

have produced an answer that would have occasioned an immediate declaration of war against Spain. This, we hear, was what Sandwich thought England must do, if she preferred her honour; but the prudent North desired a few days might be spent in considering the matter; which he was indulged in. However, it is almost beyond a doubt, that it will take place in a few weeks.

The empress of Russia has again been attempting to raise money in Holland, but without success; which has so embarrassed her, that she is quite destitute of patience. However, it is said, every thing will be risked, rather than enter into a seeming dishonourable treaty with the Turks.

Within these ten days past some difference has arisen between the French monarch, and the princes of the blood, which, it is whispered, if not speedily made up, a great revolution will be the consequence of it.

Oct. 14. They write from Paris, that on the 24th of last month the Sieur d'Agay, intendant of Picardy, had the honour to receive the Duke and Duchesse of Cumberland at St. Quintin; and as their royal highnesses examine every thing remarkable on their route to Italy, he conducted them to the subterranean canal of communication now carrying on between the Somme and the Escaut, in order to unite those two rivers. After viewing it, they expressed great astonishment, as it seemed an undertaking superior to any attempts of the like sort made by the ancient Romans. The letter adds, that the Duke and Duchesse travel incog. under the titles of Count and Countess of Dublin, and desire that no public honours may be shewn them.

Extract of a letter from Rome, Sept. 21.

Mr. Alfani went on the 4th instant, at nine o'clock at night, to the convent of the religious of St. Françoise Romaine, with some notaries, secretaries, &c. He assembled all the religious in their hall, where, after having ordered silence on pain of excommunication, he read the Pope's orders to them. After which he bid them to stay in the same hall till further orders, and he went and sealed several bureaus; in which it is thought are effects and papers belonging to the ex-Jesuits. On his return into the hall he took off the excommunication and left the convent, wishing a good night to the poor religious, who were panic-struck at seeing so many of such sort of people in their convent at that time of night.

The Patowmack, Cooky from Maryland to London, is stranded on the coast of France, near Boulogne, and the captain and seven men drowned.

John Strange, Esq; son of the late Sir John Strange, is appointed his majesty's consul at Venice, in the room of Sir James Wright, Bart. lately returned from thence.

It is whispered that the Jesuits have a friend in England as well as in Prussia; but though in the latter their patron is a S—n, and in the former only a S—n's favourite, yet the power of serving is equally great in the one as the other.

The liverymen of London having now found their strength, will convince the time-serving court of aldermen they are not to be treated with contempt; that court, according to ancient custom, should return the man who has the majority of votes of his fellow citizens; if they persist obstinately in rejecting Mr. Wilkes, though he has such a majority of votes, the livery are determined they shall compliment the court with Mr. Bull annually, for they will chuse no other for the future than those candidates.

It is said the Lord Mayor declared at the late choice, it gave him a double pleasure to have it in his power to give two votes against Wilkes.

The present conduct of the city patriots gives the minister great pleasure; it will throw every thing very soon into his hands. No man will choose for the future to go through the ordeal trial prepared for him at an election by those who deal in the worst kind of scandal, the invention of falsehoods, and the aggravation of petty faults into great ones. The court and the ministry laugh to see their enemies become their best friends.

The city politicians tell us that we have two Lord Mayors this year, one nominal and ostensible, another real, though affecting to act modestly behind the curtain.

What scenes of tumult and distraction must the city of London expect for years to come! because those who call themselves patriots are determined to act inconspicuously with the name they have assumed.

A correspondent informs us that we import yearly from Barbados, the leeward islands, and Jamaica, 90,000 hogheads of sugar, which amount to 1,300,000l. and pay a duty of 300,000l.

If the present shameful practice of engrossing is suffered to continue, it is in vain to expect provisions at a reasonable price; the consequence of which will be, the lower classes of people must leave this kingdom, and oblige the higher ranks to hold the plough themselves.

By a letter from Bristol, we are informed that the spirit of emigration has begun to show itself in the western parts of the kingdom.

They write from Petersburg that the Swedish ambassador has made an open demand, in the name of his master, of the province of Livonia, which was taken from the Swede by the Czar Peter the great.

It is reported, that the American colonies are expected soon to enter into a general association, not to import any tea from England, till they have obtained the redress of certain grievances which they now complain of.

A few days since a young gentleman, who is entitled to a capital fortune in about a year, lost 17,000l. at one sitting, at a table near Piccadilly, but his guardian refusing to pay it, he cut his throat, and now lies dangerously ill.

The Martha, Capt. Lewis, from Cape Fear, North Carolina, for London, is safe arrived in the Downs.

ANNAPOLIS, DECEMBER 16.

We hear from Charles county, that on the 7th inst. as Mr. John Leidler was riding an unruly horse, he was unfortunately thrown, and killed on the spot.

The Brigantine John, Capt. Vanbibber, from Baltimore, arrived at Barbados the 30th of October, but markets being low, proceeded to leeward.

By order of the lower house of assembly.

Extracts from an act, entitled, "an act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, and for preventing frauds in his majesty's customs."

And be it enacted, that the warehouses, wharfs, prizes, and cranes, already built, and by this act continued to be warehouses for the inspection of tobacco, where the same warehouses have been commonly since the twentieth day of October seventeen hundred and seventy, used and employed for receiving and storing tobacco, for rent or reward, shall continue to be made use of as warehouses by virtue of this act, and the owners or proprietors of every such house, are hereby obliged to let the same to the inspector or inspectors, as the case shall be, under the penalty of thirty-two thousand pounds of tobacco.

And, whereas many of the warehouses rented and used under the late inspection law for the reception of tobacco, have been since the expiration of the said law, employed and used by the owners thereof to other purposes, and they may be now unwilling to rent them for the use of the public: And whereas it is necessary to erect new warehouses at some of the places directed by this law,

Be it enacted, that the justices of the county court of such counties, or any three of them, in all such cases, shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to agree for and purchase a quantity of land, not exceeding one acre, the most convenient and proper for the erection of warehouses, and in case the owner or owners of such land shall refuse to make sale of so much of the said land as the said justices or any two of them shall think necessary for the purposes by this act directed, at a reasonable price, or be under any disability of making thereof, then the said justices, or any two of them, shall be, and are by virtue of this act authorized and required to issue their warrant to the sheriff of such county, requiring and commanding him to summon, empanel, and return, a jury of the best and most capable and substantial freeholders (not less than twelve) inhabitants within such county, and not interested in or related to the owner of such land, to be and appear before the said justices on the premises upon a certain day to be by them limited and appointed in such warrant, which jury upon their oath to be by the said justices, or one of them, to the said jurors administered, shall enquire who is or are the owner or owners of the said land, what is the value thereof, and what damages such owner or owners will sustain, and the sum of money the said jurors shall assess to the owner or owners of such land, shall be assessed and levied by the justices of such county, at their next November court, at the time of laying of the public levy, and shall be collected by the sheriff of such county in the same manner as the county levy, and may be discharged in like manner, and the sheriff shall pay the same to the owner or owners of such land; and the said justices shall immediately after such valuation by the jury, cause such land to be surveyed and laid out by the surveyor of such county, with good and sufficient boundaries, and a certificate thereof to be returned and recorded in the county records; and the justices of the said county and their successors, shall be, and are hereby vested with an estate in fee simple in the said land, for the use of such county for ever. And the said justices, or any two of them, shall, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to treat and agree with workmen to build and finish good, necessary and convenient warehouses on such land, and to purchase all necessaries and conveniences to carry this act into execution, and the expence for the same shall be assessed, levied, and collected, on and from the inhabitants of such county, in the same manner as other county levies, and be paid by the sheriff to the order of the said justices, or any two of them.

ENTERED,

Sloop Sally, Thomas Rofs, from Hispaniola.
Ship Isabella, Simon Bruffett, from Bristol.

CLEARED.

Brigantine Woodbridge, James Brown, for Bilbao,
Schooner Fanny, Benjamin Dashiell, for Antigua.
Ship Sally, George Buchanan, for London.
Schooner Grampus, John Brackett, for Boston.
Brigantine Young Phoenix, David Lee, for Bilbao.
Brigantine Molly, John Lancefield, for St. Vincent.

Charles county, Leidler's ferry on Patowmack,
December 13, 1773.

TO THE PUBLIC,

ALL gentlemen and ladies that pass from Howe's to Leidler's ferry on Patowmack, may depend on the best usage and good accommodations for horses,

By the public's most humble servant,

ELIZABETH LEIDLER.

Annapolis, December 7, 1773.

THE subscriber being possessed of more houses and lots in this city than are necessary for the accommodation of his own family, is willing to dispose of one or more of them to any person that is willing to purchase. For further particulars enquire of

JOHN CAMPBELL.

November 22, 1773.

To be sold at public vendue on the premises, on Monday the third day of January next, THE plantation and tract of land, late the property of William Ottey, Esq; deceased, situate, lying and being in Baltimore county, Maryland, containing upwards of eight hundred acres, about ten miles from Baltimore-town, on the main road leading to Frederick-town and to Virginia; there are about two hundred acres of cleared land, about eight acres of meadow cleared, and in good timothy grass, a good dwelling house and kitchen, and a barn about forty feet, with a good threshing floor; a log stable, and other convenient buildings; there is also a very good mill seat on the main falls of Patapico, belonging to the tract; there is an extensive range for cattle and hogs, which makes the land more valuable, as the Baltimore-town market always affords a fine price for fresh butter and roasting pigs. It lies convenient to three merchant mills, where ready money may always be had for good wheat. The purchaser may have immediate possession and a deed, on paying one third of the purchase money, with good security for the payment of the residue in twelve months, with interest. The title is clear and indisputable. Any person inclinable to view the land may apply to Mr. Zachariah McCubbin, living near the premises, who will shew it. If it should either rain or snow on that day, the sale to be on the first fair day after.

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ANNE OTTEY.

JUST PUBLISHED,

And to be sold at the PRINTING-OFFICE,

THE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS,

Of the last CONVENTION of ASSEMBLY.

CHOICE Madeira wine of the very best particular (bill) quality, vintage 1772, in pipes, hogheads, and quarter casks, to be sold by James Clark, in Baltimore. w3

December 14, 1773.

RAN away from the subscriber on Sunday last, a servant man, named Thomas Hall, a carver by trade: had on, a Wilton cloth coat of a reddish colour, one frock of dark coloured fustian, waistcoat of the same, new buckskin breeches, ribbed worsted stockings, and silver buckles; he wears his own hair which is curled at the ears and clubbed behind, is about five feet nine inches high, slim made, pitted with the small-pox. The indenture he signed in London was given up to him and a discharge, after which he executed another indenture, by which he was to be allowed in consideration of his former service, wages after the rate of ten shillings per week till the expiration of his time, which would have been in September next: masters of vessels are requested not to carry him out of the country; and whoever takes up and secures the said servant, shall receive five pounds reward, and if brought home reasonable charges.

WILLIAM BUCKLAND.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

November 27, 1773.

RAN away from the subscriber in Dorchester county, an Irish servant man, about five feet nine or ten inches high, named Joseph Anderson, schoolmaster, but 'tis like he may change his name, has a thin visage, about thirty years of age; wears his own hair tied behind, but short, gray headed: had on when he went away, old surtout coat, a thin jeans coat, a knit pattern jacket with buttons covered of the same, old leather breeches, a pair of ribbed worsted stockings, a pair of English shoes, pinchbeck buckles, English hat cut in the fashion, check shirt, and black Barcelona handkerchief: 'tis supposed he has taken with him about eight or ten twenty pounds in cash that was stolen. Whoever takes up said servant, so that his master may get him again, shall have the above reward and reasonable charges, paid by

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THOMAS ENNALLS, 3d

December 15, 1773.

WENT away about ten days ago from the house of the subscriber in the city of Annapolis, a young mulatto woman, called Moll or Polly, about twenty three years of age, thin and low in stature; she is supposed to be secreted either on the north side of Severn or elsewhere, by a negro man of Mr. John Brice's, called Paul, with which negro she keeps company: if any person except the negro abovementioned will bring the said mulatto woman to the subscriber, they shall be handsomely rewarded for their trouble, and whoever harbours or entertains her shall be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law.

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CHARLES CARROLL of Carrollton.

THERE is at the plantation of Ninian Beall son of Ninian, in Frederick county, a stray black horse, about 14 hands high, not branded, a small star on his forehead, paces a little and is heavy. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. w3