

Lord North on hearing of the numbers affected by a late failure declared, that a particular law was necessary for the regulation of bankers. "The gentlemen in that business, said his Lordship, should be considered as criminals, not as unfortunate when they fail, and punished for committing a fraud upon their creditors. They receive a benefit from every man's cash which is placed in their hands, and are no less ungrateful, than dishonest, when they sport with the property of other people."

The apprehension of fresh failures becomes hourly stronger and stronger. On Saturday last the Bank sat for several hours upon the paper of a single house, and it is said that unless 150,000, is discounted for this House, a stop must be the inevitable consequence.

The late refusal of the Bank to discount bills drawn upon, and accepted by several considerable houses, has involved numbers in great difficulties. The People whose paper is thus refused at the Bank of England, fly to private Bankers for assistance, and these bankers, trembling for their own security in the general wound thus given to public credit, are under the disagreeable necessity of withholding their cash. The result is obvious, a man in good circumstances is obliged to fail, where the springs of commerce are thus cruelly choked up, and his name appears as an insolvent in the Gazette, when possibly he may be worth 30s. for every pound he owes to his creditors.

The refusal of the Bank of England with respect to the contracted discount of bills was undoubtedly occasioned by the infamous practice of speculating in the funds, and coining notes, where no real property existed, to answer the purposes of prodigal adventurers; but while the artifices of fraud are laudably guarded against, it is a national evil to check the industrious aims of real probity. The Bank, therefore, should be very cautious in its refusals of discount, since public credit like morality is extremely delicate; and in eradicating a particular vice we may really destroy a neighbouring virtue.

However some particular Scotch houses may be affected by a late failure, the publick should be carefully informed with respect to the notes issued by the great Bank of Scotland. These notes are undoubtedly good, because the Members of the Scotch national Bank are composed of the first men in that part of the united Kingdoms. Their real and personal estates are jointly bound to answer all demands upon them, and the truth is no way exceeded if we estimate this joint property at six millions sterling.

The relations of a certain Banker have, we hear, lost their all by his failure, having placed it confidently in his hands, and deemed themselves happy at having five per cent. from such indubitable security.

This day there was a meeting of the Merchants and Traders of this city at the King's-arms tavern in Cornhill, in order to consider of the best means of supporting credit on the present alarming crisis.

NEW-YORK, August 17.

The two Spanish ships lately cast away on Anguilla, as mentioned in our two late papers, were part of a fleet of 16 sail bound from Cadiz for Vera Cruz, and not for Porto Rico. The largest was formerly an English 74, bought in England after the late war, and the smallest, a French frigate of 34 guns. All the 16 were large vessels, but had no troops on board, and were entirely loaded with dry goods, and 'twas said the Cargo of the two ships cast away, was worth 5,750,000 dollars, almost all which was saved, but the vessels lost.

We hear from the Wall-Kill, in Ulster County, that a few days past, as one Francis Bedine was walking towards his Door, he was observed by his wife and a gentleman then in the house, to stagger and reel; they immediately took hold of him to lead him to the bed; the gentleman said to the man's wife, "your husband is dying." "Lord have mercy on me," says she, "I am a dying also," and they both expired in a few minutes, without uttering another word. A striking instance of the uncertainty of life, and a loud call to all to be up and doing, and to obey these words: "Be ye also ready."

PHILADELPHIA, August 12.

Monday night last arrived here the brig Lovely Lass, Capt. Wail, from Jamaica, who informs, that on Saturday, July 25, at 8 o'clock A. M. the Havana bearing E. S. E. Table Marill south, off shore four Leagues, Don Augustus Derara, in the Bellona, a guarda coast sloop of 14 carriage guns, 16 swivels, and 60 men, bore down and fired a gun to bring him too, upon which he laid the main-top sail to the mast; In half an hour after they fired another gun; he then hauled down the jib and stay-sails, the fore-sail up, and laid the fore-top-sail to the mast. At 9 they came up, hailed him and asked where he was bound, where he came from, and what was his cargo, and to hoist a heat out and bring on board his passport. He hoisted a small boat out which was very leaky; He then begged they would send their boat; their answer was, that he should hoist out the large boat; he told them they would be as bad as the little one; but the truth was he did not chuse to take the trouble. They hoisted a boat out and sent her on board, with a sea-officer and 12 men with a broad sword each, a marine officer and 3 men with bayonets fixed, drew them all up in form on the quarter-deck, examined our passport, &c. after which they desired to look at our cargo, and the sea officer with 4 men went down, rumaged between decks and the hold fore and aft, cut open a bale belonging to the cargo, and searched the seams chests, &c. At 11 o'clock the officer told Capt. Wail he would go on board and acquaint his commander with what he had seen, and that he should wait for his answer. In a quarter of an hour the boat returned without an officer, desiring him to proceed.

Capt. Wail on his passage, the 27th of July, about 10 or 12 leagues to the northward of Cape Florida, saw a vessel lying on shore, with her two lower masts only standing. She seemed to be drove high up on the beach, with her head to the southward. The 31st inst.

in lat. 35, 15, long. 73, 30, W. spoke Martin Ferns, in the brig Kitty, from Virginia for Grenada, out 2 days, who informed him he had a strong gale of wind at N. E. and that morning he was close in with the Breakers on Hatteras Shoals, and had given himself up for lost, but fortunately got clear without damage. The 31st inst. in lat. 37, 40, long. 74, W. spoke Capt. Lightburne, in a brig from Virginia for London, out 30 hours, all well.

ARRIVALS.

From Virginia. Granville, Bowe, at Gravesend. Sparring, Priestman; and Jane, Banks, at Liverpool. Molly, Mitchelson, at Whitehaven. Ship Glory, Webster; Brig Corlet, Herbert; and Brig Jolly Bacchus, Ramant, at Jamaica. Brig Black Prince, Elliot; Brig Alice, Carlton; Schooner Beggart Bennisin, M'Karrel; Brig Norbone, Maxwell; Schooner William, Keeble; Schooner Janet, Pool; Sloop Jolly Roger, Stewart; and Sloop Betsley, Williamson, at Antigua.

From Maryland. Adderton, Howe, at Gravesend. Rising Sun, Geshill, at Waterford. Sufannah, Lloyd, at Dublin. Brig Archson, Wells, at Jamaica.

From this Port. Snow Sally, Gilbert, at Jamaica. Brig Harmony, Fairy, at Madeira. Ship Tyger, Robinson, at Bay of Honduras; last from Jamaica. Brig Molly, Mullet, at St. Kitts. Schooner Indultry, Barry; and Brig Indultry, Keith, at Halifax.

ANNAPOLIS, August 27.

On Tuesday last embarked from this Port for London, on Board the Ship Annapolis, Thomas Eden, Esq. Commander, the Honourable Mrs. Eden, Major William Fleming, of his Majesty's 64th Regiment, and several other Passengers.

TO THE PRINTER.

AN Act was made in 1692, Chap. 2; which was the first that established religious Worship in this Province. An additional Act was made for the same Purpose in 1694, Chap. 12; which was repealed by another additional Act in 1695, Chap. 1; which was itself repealed by an Act in 1696, Chap. 18. entitled, *An Act for the Service of Almighty God, &c.* By this Act of 1696, Chap. 18, the Acts of 1692, Chap. 2, and 1695, Chap. 1, were repealed; but his Majesty dissented to it. An Act in 1699, Chap. 46, after amending the Laws of this Province, was made; by which, among other Specifications, the Act of 1692, Chap. 2, and the Act in 1696, Chap. 18, were declared, together with the several Laws made this Session, and no other, to be the Body of Laws of this Province. And it was, moreover, set forth, that all Laws heretofore made, for, and in this Province, of what Kind soever, except Laws for private Purposes and the Laws mentioned in the said Catalogue and the Laws made and assented to this Session, are annulled, repealed, &c.—To this Law his Majesty dissented.—In 1700 an Act was made for the Service of Almighty God, &c. but being laid before the King and Council, it was not approved in all its Parts; but sent back with Amendments proposed, which were accepted, and an Act pursuant thereto, passed in 1702, Chap. 3, entitled, *An Act for the Establishment of religious Worship, &c.* Now, I do not find that the grand repealing Law in 1704, Chap. 77, which expressly saves the Law of 1702, assumes to itself any independent, irrelative Power of establishing a certain Mode of religious Worship. I do not find any subsequent Law enacted for that specific Purpose. All the Laws, anterior to the Law in 1702, which had that Subject in particular, effective Contemplation, stand confessedly repealed. Now upon this Ground, provided the Validity of the Law of 1702, Chap. 3, be destroyed, I ask those Gentlemen, who call themselves eminent Lawyers, what Pretensions have we to any religious Establishment in this Province whatever? If I be answered that we have none; which, in my Judgment, naturally results from the foregoing Arrangement; how is it possible for a Clergyman, without the most palpable Absurdity, to bring an Action for what is called a quantum meruit? Or, in plain English, for Wages due to him; which Wages he has deserved by doing certain Acts, which the Law judges to be Services? I beg Pardon of their Eminencies for breaking in upon their Myseries.—Since a Clergyman must be precisely in the same Situation as a Field-Preacher, or any other Dissenter, or Sectary, who cannot appeal to any Law to make his Hearers pay him Wages for his Discourses.—If I should be told, that, although our Provincial Laws, which were framed for the erecting and supporting a certain Form of Worship, should be severed and cut away from the main Body; yet we have an inherent, and unalienable religious Establishment; I should desire to be informed, whether it be the pure, unadulterated, episcopal Daughter of the Church of England; or whether it draws its divine Origin from the holy Representative of St. Peter; or, in fine, whether it be something sharking upon both?—Let her Features and Disposition be distinctly retraced; that we may know her if we meet her in the Street.

Talbot County, Aug. 18th, 1772.

A. B.

TO THE PRINTER.

IT gives great Joy to every Body, to hear that the Gentlemen of the Law, who intend to plead for the People against the 40 per Poll, are determined to bring the Matter to Trial the very first Court; that an End may be put to all the Clutter at once, and strife and black Blood be no longer kept up betwixt Neighbours and Relations, about what may be settled without further Delay; and that every Thing which concerns our Prosperity shall not continue to stand still on that Account. For they say, that they look upon all Encouragers of such deadly Disputes, as both detestable and foolish, by which they themselves will as certainly suffer, as he who drinks deep of Poison to make the Man he hates pledge him.—These candid and worthy Gentlemen, it seems, declare, that they have been too long thinking on the Subject either to need or desire farther

Time; and as this Affair is not attended with the Difficulty of getting Witnesses, and other Hindrances, as in common Cases, they are resolved, as the Report goes every where, to dispatch it out of Hand. For which I, as one of the Freeholders, return them my heartiest and sincerest Thanks. For this is one of the sure Ways of shewing themselves true and faithful to the People, it is clearer than Ten Thousand fine Speeches, and will give the Lie to many of the evil Things that have been said against them.

Elk-Ridge, Aug. 12, 1772.

A FREEHOLDER.

By the Provincial Court, April Term, 1772. ORDERED, That the several High Sheriffs within this Province do (or the future attend in Person the First Week of the said Courts.

Per Order.

REVERDY GHISLIN, Clerk.

BY AUTHORITY. BY THE AMERICAN COMPANY.

On Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 1.

The Theatre in West-Street will be opened with a COMEDY, written by Hugh Kelly, Author of *Fanny Delicacy*, a Letter to Mr. Beckford, &c. called

A WORD TO THE WISE.

Captain Dormer, by Mr. HALLAM. Sir George Hastings, by Mr. HENRY. Sir John Dormer, by Mr. DOUGLASS. Willoughby, by Mr. MORRIS. Villars, by Mr. GOODMAN. Miss Dormer, by Mrs. HENRY. Mrs. Willoughby, by Mrs. MORRIS. Miss Willoughby, by Miss STORER. Jenny, by Mrs. WALL. Lucy, by Miss RICHARDSON. Miss Montagu, by Miss HALLAM.

A NEW OCCASIONAL PROLOGUE, will be spoken by Mr. HALLAM. With a new set of SCENES, painted by Mr. RICHARDS of London.

To which will be added, a Dramatic Satire, called, L E T H E.

ÆSOP IN THE SHADES.

Frenchman and Drunken Man, by Mr. HALLAM. Æsop, by Mr. DOUGLASS. Mercury (with SONGS) by Mr. WOOLLS. Fine Gentleman, by Mr. BYERLEY. Old Man, by Mr. MORRIS. Mr. Tattoo, by Mr. GOODMAN. Charent, by Mr. JOHNSON. Mrs. Risi (with a SONG) by Miss STORER. Mrs. Tattoo, by Miss HALLAM.

No Person, upon any Account whatsoever, be admitted behind the Scenes.

TICKETS to be had at Mr. Garratt's, and of Mr. Reynolds, next Door to the Theatre.

Boxes 7s. 6d. Pit 5s. Places in the Boxes to be had at the Theatre, where a Book is kept for that Purpose.

Ladies and Gentlemen who take Places will please to send their Servants at Five o'Clock, and they shall be put in Possession of them.

[To begin exactly at Six o'Clock.]

To be sold on the Premises, by the Subscribers, at public Vendue, on Monday the 21st of September next,

A TRACT of Land, situated near Quin-Aur, in Anne-Arundel County, containing 177 Acres, of which there are about 10 Acres of Meadow Ground cleared, and as much more may be easily made with little Expence. The Soil is good for planting. There are on said Land, a Dwelling House, Kitchen, and Quarter, with several Out Houses, Two Tobacco Houses, with an excellent Apple Orchard for Fruit, of which may be made annually from 4 to 6 Thousand Gallons of Cider. Any Person inclinable to purchase may view the Land any Time before the Day of Sale, by applying to the Subscribers, near the Premises.

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JOHN HAMS,

T. WATKINS, Jan.

N. B. The Sale will begin at 12 o'Clock. To be sold, at public Sale, on Thursday the 17th Day of September next, at the House belonging to the late Mr. Jordan,

A PARCEL of Household and Kitchen Furniture, belonging to Philip Thomas Lee, Esq. consisting of Mahogany Dining-Tables, and Card-Tables, Mahogany Chairs and Bedsteads, large Looking-Glasses with gilt Frames, and many other Articles of genteel Furniture. The Kitchen Furniture is exceedingly well assorted, with many conveniences not commonly to be met with. There are likewise several Chests of Drawers, and a Mahogany Writing Desk. Also, a handsome Chariot, not much worn for wear, with a Box and Harness for Four Horses. The Sale will continue from Day to Day until all is sold, and the Goods may be viewed by Application, at Messrs. James Dick and Stewart's Store, any Time before the Day of Sale.

Just imported, in the Success Packet, Capt. Kemble from Senegal, and which will be offered in Sale on Thursday the 3d Day of September, at Annapolis.

A PARCEL of healthy, likely, young SLAVES for Cash or Bills of Exchange.

(2w)

JAMES DICKINSON.

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(3w) Pri... Commi... RICHARD... Fellow, ... Inches high, c... curled: Has o... (and has Thre... Onabrig Trou... Dialect) an Ir... Board the Gibb... South Carolina...

WILLIAM... Years of Age, ... Hair, which is... a little: Has o... Breeches, whit... of brown Thre... nailed on the... Says he came i... in the Thornton... cter, ran aw... them on their v... These two f... from distant Pa... do not acknowl... bly be Two o... Gazette, as run... (2w)

THE IV... D... RAN away... Morning... Lad, named J... Age, 5 Feet 6... large Eyes, row... elution, good... Mouth, a peal... Leg where is w... when he w... and a lig... he or Two Cl... of oval Silver... could he will... thought he wa... time Day. W... servant in an... again, sha... double Charge... (w3)

MISSED... Lloyd D... Infant, a... Face, a... but the, ne... brings the... sole Reward...