes, to Delhi, from whence, in the Emperor's Name; they will most certainly invade Bengal.

We hear by the most undoubted Intelligence, that all Hopes of a Peace in the East of Europe are vanished. The Ignorance and Haughtiness of the Ottomans prevent it. They know not their own Situation; and they will not acquiesce in equitable Terms. The Intrigues of France carry every Thing in the Divan; and Austria is the Dupe of the weak Politicks of Louis the Fifteenth.

Dec. 14. The Accident I had seen, met with of thrusting his Head through the front Glass of his Chariot has, we hear, been attended with such disagreeable Consequences, as at least to disqualify him for publick Appearance for some Time.

Dec. 21. The Aristocracy in Ireland, is not so entirely destroyed as the Ministry imagine on this Side of the Water, since the Opposition to Government has been chiefly spirited up by a few of the great Families.

The Earl of Chatham, and Earl Temple, we hear, have absolutely agreed to the Terms proposed to them.

Translation of a Letter from Civita Vecchia.

"Yesterday a Felucca arrived here from Corsica. I have only Time by this Post, to send you the following extraordinary Intelligence. Next Week you shall receive Intelligence still more extraordinary, that will surprize you much.

"At Olmeta, Nine French Soldiers, Three Weeks past, found an old Peasant, in appearance past Seventy, in a Cottage in this Place much wounded, and in Company with his Two Daughters, who anxiously attended the critical Situation of his Health. Not doubting but he was wounded in a Skirmish with the French Troops, they compelled the eldest of the Daughters to cut the Father when bound to a Chestnut Tree, and afterwards murdered the Two Daughters.

"At Sangalino, Three Corsican Girls, about Nine years of Age, were Yesterday hanged up by their feet in the Market-place, by Order of a French Major, for having cried, *Viva il Costo Generale Illustrissimo* near Paulo. Having hung an Hour, by Order of the Major, their Throats were cut, and they were suffered to hang bleeding the Rest of the Day.

"At Pastorechia, a Father and Son being returned this Place, after the last Skirmish with the French, the former was much wounded, a Party of French Soldiers immediately seized the Father and Son, and put them into Chains. The next Morning they compelled the Father, before a Multitude of Corsican Peasants, to fire his Son, aged 12 Years, who was instantly shot through the Body.

"At Cruciaci, a Corsican Priest, worn out with Age, and much wounded, was found by a French Officer and his Party near this Town; they immediately cut off the old Man's Legs, plucked out his Tongue by the Root, stuck his Eyes full of Pins, and filled his Mouth with Pebbles; leaving the mutilated Body upon the Road.

"At Vecovato, a decrepid Peasant, with every Mark of venerable old Age, supported by his Son, a Youth of 20, passing through this Town, were last Week seized for Spies; the old Man blind, the Son deaf and dumb. These Objects of universal Charity were, by French Penetration, instantly dubbed Spies. The unfortunate Youth was beheaded, and his Head placed in the Hands of venerable old Age, and who was immediately hung upon a Tree.

"The French threaten there shall be an Avenue formed with Corsican Bodies, from Baitia to Fiorenzo; nor is it to be doubted, for they have distributed Two Thousand scalping Knives among their Troops, with a Premium of Twenty Livres for every Corsican Scalp. A brilliant Proof of the Politeness and Humanity of the most refined Nation in Europe, as the French stile themselves, and who first taught the Savage Americans the Use of scalping Knives; who taught Barbarity to the most Inhuman of Savages!"

Dec. 25. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland is to keep Christmas at Windsor Lodge, in the old English solid Way, being determined to keep open Table for the Country People, for Three Days, covered with Surloins of roast Beef, Plum Puddings, and minced Pies, the rich and ancient Food of Englishmen.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland bids fair for being the greatest Patriot that ever was in England.

The Sieur Pain, a celebrated Mathematician at Paris, has just presented to the King of France, and to the Royal Family, a surprizing Piece of Machinery. It represents the Figure of the God of Love as large as the Life, which arises from a Bank it is discovered on, pays its Respects to the Spectators, then writes several Lines with one of its Arrows, and afterwards plays Two Opera Airs upon the Harpsichord. The Execution of this Automaton has given uncommon Satisfaction to all who have beheld it; and they are allowed to inspect the various Wheels, &c. by which it is put in Motion. The Commissioners appointed by the Royal Academy of Sciences for examining this *Chef d'Oeuvre* have certified that it moves solely by the Machinery contained within Side of it, and not by any other Assistance, Trick, or Collusion whatsoever.

Several of the most respectable Gentlemen and Merchants in North-America are expected in Town against the Meeting of Parliament, on Affairs of great Importance to Great-Britain and her Colonies.

Mr. Wilkes calls the Rockingham Administration *virtuous*. Where is the Wonder? They gave him a Pension, and would have given him a Place. His Creed is, that no Man is virtuous that does not bleed freely for the Support of his Extravagance.

The great Success of the Shelburne Party in the City, against Mr. Wilkes and his Abettors, it is imagined, will greatly facilitate the talked of Coalition. They have, indeed, reduced Mr. Wilkes to such humble Plight in the City, that he has not the *sole Nominatio* even of a petty Officer in Guildhall; which has so greatly affected that Gentleman's Spirits that he is gone to Bath for Recreation, and left the Command of his Adherents in the Hands of Reynolds.

The City Patriots having long declaimed on the Power of Expulsion exercised by the House of Commons, we shall now see how they themselves act in a similar Case, and see whether they will tamely submit to the Nomination of any Man as a Member of their Body merely because Mr. Wilkes declares he will return him.

We are informed that our Ministry have a Plan in Agitation for making a Settlement upon that Side of the Island of Madagascar opposite to which the French have fixed a Garrison.

Four large Transport Ships are now lying at Cork, for the Embarkation of Troops to North America.

Dec. 28. It is confidently asserted, that a Remonstrance will shortly be sent to the States General, demanding an immediate Settlement of the Affairs relating to Surinam, which have been so long procrastinated, through the Pusillanimity of Administration, to the eternal Disgrace of the British Annals.

A Correspondent is surprized that our Sheriffs, when correcting the lesser Abuses of their Office, do not proceed to the suppression of capital Abuses, during the Period at least of their own Administration; and, as a Ground for his Astonishment, acquaints us with the following Fact. A Broker near the Change having his Pocket lately picked of a little Book, containing, among other Things, a Bank Note for Fifty Pounds, was lucky enough (as he imagined) to seize the Thief in the Course of a few Hours; with the entire Property upon him, only that the Bank Note was converted into Sterling Cash. The Fellow took his Trial at the Old Bailey, and was convicted; upon which the Broker, especially as the Convict confessed the Money to be what he received for the Note, expected to receive

it from the Under Sheriff. But here he was miserably disappointed; the Under Sheriff claimed it for his Principals, saying, that the Conversion of the Paper into Coin had made the Sum in Question a Part of the Criminal's Effects, and that, of Course, whatever he possessed was lawfully forfeited to the Sheriff of London. Thus the Broker had nothing but the Trouble of apprehending and prosecuting the Culprit for his Pains, while the Profits of the Theft were shared by the upright Ministers of Justice.

The following Particulars are said to have transpired of a Conversation that passed, the Beginning of last Week, between the Earl of Rochford and the Spanish Ambassador. The English Minister reproached the other with the Pretences lately spread abroad of a dangerous Insurrection in the Island of Luconia, declaring, that, to his Knowledge, no Adviser of that Kind had been received by the Court of Spain, and that the Report had been only raised in order to cover the true Design of their Preparations against this Country; telling him, at the same Time, that it was locked upon, by all the King's Ministers, as an additional Insult, and that of the worst Kind, to choose to date their false Reports from a Place which had already been the Instrument of such scandalous Imposition on this Country, in the Affair of the Manilla Ransom. The Spaniard, willing to evade the principal Point, replied, that the Manilla Ransom was now a Matter of no Consideration to us, as it is well known the greatest Part of the Captors had sold their Shares to Jews and Brokers, who consequently would be the only Gainers by the Payment; to which the Secretary of State returned, that if they had taken so unadvised a Step, the Perfidy of Spain had been the Cause of it; that the national Honour was concerned; that the Money should be paid; and that the national Interest required that so considerable a Sum should not remain in the Hands of an Enemy, to enable him to equip himself for War at our Expence.

The Spirit of Intrigue has got to such a Height in the polite Part of the Town, that in one House near Berkley Square there are no less than Six unlawful Connexions publickly known. Her Ladyship has an Affair with the Butler, his Lordship pays his amorous Respects to his Wife's Waiting Maid, the Chamber Maid is intimate with the Valet de Chambre, a Footman and the House Maid are upon very good Terms, the Dairy Maid lives very cordially with the Man Cook, and the Coachman gallants *Madame la Gouvernante*.

Dec. 30. On Tuesday last, when the Lord Mayor was collecting Charity for the Prisoners, a Gentleman in a Coffee-house at the Exchange, asked one of the Officers where Mr. Wilkes was. "Oh, Sir!" replied the Officer, "my Master Wilkes never asks Charity but for himself."

Saturday last the Sheriff's Officers delivered a Petition to the Lord Mayor, begging his Lordship to enforce the Sheriffs to a Payment off their respective Wages, due for Attendance, &c. according to their Purchase.

January 11. On Monday last, about Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, a most surprizing Affair happened at the House of Mrs. Golding, at Stockwell. All the China, Glasses, Stone Ware, Pewter, Brasles, and other Furniture, began to fall from their Places, and break to Pieces. This continued slowly for some Time, till the Lady could no longer stay in her House, but went next Door to Mr. Gresham, where she lost her Senses: Her Niece being sent for, had her blooded, and, as soon as the Blood was cold in the Basin, it flew out on the Floor, and presently the Basin broke to Pieces. She was obliged to remove from Mr. Gresham's, as the same Damages began in his House. Her Maid was with her the whole Time. She then went to her Niece, Mrs. Payne, a Farmer at Brixton Causeway, where almost every Thing was destroyed in the House, by the same invisible Agent. Her Maid was still with her, who seemed quite unconcerned the whole Time. She then went over the Way to Mr. Fowler's at the Brick-pound; where the same Scene followed her, and was obliged to return to her own House, when the few Things that were left began to move and break. They sent the Maid away on an Errand, to try what Effect that would have, when every Thing immediately ceased; upon which, when she returned, they discharged her, and all has continued quiet ever since. The old Lady, it is thought, cannot recover. The above are absolute Facts, though not the Hundredth Part of what happened, the Whole of which is preparing to be laid before the candid and impartial Publick, properly attested and authenticated.

January 15. The Hoffendon East-Indiaman, Capt. Jameson, from London, is arrived at Madras.

Extract of a Letter from Pool, January 11.

"On the 10th Ult. the Margaret, Throther, from Newfoundland for this Port, struck on the Rocks of Scilly and split in Half; all the Crew perished except Two, who were thrown on the Rock, and remained there Three Days, when some People in a Boat observing a Signal, went to their Relief. One of them being transported with the Prospect of his Deliverance, died before he reached the Shore."