

Francis I. had determined to decide it by single combat, the king of England had fixed on Brigadier Sutton for his second; and his Prussian majesty had made choice of Col. Derschan for his; the territory of Hildesheim was appointed for the rendezvous. His Britannick majesty was then at Hanover, and his Prussian majesty was already arrived at Saltzjahl, near Brunswick. Baron Von Bork, who had been the Prussian minister at London, and was dismissed from that court in a very ungracious manner, arriving at Saltzjahl, found the king this matter in so violent a rage, that he did not think it advisable directly to oppose his design; but on the contrary, in order to gain time, seemed to approve of the choice of a single combat, and even offered his service to carry the cartel. But entering the king's apartment about an hour after, he took the liberty to say, "Sire, I am convinced that your majesty's quarrel ought not to be decided by a duel, and (if I may be allowed the expression) as between one gentleman and another. But your majesty is scarce recovered from a dangerous illness, and have still remaining all the symptoms of your late disorder. How unfortunate, therefore, would it be, if you should relapse the evening before the combat, or even that very morning! What a triumph would it be for the English king! And what would the world say! What odious suspicion would it cast upon your majesty's courage! Would it not therefore be far better to postpone the affair for a few days, till your majesty's health is re-established?" The King, they say, acquiesced, though with difficulty, in these reasonings; the cartel was not sent; the ministers on both sides gained time; and the wrath of the two kings by degrees evaporated, and by the next year they became in a manner reconciled.

B O S T O N , *January 27.*

Yesterday the great and general court of assembly of this province met here, agreeable to the last prorogation, when his excellency the governor was pleased to make the following speech to both houses, viz.

*Gentlemen of the council and
Gentlemen of the house of representatives,*

THE letters which I have received since your last session from the right honourable the earl of Dartmouth, one of his majesty's principal secretaries of state, have divers matters in them, which I am now to communicate to you.

The Indians of Martha's Vineyard have, by their agent, made their application to his majesty in council, respecting their claim to the island Chocobiquiddick. A copy of their petition shall be laid before you. No determination has as yet been made upon it. They are recommended to my countenance and protection. In the year 1763 their case was brought before the general court and referred to a committee of both houses; by whom, I have reason to think, it was fully and impartially considered; but, by some means or other, no report from that committee was ever laid before the court. I am to desire you now to take the affair into consideration, and I hope you will prevent all grounds or pretence for any further complaint of the denial or delay of justice.

The settlement of the western line of this province where it is bounded by the eastern line of the province of New York, has been laid before his majesty. I have the satisfaction of being informed, that the part which I took in the settlement of this line is considered as an acceptable service to the king, as it tended to bring to an issue a dispute which has been the source of so much mischief to two of his colonies. I have reason to expect his majesty's confirmation as soon as the necessary formalities of office will admit.

I gave the earliest attention to the request of the council and house in their address to me of the 23d of January last. I made the clearest and fullest representation of the case to which it referred, and I am encouraged to hope for such determination and order as shall be satisfactory to you.

The judicial proceedings of the governor and council as the supreme court of probate, and as the court for determining in cases of marriage and divorce, having been impeded in many instances where the opinion of the governor has been different from that of the majority of counsellors present, the governor having always considered his consent as necessary to every judicial act: in the year 1771, I stated the arguments as well against as for the claim of the governor, and his majesty having been pleased to order the case thus stated to be laid before the lords of his majesty's most honourable privy council, I am now able to inform you that it has been signified to me, to be his majesty's pleasure that I do acquiesce in the determination of the majority of counsellors present, voting as a court for proving wills and administration and deciding controversies concerning marriage and divorce, although I should differ in opinion from that majority. This order more immediately respects the councils; nevertheless, the tender regard which his majesty has shewn for the interest and convenience of his subjects, in a constitution of the charter, different from what had been made by all his governors ever since its first publication, make it proper for me to communicate the order to both houses.

I am required to signify to you his majesty's disapprobation of the appointment of committees of correspondence in various instances, which sit and act during the recess of the general court by prorogation. These are all the matters which, from my public letters, I am to lay before you at present.

Gentlemen of the house of representatives,

There never has been a time since the first settlement of the country when the treasury has been in so good a state as it is now. I may congratulate the province upon its being entirely free from debt, the tax of the last year, with the stock in the treasury, being equal to all the securities due from the govern-

ment and to the charges of the current year. It is, at least, worth considering whether it may not be advisable in your present session, by a moderate duty on spirituous liquor, by an additional impost or by such other ways and means as you may think more fit, to provide for the charges of another year. This will prevent the necessity which the assembly at the session in May next will otherwise be under of contracting a new public debt.

*Gentlemen of the council, and
Gentlemen of the house of representatives,*

There are certain parts of the public business of the province which have usually been omitted in the session which by charter must annually be held in May, in expectation of another session at this season of the year, and I need not particularly point them out to you. I may not neglect earnestly recommending to you to employ the powers with which you are entrusted in promoting the tranquility and good order of the government. You have no reason to doubt of the consent of the chair to every bill or vote which shall have that tendency.

*Council Chamber,
Jan. 26, 1774.*

T. HUTCHINSON.

One John Malcom, an inferior custom-house officer, a fellow of great insolence, and a vile character, who had made himself very obnoxious to the people, was, on last Tuesday evening severely disciplined, stripped, tarred and feathered, and carted through the streets.

N E W - Y O R K , *February 3.*

By a gentleman lately arrived from Hartford, in Connecticut, we are informed that the lower house of assembly of that colony had passed a bill for erecting a new county, and named it Trumbull county, in honour of the governor. This county is said to include the lands upon Susquehannah, which are at present the subject of a dispute between the hon. the proprietor of Pennsylvania and the colony of Connecticut, whose claim has been lately examined in a three shilling pamphlet, just published by the Revd. Dr. Smith, at Philadelphia. The bill passed by a majority of twelve members, and was sent to the upper house for their concurrence, who, it was expected, would send it back with some amendments. The inhabitants of the eastern part of the province are said to be strong advocates for, and those of the western are opposed to, this interesting measure.

Feb. 7. His excellency the governor was, the 28th ultimo, seized with a violent attack from a bilious disorder, which for some time threatened his life; but his excellency is now much better. And we have the pleasure to inform that Mrs. Tryon is also on the recovery.

Capt. Offat, in 34 days from Pensacola, the 20th of January, lat. 35, 15, lon. 74, spoke with a sloop from Glasgow for Virginia; and the 24th of the same month, with a ship from Glasgow for North-Carolina, 14 weeks out, as well on board both vessels.

We hear from Brattleborough, in the county of Cumberland, that 22 couple were married in that new settlement, and 16 children born, in the short space of 6 weeks.

Capt. John Lawrence, from the West Indies, the 18th ult. in lon. 66, 20, lat. 34 spoke with a brig from Barbados for Virginia, 40 days out, that had met with very bad weather, the master of which informed him, that Capt. Hynshaw of and for this port, was to sail from Dominica much about the time he left Barbados. The 29th following Capt. Lawrence also spoke with Capt. McCullough, in lat. 38, bound for Philadelphia, from Jamaica, ten weeks out, and in great distress for the want of provisions.

Capt. Daniel Moore, from the West Indies, informs us, that the schooner Polly, Capt. Sandeman, and the schooner Polly, Capt. Allwell, both from Connecticut, for Jamaica, were cast away on the 19th of December last, near Cape Francois, vessels and cargoes entirely lost; and that on the 25th of the same month, Capt. James Creighton, in a sloop, from this port, was cast away on a reef going into Cape Francois; vessel lost, and greatest part of the cargo, but the crew saved.

The 19th of December, lat. 27, capt. Moore spoke with the brig Polly, capt. Shields, from Jamaica, for Philadelphia, 80 days out; had been in 17 fathom water, but being in want of provisions, intended for Cape Nichola.

A N N A P O L I S , *FEBRUARY 17.*

On Monday last came to this city from New York, the right honourable the countess of Dunmore with her eldest son lord Fincastle, and the younger branches of the family; as a so captain Foy and his lady—the earl of Dunmore is hourly expected to meet them here, but should any unforeseen business of his government, the severe frost, or contrary winds, prevent his lordship's arrival, within a few days 'tis said they will proceed down to York river by water, should the weather become more mild.

C U S T O M - H O U S E .

E N T E R E D .

None.

C L E A R E D .

Brig Rogers, James Phillips, for Lisbon.
Snow Betsey, Francis Richardson, for Leghorn.

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Crop and transfer notes, books and manifests, are ready to be delivered to the several inspectors, on application at the printing office.

ERRATA in the latter part of Dr. Howard's piece, No. 1481.

Page 1, col. 2, l. 10, for *timor* read *tumor*, l. 6, from the bottom, after the word *breathing*, add "or."
Page 2, col. 2, l. 56, after the word *any*, add *one*.

W A N T E D ,

A PERSON that can write a good strong hand, and otherwise qualified to act as a clerk in the commissary's office; apply to

ELIE VALLETTE, Reg.

Cæcil County, January 4, 1774.

THIS is to give notice, that the vestry of St. Mary Ann's parish, intend to petition the honourable assembly to pass an act to confirm the right of the glebe land, being part of a tract of land called Poplar Neck, alias Clay Fall.

SAMUEL THOMSON, clerk

Cæcil County, January 4, 1774.

THE inhabitants of St. Mary Ann's parish, intend presenting a petition to the next general assembly, for money to build a chapel in said parish, at or near where the old one stood.

By order of the vestry, at their vestry-room in Cæcil county.

SAMUEL THOMSON, clerk.

Annapolis, February 16, 1774.

FOR LONDON,

THE brigantine Peggy Stewart, Richard Jackson master, will be at Selby's landing on Patuxent river, by the 1st of March next; ready to take on board tobacco, at seven pounds per ton, consigned to Wallace, Davidson and Johnson; those of their friends who incline to take the advantage of an early market, are requested to have their tobacco ready with a view of dispatching her.

February 8, 1774.

Will be exposed at public sale, on the premises, on Monday the fifteenth of March next

SIX hundred acres of land lying in Frederick county on Lingular, within one mile of a merchant and saw mill, and about twelve miles from Frederick town; there are on said land, about twenty acres of meadow land, not inferior to any in this province; about thirty or forty acres have been cleared, ditched, and under good fence; the soil exceeding fertile and well adapted for planting w farming: there are on the premises two good tobacco houses, a dwelling house 16 by 20, with a stone chimney planked above and below, and sundry other buildings; a small apple and cherry orchard, and is a noted fine place for range, any person inclinable to purchase at private sale, are desired to apply before the day of sale.

Also to be sold on Tuesday the 16th of March next, the houses and lot lying at Elk Ridge landing, any person inclinable to purchase, are desired to apply to Mr. Nicholas Dorsey on the premises.

BENJAMIN DORSEY.

An Arundel County, Feb. 10, 1774.

To be sold at public vendue on the premises, the 10th day of March next, part of a tract of land called Howard's Patapco range. Containing 162 acres lying near Stony Run, and about three miles from Elk-Ridge landing, where there is a constant and ready market for the sale of almost every kind of country produce.

THE situation is convenient to fishing and fowling, affords a very good and extensive range for stock of all kinds, and is remarkably healthy and pleasant. The soil is kind and good being equally suitable for a farm or plantation; very well wooded and watered; having two excellent and never failing springs of water running through it: there are about 50 acres of this part of land cleared, and inclosed under good and sufficient fencing; 5 or 6 acres sown down in good timothy meadow, and between 20 and 30 acres, that may be easily reduced to the like state. It has on it a tolerable good dwelling house; kitchen, corn house, barn, tobacco-house, and some other convenient out-houses; also a good garden walled in, with a good young thriving orchard of about 200 trees of excellent fruit, and which yielded last season, between 5 and 6 hhd. of cider, and will soon with care, afford much more. About 7 bushels of wheat are sowed on the premises, and a convenient spot of ground reserved for a field of oats. The land being very kind to the produce of each of these. Also will be sold at the same time as the above premises, stock of sundry sorts, and other particulars of husbandry and convenience: the title which is indisputable, and terms of sale, may be known by applying to the subscriber living on the premises.

N. B. The sale to begin at 11 o'clock.
YATE PLUMMER.