

...and windows: but not minding further what the prisoner was about, he took a well charged pistol and shot himself. It soon appears by some notes found upon him, that he was poisoned good hours for that heinous crime; and the head writing appears to be that of his young master, the only son of the baron, about seventeen years of age, who was immediately secured upon suspicion.

Feb. 7. It is a fact, that above 17,000 French subjects are at present in the Turkish army. The Dican at Constantinople more published an edict in which they offer double pay to any Christian who is inclined to leave the Porte against Russia.

A private letter from the continent mentions, that according to a plan just under consideration in the secret cabinets of Europe, a Roman king is to be elected besides the emperor; and it is supposed that the election will come on very soon; the candidates are supposed to be, the king of Sardina, the elector of Bavaria, and the elector of Saxony; but nothing can be said with certainty of it.

Feb. 11. Wednesday morning a couple came to be married at a church in the Strand, and as soon as the ceremony was over the bride disappeared from her husband, and has not since been heard of.

Feb. 12. Yesterday the house of commons was very full. The members worked near an hour for the speaker. When he came he apologized for troubling the house with any thing that immediately related to himself; but his public character having been arraigned in a public paper of that day, he hoped for their indulgence; after which he solemnly declared his innocence of the charge, and called upon such gentlemen as were present at the time to declare their opinion. This being done, some debates arose what measures should be taken with the printer. A resolution being made near one that the said letter was a most false, malicious, and scandalous libel on Sir Fletcher Norton, it was further resolved that the printer do attend the house on Monday morning next.

Feb. 14. This day the ordinary of the navy, under the different heads of expence, will be taken under consideration, when it is expected that the proposed exceeding of the present year will meet with great opposition.

Administration are greatly embarrassed relative to the affair of the Middlesex election; the great defection of several of their best friends, the last time this question was agitated, having much alarmed them.

We have reason to doubt the veracity of the extract of a letter from the Hague, which appeared in one of the Saturday morning papers, said to be published by the Russian ambassador there, contradicting the prevailing report of the insurrection in the Russian empire; for the Hague Gazette, of the 9th instant, says, (in an extract of a letter from Hamberg) that the insurrection becomes of more and more importance; that the rebels at present amount to the number of 100,000 men; that the regular troops who were sent from Petersburg to reduce the rebels have joined them; and that matters are in a very critical situation. Nothing can be said of it with certainty, yet we cannot omit to lay before our readers an account which appeared in the Cologne Gazette of Jan. 23, a paper of very good repute: "There is a very great uproar in the Russian empire; Jewrainoff, and Demidoff, the former an eminent silk manufacturer, and the latter entrepreneur-general of the Russian minerals, or mines, having the command of about 30,000 working people, whom they constantly employ, are the chief of the troubles, and the first beginners of the rebellion at Kasian. The Tartars and Bashkiers immediately joined them, and form a numerous army. Jewrainoff pretends to be the person of the late Peter the third. Two noblemen of Kasian, namely, general Siniukyn and general Hmiloff, both of very high rank, possessed of an immense fortune, and highly discontented with the conduct of government, joined the party. An edict was published highly offending the empress and administration, enjoining the minds of the people concerning the new and insupportable taxes, and pressing of men. One general Pugalschew, who is said to be of the Polish confederacy, is the commander in chief of the rebels; but it is hoped they will all soon be brought to submission." Daniel Chanter, Esq; of Baltimore-town, in Maryland, is appointed commissary of stores and provisions in America, in the room of Robert Leake, Esq; deceased.

Feb. 15. The Morning Star, Dempster, from Maryland, to London, is lost at the back of the Isle of Wight; the greater part of the cargo it is thought will be saved.

Feb. 16. It is confidently asserted that Mr. Horne, so far from obeying the speaker's order to attend the house of Commons, means to repel force by force, and to have the validity of that great officer's warrant solemnly argued at the Old Bailey, by punishing the fool who shall attempt to molest him.

The printer of a certain morning paper, we hear, was much disappointed in not being sent to Newgate, having waited upon Mr. Ackerman on Sunday last, and engaged the room his brother occupied some time past for a similar offence.

The expenses attending the commitment of the printer of the public advertiser to the custody of the serjeant at arms, amounts to six pounds per day; but it is expected he will on petitioning be immediately released.

An honest member in the debate of yesterday, whether Mr. Woodfall should be committed to the custody of the serjeant at arms or to Newgate, declared he had never written a paragraph or letter in the news papers in his life, and sincerely wished that every other member could lay his hand on his heart and say the same; but it was known, that the most inflammatory speeches were written by members of parliament.

It has been suggested, that an action of damages will lie against the serjeant at arms of the house of commons for life imprisonment.

It is now generally believed, that that nitrid accident, which on the 11th inst. wrote his impudent, lying, scurrilous letter to the speaker, in order to furnish Ad-... some restrictions upon

From Falmouth, that about 500 manufacturers are preparing to embark immediately for America, as they can find no employment at home.

Mr. Wilkes attended yesterday in the house of the house of commons, but was refused admittance.

Feb. 23. The death of the grand signor will probably make a great change in the present posture of affairs. It is said that the empress carried on the war with the greater vigour, having been irritated by some expences which were said to have arisen from the grand signor just before the beginning of the war; he that as it may, the prince in Russia, and the late success of the Russians against himself, may incline both parties to think of peace, more especially if the empress should lower a little in her demands.

(COPY.)

SIR,

In obedience to a letter from the right honourable Sir Fletcher Norton, knight, speaker of the house of commons, we hereby summon you to attend your service in parliament on Tuesday the fifteenth day of February next. We have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient humble servants,

STEPHEN SAYRE, } Sheriffs
WILLIAM LEE; }

Jan. 21, 1774.
To John Wilkes, Esq; one of the knights of the shire for the county of Middlesex.

(COPY.)

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the letter, which you did me the honour of writing to me yesterday, in pursuance of the orders you received from the right honourable Sir Fletcher Norton, knight, speaker of the house of commons, requiring you to furnish all the members in your jurisdiction, to attend their service in parliament on Tuesday the fifteenth day of February next.

Conscious of the clearest right to a seat in the great council of the nation, given me by the free choice of my noble friends, the freeholders of Middlesex, I have always been ready to attend their service in parliament. On that day I will certainly make my personal appearance at the house of commons, and again demand, as one of the representatives of this county, to be sworn in, and admitted to the exercise of those powers, long usurped by a gentleman, whose sole title is founded in a desperate act of enormous wickedness, perpetrated without remorse by a most abandoned majority, against the solemn trust reposed in them by the people.

Before the period of their political dissolution, which to the great joy of all good men approaches very fast, I should be happy to find that a true sense of their deep guilt produced in these hitherto hardened sinners, a due compunction. They will then not only render justice to the nation at large, but provide an effectual security against so atrocious and alarming a precedent, as that gross violation of the right of election. May the wisdom and justice of parliament embrace the opportunity which you, gentlemen, have afforded, of reconsidering and amending the former proceedings, and establish a firm and solid barrier for the future against every inroad of courtly or ministerial despotism, both for ourselves and our posterity.

I am, with great regard, gentlemen,
Your humble servant,

To Stephen Sayre and William Lee, Esquires, sheriffs of the county of Middlesex.

NEW YORK, April 14.

Extract of a letter from London, dated February 5. 1774.

"This packet will prove very interesting to the colonies; the petition of the Massachusetts-Bay, for the removal of governor Hutchinson, was brought before the king in a full council on the 29th of January. After a very attentive investigation of the merits, and counsel had been heard for and against it, the petition was unanimously rejected. A bill for increasing the pay of the foot soldiers is prepared to be carried up to the house of commons; where Mr. Wilkes has declared his intention a second time to demand his seat. A grant is made out to general Moulton for a large tract of land in the island of St. Vincent. The Russians seeming resolved to realize something, from their bloody war with the Turks, and the latter, from an established maxim of their empire, determined to give nothing; afford little probability of a peace this winter, between those nations. Romania, unable to maintain himself on the south of the Danube, has retreated leaving Rithria and Varna in the possession of his enemies. The Czarina is beset with intestine commotions that have occasioned a retreat of many thousands of her troops; we have not been able to learn the particulars of the confederacy formed against her, but the next foreign mail will communicate them to us. Lord Chatham is not to be in town this season. The Rockingham party have lost all hopes. Earl Temple himself has now despaired of being sent for. Mr. Burke thinks he displays his oratory for nothing. Lord Olive, now in Italy, reposes himself, like a sea-man escaped from a storm, on a plank. The opposition in the house of commons is dwindled almost to nothing; Burre is now and then heard, but it is very faintly. Silence will prevail in St. Stephen's; even Parliament street will not have its pavement torn as usual with Jehu-like orators driving to the house. All is tranquillity and stillness; but this quiet serenity may be the prelude to a storm."

ANNAPOLIS, April 28.

The Snow Farmer, Zedekiah Walley master, from Baltimore for London, laden with tobacco, sprung a leak at sea, and sunk in a very little time--the crew and passengers, after being in the long boat three days, were taken up by a ship from Glasgow for Virginia.

We have just received the melancholy news of the death of Charles Calvert, Esq; the eldest son of the hon. Benedict Calvert, Esq; of this province. He died at Essex, on January 20 last, leaving behind him the following honourable testimony of his merits, from the best authority. "It will, at first, aggravate the grief of his friends, though it ought, on reflection, to be a consolatory circumstance, to be assured that he had, by his conduct and manners, endeared himself much to all who knew him; all his actions were proofs of a faultless disposition; and he was called to another life, without having ever given the least reason to check the hopes that were formed of him in this."

CUSTOM-HOUSE
ENTERED.

Brig Sally, Wyt St. Barbe, from Salem.
Brig Lartin, William Perry, from London.
Snow Patowmack, John Curry, from Dublin.
Sloop Speedwell, Charles Allen, from St. Croix.
Sloop William's Relief, Copeland Place, from Bermuda.
CLEARED.
Brig Swift, George Straker, for Alicante.
Brig Fortune, Thomas Moore, for Barcelona.
Schooner Hibernia, John Martin, for Philadelphia.

To be sold at public vendue, on Wednesday the first day of June,

ONE tract of land, called Newell's Chase, containing two hundred and ninety-four acres; also one other tract called Brecknock, adjacent to the above tract, containing one hundred acres; these two tracts are situated on Wye river, lying and being in Queen-Anne's county; a 3d will be sold on the 11th of the said month, one tract called Lloyd's Freshes, patented for one thousand acres, contiguous to Church-Hill in said county; great part of which being capable of making good meadow. Also will be sold on the 11th of the said month, part of a tract of land called Mirche's Park; containing four hundred acres, lying in Kent county, and is remarkably well timbered. Any person incipable to purchase, may know the terms and title, by applying to the subscriber,

EDWARD LLOYD.

TO be sold in Pittsylvania county, five hundred acres of land, lying on Ruffin's river, and Green Rook Creek; there are near four hundred acres of low ground on the rivers; if any persons are inclined to purchase this land, they may have the whole, or any quantity of the said land, by applying to me,

CHARLES HUTCHINGS

Queen-Anne's county, April 25, 1774.
MY former advertisement having been misanderstood by some people, I think proper to declare that it was not my intention to desert this country altogether, but only "to absent" for a while, according to my present peculiar circumstances. I have weighty concerns that will require my attention in the country, and they will soon demand my presence; beside that my connexions, and my attachment to the country will claim me.

CONRAD THEODORE WEDERSTRANDT.

Upper Marlborough, April 23, 1774.
FOR the ease and convenience of the inhabitants of Prince George's county, the subscriber will attend as follows, in order to receive the public and county levies, clergy's dues, lawyers and officers fees; and as this is his last collection, he hopes all persons who have outstanding balances, will come prepared to settle them, as well as this year's charge; which will prevent trouble to themselves, and their humble servant,

RALPH FORSTER, Sheriff.

At Nottingham, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 18th and 19th of May. Magruder's warehouse, Friday and Saturday, the 20th and 21st of May. Ficanway, the Friday and Saturday in Whittin week, the 27th and 28th of May. Broad Creek, on Monday the 30th of May. Bladenburg, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 31st of May, and 1st of June. Baldwins tavern, Thursday the 2d of June. Queen-Anne, Friday and Saturday, the 3d and 4th of June. And at Upper Marlborough, every day afterwards, till the 10th of June.

ANNAPOLIS, April 27, 1774.

A T E L Y arrived from London, in the ship La Spredwell, Capt. William Clark, commander; Joseph Blywings, tailor and habit-maker; he pretends to inform those ladies and gentlemen, who will so far condescend, as to favour him with their commands, that he will exert his utmost abilities, and doubts not but he shall have the happiness to give entire satisfaction, to all who will do him the honour of employing him; he has lodgings at present, at Mr. Thomas Hickey's, but hopes very soon to be differently situated; in the mean time will cheer it as the greatest obligation, to be permitted to wait on any lady or gentleman at their respective houses; he humbly hopes he shall not be ungrateful for the smallest order he may receive, but is determined (if God permits) to dispatch it with the utmost expedition, and fidelity.

APRIL 20, 1774.

FIFTEEN POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away last night, a runaway servant man, named Festus Burke, twenty years of age, about five feet eight inches high, with his own light sandy coloured hair, tied up, when he was away, a half-year blue jacket, with sleeves white-linen shirt, rather breeches, a pair of pretty good shoes, and broad stockings; and an old cat-hat; he likewise had on some collar, but I imagine he will soon get it off; he writes a pretty good hand, may likely forge a pass, and change his apparel. Whoever takes up the said servant, and delivers him to the subscribers in George's Town, shall receive three pounds reward; if taken above twenty miles from home, five pounds; if forty miles, ten pounds; and if sixty miles or upwards, the above reward.

WILLIAM DEAKINS, Junior.