

cellent proficient in the politicks of the Brandenburg here; they have both sent large armies into Poland, with an intent to share such provinces of that kingdom as the Empress of Russia will permit them to enjoy. Unhappy is that state or nation, which cannot cure its own evils without the aid of foreigners. A hundred thousand mediators have ruined Poland. The seeds of their destruction were laid by the bigotry, superstition, and intolerant spirit of the Priests, and the despotic behaviour of the Nobility; the former would allow of no toleration, the latter would suffer no liberty.

CHRISTIANSTED, (St. Croix) August 29.

On Thursday night last the sloop —, Capt. Lee, a drogher, belonging to Rapzot Heyliger, Esq; with a quantity of sugar and rum on board, was stranded on the reef off this harbour, it blowing hard, the sugar is entirely lost, but the whole or best part of the rum will be saved, it is yet uncertain whether the vessel will be saved: And last night it blew excessive hard from the westward, with very severe lightning, but as yet have not heard of any damage done.

Sept. 4. On Monday night last blew the most violent hurricane that has ever been known here, or, perhaps on any island, in the memory of man. Words are wanting to describe the horrors of the night; the dreadful roar of raging winds and waves, the crash of falling buildings, the cries and groans of the sufferers, the dying and the wounded, together with the tenfold darkness, made visible only by the meteors, which, like balls of fire, skimmed along the hills, formed a most terrible and most distressful scene. When morning came, the dismal effects of its fury were seen in every street, and particularly on the rising grounds, where scarce a house is saved, so that nearly one half of the houses in this place were seen thrown down or greatly damaged, which, with the sight of the several dead bodies, filled every face with astonishment. All the vessels in the harbour early in the night broke from their moorings and were drove ashore, where they remain, most of them many yards on dry land. Accounts from the country are yet worse if possible, nearly all the dwelling-houses, and every negro-house on the plantations swept away by the violence of the gale; and from Frederickstad we hear, there are but three houses left standing. It is remarkable, that the water in almost every butt is become brackish. At present cannot give an exact account of the unhappy persons who were killed, as every hour comes loaded with its dismal tale.

On this melancholy occasion, his Excellency the General has devised every thing for the relief of the suffering poor, that the humanity and goodness of heart, which so eminently distinguishes his character, could suggest.

Yesterday arrived here the schooner Hopewell, Capt. William Lynn, from St. Eustatius, who parted his cable about nine o'clock on Monday morning last, twenty-five sail of vessels put out at the same time, the wind continued blowing excessive hard from the North till about 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and about 12 the wind shifted to the east, until one of them came to the S. S. E. where it blew a most terrible gale, and so continued till about twelve o'clock at night, at which time it began to moderate, and on Wednesday morning he saw four vessels in the most distressed situation, three without masts, and a large ship lying on her beam ends, but was not able to speak to them, and yesterday he saw a ship under jury masts go into St. Thomas.

This morning arrived here a large Dutch ship and an English sloop both under jury masts.  
At the same time arrived the sloop —, Captain Lightbourne, from New-York.

BASSETERRE, (in St. Christopher's) Sept. 2.

We inserted in our last account of a hard gale of wind from S. W. with some accidents that attended the same, which to this island's inexpressible grief were no more than a prelude of our destruction; for on Monday last, at the dawn of day, our angry hemisphere predicted violence from the N. E. which by degrees broke forth upon us with such rage, not to be paralleled in the memory of the oldest man living, in destroying the sugar works and plantations in general, and in course nothing escaped its fury, the vessels of all denominations for safety put to sea, and by twelve at noon we were in hopes that the all-gracious Providence had finished this fatal catastrophe, but to our mortal sorrow we were very unfortunately disappointed, for about that time the wind shifted to about S. W. and S. which brought on us such an incessant horrible scene of destruction till eight o'clock in the evening, that it is beyond the power of man to relate, nothing less threatened us, as we feared, than a total annihilation of the island, and those vessels that in the morning went in search of safety and were not foundered, returned and were driven on shore on several parts of the island, and scarce a house, sugar-mill, tree or plant in this town, Sandy point, Old Road, or Island, but were blown down or very much damaged. The loss sustained by the planters, house-owners, and inhabitants is incalculable, the loss of lives, as we hear is considerable, only which particular names as have yet come to our knowledge are, Richard Mathews Esq; Mrs. Thomas, relict of Mr. Thomas, silversmith, and a great number dangerously wounded. As is also come to our knowledge vessels foundered and run ashore, the brig Tryten, Marnan, schooner-Relief, Moore, brig Mercury, Seaton, schooner —, Buckle, supposed to be foundered; ship Farley, Cook, ship New-York, Craig, snow Thistle, Hunter, and schooner Hazard, Butler, all on shore, the snow Thistle was loaded with sugar for London.

Vessels run on shore the 28th, which was omitted in our last, are, at the Salt Ponds, Mr. Corlet's sloop and hulks, Mr. Lawrence's sloop of Nevis, Capt. Reap, Mr. Ross's schooner of Nevis; at Sandy-Point, Messrs. Woodburne and Garnet's schooner, Mr. Someisfall's sloop, and a North-American schooner.

Sept. 5. The horrible picture of this island's general distress, represented in our last days prints, is greatly inferior to the original, and to enumerate and particularise on our ills in ever so manly and pathetic a manner, would not change the opaque into a mirror, but just the reverse; it must be many years fortunate experience, with much circumspection and prudence, before it is possible we can retrieve our losses, and sorry we are to pronounce the sentence of improbability on many families that are so far reduced, according to human apprehension, ever to recover the throe; for at the most moderate calculation, the general loss sustained cannot possibly be computed at less than 500,000 l. However incredible, it is possible, such a sum may appear to some of our readers for so small an island, if they rest it a moment on its value they will not be surprised; notwithstanding which, we have the pleasure to inform the poor of these two parishes, that the benevolent subscription set on foot by the gentlemen of this town and neighbourhood is very favourable for their immediate relief, an act of the highest satisfaction to conscientious men, as it is of the most salutary importance to their fellow creatures and benefactors, an example worthy of imitation by our friends and correspondency, which we don't doubt but there will be a charitable attention paid to it even in a distant clime, the metropolis of our empire, particularly all those who have had and have been benefited by the existence of so fruitful a spot. Nothing crouds in upon us from this perilous day, but the same tragical scene from our sister islands: St. Eustatia, in human existence, is as it were no more, many houses and families taken from the summit and have not been heard of, and what was not effected by the violence of one element above was completely so by the other below, by the cruel violence of the bellowing waves, which particulars we have not learned. At Dominica, by Capt. Yard, we have an account of the loss of eighteen vessels of different burthens at Roseau, and six at Prince Rupert's Bay, no farther particulars relative to that island we have got yet. At Antigua, we learned by a boat that arrived yesterday, that all his Majesty's ships in English harbour (except the Admiral's) were on shore, and all the vessels in St. John's; and it is related by this conveyance, that the island has suffered the same unhappy devastation as ours. Seven sail ashore at Nevis. A brig belonging to Mr. Corlet, loaded with mill-timber, run ashore at Salt Pond Gut, the boatswain drowned; schooner Deep-Bay, belonging to Messrs. Osborn and Manning, Capt. Beach, foundered, and all perished; a sloop belonging to New-York, Capt. Saunders, loaded with rum, run ashore. Three dead bodies, unknown, drove ashore.

Sept. 9. From the leeward we hear, that in Saba 182 houses were destroyed by the late hurricane, and that two ships (one a Guinea man) are lost on the back of that island, and every person on board perished. Our accounts from St. Martin's are more favourable, very little damage having been done there.

Perhaps a greater instance of the impetuosity of the storm cannot be given than the following, which we have just received from Sandy Point: Mr. Lewis's house, which was lofted, was separated at the runners, and the upper story laid softly in his own yard, in which he and his numerous family now actually reside; while the lower story was rent in pieces; so that he may be said to live in a garret upon the ground.

From Antigua we hear, that Messrs. Willock and Morson have paid 15s. a bushel for corn, taking a whole cargo; and so great is their distress in St. Eustatia, that five half Joes have been offered for a barrel of flour.

ANTIGUA, September 5.

On Monday last a most dreadful storm happened here, far more violent than the preceding one, mentioned in our last week's Mercury. It began between one and two o'clock in the morning, continued increasing till near ten, and was not properly assuaged till five in the afternoon. To attempt a detail of the mischief done to individuals by this dreadful tempest would be endless; as every one has suffered in a greater or less degree. We should fail likewise, were we to attempt by language to raise any adequate idea of the dreadful scene of the scene; we can only say, that it can be better conceived than expressed, and even here, the most fruitful imagination would fall short. Let it suffice then for us to say generally, — That all the vessels in the different harbours (with very few exceptions) were either sunk, over-set, or driven on shore; even that secure place English Harbour was not a sufficient asylum for the vessels there; his Majesty's ships Chatham, Active, Sea-horse, and Falcon, were driven from their moorings and suffered greatly; the former lost her foremast, and the others have not a mast standing. One ship in the harbour of St. John, by having her masts cut away, with two sloops, in a miraculous manner rode out the storm; one ship drove to sea, and has not since been heard of; that the church, court-house, barracks, and most, if not all, the public buildings, are greatly injured; that very few if any of the houses in St. John's have entirely escaped; that all the buildings, windmills, works, &c. on every estate, or the greatest part of them, are levelled with the ground; many negroes killed, and many wounded; the cattle and other live stock shared the same fate, the ground provisions destroyed, and the prospect of a crop for next year much cut off. The loss sustained by the fire in 1769 cannot be put in competition with the present calamity.

Elk-Ridge, October, 17, 1772.

Just imported, from London, in the Ship Galloway, Captain Bishoppick, and to be sold at my Store, at Elk-Ridge-Landing very cheap (by Wholesale or Retail) for Cash, Bills of Exchange, or any Kind of Country Produce.

A LARGE and general Assortment of Merchandise.

JOHN DORSEY.

To be sold at publick Vendue, at Upper-Marlborough, on Wednesday the 2d Day of November next,

FOUR Lots of Ground in said Town, with Improvements thereon, a Dwelling-House, a Kitchen, Brick Milk-House, a Garden, Smith's Shop, a large Warehouse, &c. One Negro Woman, and all the Effects of Mr. John Kingsbury of every Kind whatsoever, for Sterling Cash, or good London Bills of Exchange, by us the Subscribers, being Trustees for said Kingsbury, unto Mrs. Sarah Brice of Annapolis; as per Deed, which will be shewn on the Day of Sale.

GEORGE F. MAGRUDER,  
BASIL MAGRUDER,  
THOMAS MAGRUDER,  
FRANCIS FREELAND.

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October 1, 1772.

To be sold at publick Vendue, on the 20th of November next,

A PLANTATION consisting of about 200 Acres of good Land, with a Merchant-Mill, and Saw-Mill on the Premises situate on Rock-Creek, in Frederick County, about 16 Miles from George-Town, 15 from Bladenburg; and 33 from Baltimore: On said Land is a comfortable Dwelling-House, several Out-Houses, and a good Orchard, about 60 Acres of Upland cleared, some Meadow, more may be made, and watered. The Merchant-Mill is Three Stories high, Two of Stone and One of Frame; the Water Wheel 20 Feet high, over-shot, with Two Pair of Stones, both double geared, fixed on a good Stream, well situate for Merchant and Country Work, in a peaceable Neighbourhood, which must be an Inducement to the Purchaser; they are esteemed well constructed Mills, &c.

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JOSEPH ELGAR.

October 1, 1772.

To be sold at publick Vendue, on the 21st of November next,

ABOUT 150 Acres of valuable Land, whereon is a good Grist-Mill, double geared, about 30 Acres of good Meadow, well set with Timothy, and 40 more may be easily made; this Land is situate on a Draft of Patuxent, in Frederick County, about 17 Miles from Bladenburg, 23 from George-Town, and 28 from Baltimore. Time will be given for good Part of the Purchase Money, by

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JAMES BROOKE.

October 14, 1772.

To be sold in Calvert County, on the Premises, on Tuesday the 24th of November,

ABOUT 700 Acres of Land, lying on the main Branch of St. Leonard's-Creek, well wooded, whereon may be made about 80 Acres of Meadow, it will be sold together or in Parcels: Also on Thursday the 26th November, about 160 Acres of Land, with a good Marsh, and convenient for fishing and oystering: Credit will be given for Half the Purchase Money, upon paying Interest and giving Security if required: Also to be sold at Vendue, at St. Leonard's-Creek Town, on Tuesday the 1st December, about £. 200 Cost of Goods, payable next September, clear of Interest, upon giving Security if required.

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JAMES SOMERVELL.

Agreeable to the last Will and Testament of Col. Charles Hammond, deceased, will be sold for ready Money, on Monday the 2d Day of November next,

ABOUT Forty Head of black Cattle, at his Quarter, on Broad-Neck, among which are Milch Cows, and Steers for Slaughter.

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ROBERT COUDEN.

Just arrived in the Britannia, Capt. William Scott, from Port-Glasgow,

ABOUT One Hundred Servants, Men, Women, and Children, the Men and Women are under Indenture for Four Years, and their Children by Agreement, are to serve till they are Twenty-one Years old: Those that are married will be sold together; there are some Tradesmen among them, but the greatest Part are Farmers; these are Part of the People who were compelled to leave their Native Country by the Oppression of the Land-Holders; they are orderly and well behaved, and will be disposed of at Bladenburg, for ready Cash, or Bills of Exchange, by

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CHRISTOPHER LOWNDES.

Baltimore, October 12, 1772.

Just arrived, from Rotterdam, in the Brig Betsey, Capt. Bryson, lying at Fell's-Point,

A NUMBER of Palatine Passengers, whose Freights are to be paid to  
N. B. The Betsey carries about 200 Hogheads Tobacco, or 6000 Bushels, and is to be chartered; apply to

J. C.

JAMES CHRISTIE, junr.

October 19, 1772.

LOST at the Play-House Door on Saturday the Third Inst. a green Leather Pocket-Book, with a Memorandum-Book bound in it, tied with brown Silk Ferret: There was in it some Cash, and a Number of Papers of Use only to the Owner.

Whoever has it, and will bring it to Mr. Colin Campbell in Annapolis, shall be welcome to the Money in the Book, and shall be paid Fifteen Shillings Currency for their Trouble, and no Questions asked.

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